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Ontario vows to help industry create more jobs

By Rick Haliechuk Toronto Star

The provincial government announced a two-pronged legislative plan yesterday to give industries cash incentives to create jobs and to improve social services.

But political reaction to the Throne Speech opening the new Legislature session ranged from "boring" to "lacking in direction," and the New Democratic Party served notice it intends to move non-confidence in Premier William Davis' minority government.

Some have argued primary emphasis in this session should be placed on improving Ontario's economy or to improving social benefits, the government said.

"In truth, extensive attention must be given to both," the speech said. "For it is clear that only if the economic circumstances in our province remain strong, will we be able to maintain and develop the programs that contribute to a fair and balanced society."

The province plans to create an employment development fund to channel tax money to various industries for long-term job programs.

A special board of cabinet ministers, headed by Treasurer Frank Miller, will be established to allocate the money.

Labor Minister Bob Elgie will oversee a new manpower training program to meet the need for skilled people in the manufacturing and service industries, the speech said.

Call for unity

The Throne Speech also said a resolution confirming Ontario's support for a united Canada will be introduced and debated in the Legislature. The government said it "reaffirms its deeply felt commitment to a strong and united Canadian nation," and will not negotiate sovereignty-association with Quebec.

The 28-page speech, read in the Legislature by Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon, was short on specifics and long on general philosophy.

"It was full of words, but it signifies very little," said Opposition leader Stuart Smith, who called the speech boring.

"Any fool can give away public money, but what is required is an industrial strategy for Ontario," he said of the proposed employment development fund.

Smith said he is not opposed to giving tax money to companies, but such incentives should be granted on a selective basis, and shouldn't be given to American firms simply to permit them to establish "branch plants" in Ontario.

Sharp criticism

The incentive scheme brought sharp criticism from New Democratic Party Leader Michael Cassidy, who said, "The taxpayers of Ontario must have an equity stake in the corporations which receive funds."

"The fund . . . indicates the government plans simply to give away millions of dollars without any thought to real planning and long-term goals," Cassidy said.

"The speech in general is like a patch-work quilt," he said. "It doesn't have a real

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Columnist Jonathan Manthorpe 'translates' the Throne Speech
Full details of government proposals A11

Speech highlights

Here are the highlights of the Throne Speech:

- An employment development fund to channel tax money to various industries for long-term job programs will be created.
- A manpower training program will be set up to meet the need for people skilled in manufacturing and service industries.
- Special transportation services for the physically disabled will be expanded.
- A new government agency will monitor and report on food prices, although it will not have any rollback power.
- Legislation to protect children in custody and access cases will be introduced.
- Amendments to the Labor Relations Act to cut the costs of arbitration.
- Unspecified measures, probably tax breaks, to encourage investment in new and expanding small businesses.
- Lumber companies will be responsible for forest management while government maintains responsibility for productive forest lands.
- Special programs will be established for women in the public and private sectors and an equal opportunity advisory committee will be made up of labor and management representatives.
- A \$58-million, five-year, cost-sharing agreement with the federal government will demonstrate new technology in energy conservation and regeneration.
- The Aug. 6 civic holiday will be designated Children's Day, with special events in provincial parks.

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This girl wants to marry a vicious killer. Bullock-Blatchford Report A2



Neck-and-neck poll sets PM election dilemma



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From our Ottawa bureau

OTTAWA — The Liberals and the Conservatives are still neck and neck, today's Gallup Poll shows.

The poll shows the Liberals nudging ahead with 39 per cent of the decided vote — the same as January — while the Tories have 38 per cent, a drop of two percentage points. But the Liberals' one-point lead is not considered significant because such a poll has a possible error margin of four percentage points.

The New Democrats increased their support two percentage points to 19 per cent. If voters follow this pattern in a general election, it would probably produce a minority government with the NDP holding the balance of power.

The survey shows support for other parties remaining at four per cent. The number of undecided voters has gone up to 33 per cent from 29 per cent in January.

The paper-thin lead is the first the Liberals have held since last July, but it's hardly enough to prompt Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau into an instant election call.

Could delay election

In fact, the poll results for February hold disappointment for some Liberals who expected their party to bounce in front. This could delay an election call for several more weeks.

Taken Feb. 3-4 among 1,026 eligible voters, the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion poll is the first Gallup survey since Tory leader Joe Clark's round-the-world trip, which brought him adverse publicity.

Liberal strategists like to have a six-point lead in the popularity poll before going into an election in order to form a majority government.

Based on Clark's fumbles, and a CTV survey in February showing the Liberals four percentage points ahead, some Liberals have been guardedly optimistic that they might increase their lead.

The freeze in Liberal support is not the only worry for Liberal strategists. Both Liberals and Tories are concerned over the continuing high level of undecided

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Posties' tax slips lost . . . in the mail

CALGARY (CP) — About 2,000 Calgary postal workers have no T-4 slips to submit with their tax returns.

A union official says the forms — mailed from Ottawa Feb. 14 along with slips for other post offices in the region — were lost in the mail.

The postal workers must now estimate their earnings for the year and forward that, with the name and address of their employer, to the federal revenue department.

I disgraced Pierre Maggie T. admits

Toronto Star special

LONDON — Margaret Trudeau, the sacrificial victim of Fleet Street's circulation war, admits she's disgraced husband Pierre and hurt him in the eyes of the world.

The latest revelations from the estranged wife of Prime Minister Trudeau come in an interview with Daily Express columnist Jean Rook.

Under the headline 'The first lady of Fleet Street meets the fallen first lady of Canada,' Rook interviews Margaret about her book *Beyond Reason*.

Margaret says Pierre told her: "I detest the idea of you letting the world read this book. It's a totally despicable thing to do."

Partly for money

According to Rook, Margaret said she wrote the book partly for money — "I'm broke. I don't believe in alimony. I wouldn't take a penny from Pierre — take a man's money and you become his creature, to be told what to do."

"But everyone's made money writing about me and what have I got out of it except a lot of abuse?" Rook says Margaret is still a flower child — "her skin petal smooth, her rosy lips dewy, her chestnut hair curled in fronds over huge hyacinth blue eyes, her figure stalk slender and budding under a sleek, satin, braless blouse."

How, asks Rook, could this girl tear the dignity off her husband and abandon children of 7, 5 and 3?

Rook says Margaret denies she's abandoned the kids — but then quotes Margaret as saying that when she told them she had her own work to do, Sacha, 5, snapped: "Why don't you work at being a mother?"

'He crushed me'

She doesn't excuse herself, according to Rook, for what she's done to the 59-year-old Trudeau: "In our last year together, I watched him age before my eyes and in the eyes of the Canadian people."

She said of Trudeau: "He crushed me, gave me nothing to do, treated me like the most worthless woman ever hatched on this earth. . . He wouldn't see that I just didn't want a dumb marriage, to be nothing but a decoration at his table."

"Pierre would never accept that I was under stress because I had to be a free soul, a real person and not just a public figure. That's the way all the Canadians saw me — as a spoilt, pretty little figure."

"I'm not special, that's my trouble . . . I'm real, I'm flesh — I cry, I hurt, I swear . . . I'm not a Jackie Kennedy, content to hide everything beneath her clothes and her smile. I'm not our wonderful dedicated Queen — I admire her, but I'd hate to live like that."

Margaret, in the Rook interview, See MAGGIE/page A2

□ When will she grow up, asks Gary Lautens/A10

Happy and healthy Herbie Quinones, the 7-month-old Brooklyn baby who had a life-saving operation at Sick Children's Hospital last week, is doing so well he's been removed from intensive care into a regular ward and is eating normally.

Jack Kent Cooke's ex-wife gets \$50 million in settlement

Toronto Star special

LOS ANGELES — Sports magnate Jack Kent Cooke has agreed to split his property — worth an estimated \$100 million — with his former wife, Barbara Jean Cooke.

The divorce settlement is believed to be one of the largest in history. It was reached on Monday after eight days of negotiations in the chambers of Superior Court Judge Joseph Wapner.

Cooke — the former door-to-door encyclopedia salesman who made \$1 million

before he was 32 and was worth \$8 million when he left Toronto for the United States in 1952 — refused in a telephone interview last night to discuss his present wealth or the financial details of the settlement ending the 42-year marriage.

Asked if \$50 million wasn't a high price to pay to shed a wife, the Hamilton-born multi-millionaire paused, chuckled — then said, "No comment."

Cooke, 66, is the former owner of Toronto Maple Leafs baseball team of the

International League and CKEY radio station.

He now owns the NHL, Los Angeles Kings, Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association, and 85 per cent of Washington Redskins, of the National Football League, with an estimated total value of \$75 million. In addition he owns \$24 million in stock in Teleprompter Corp.

He also owns the Forum, the elegant See COOKES/page A1

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Body Politic appeal

The province is appealing the acquittal of a Toronto publication for homosexuals that carried a story entitled *Men loving boys loving men*, and Attorney-General Roy McMurtry has criticized a meeting held during the trial at which Mayor John Sewell supported homosexual rights. A2

Godfrey blasts Ottawa

Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey says 350,000 Metro residents are living in poverty, because Ottawa can't cope with unemployment, inflation and income redistribution. A3

Of pain and genius

A brilliant British scientist, dying from a

rare disease and unable to walk or talk intelligibly, had his tribute to Albert Einstein read for him last night before a distinguished group of scientists in Princeton, N.J. D15

Supping with ease

A working mother's weekly menu, including recipes for two cheap, easy-to-prepare supper dishes, are outlined by food writer Victoria Stevens. C1

Help for our authors

The federal government is about to launch a three-year project costing up to \$20 million to encourage Canadian publishing and Canadian authors. A6

Takeovers a worry

With mammoth takeover bids, many businessmen are beginning to worry about the

ineffectiveness of competition law, financial columnist Jack McArthur says. D12

The new entrepreneurs

Canada's new immigrant — the entrepreneur, businessman and investor — brought more than \$205 million into the country in 1977, an average of almost \$200,000 per immigrant. A10

Child-killer freed

A woman acquitted by reason of insanity of killing her three children has been discharged after seven months from a Sherbrooke hospital. Authorities aren't sure where she has gone. A18

Argos' happy ship?

New Toronto Argonaut general manager Tommy Hudspeth says unity between himself and head coach Forrest Gregg is

the No. 1 priority in rebuilding the football club. D1

Middle-age woes

Mid-life is a time when marriages of long duration fall apart, a time when men and women seem to be switching gears and heading in opposite directions. C3

New TV villain

Attorney-General Roy McMurtry says plans by cable operators to turn your television set into a computer terminal could be an insidious threat to privacy. A5

Rene sweetens pot

Quebec Premier Rene Levesque has unbundled an array of vote-getting goodies — adding speculation the referendum on Quebec sovereignty will be held this year. A11

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