

Clark ousts Trudeau

TORONTO (AP)—Joe Clark, a small town politician whose Progressive Conservative forces toppled the formidable Pierre Elliott Trudeau and the 16-year reign of his Liberal Party in Canada's election, pledged today to put "a new spirit, a new life" into his divided land.

Trudeau, who was swept into office on a wave of Trudeaumania that swept Canada 11 years ago, now becomes the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons.

In New York, Trudeau's estranged wife, Margaret, commented at the Manhattan disco Studio 54, "Pierre Trudeau will be the best opposition leader known to the world."

Because the Conservatives failed to win a majority of seats in Tuesday's vote for a new House of Commons, the 39-year-old Clark must head a minority government analysts say is not likely to last more than a year before he calls a new election.

But the outcome nevertheless may prove to be a turning point for Canada since the new prime minister now is the one who must try to keep separatist-minded Quebec from

seceding and splitting the country in two.

With decisive returns in for all but two of the 282 districts, the Conservatives apparently had won 135 seats, seven short of a Commons majority.

The Liberals had 115 seats, the socialist New Democrats 26, and the right-leaning Social Credit 6, according to unofficial tabulations.

In the last Parliament, which had 18 fewer seats than this new one, Liberals held a 133-98 edge over the opposition Conservatives.

The 59-year-old Trudeau, a smooth but tough political fighter who was the longest-serving government leader among the Western powers, told a tearful Liberal crowd at an Ottawa hotel early Wednesday he would recommend to his colleagues that they hand the government over.

"Keep smiling and let's go on fighting," he urged his followers. Trudeau returns to Parliament now as the member from his home district in Montreal, where he handily won re-election, as expected.



Pierre Trudeau

Senators urge balanced budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bipartisan group of 33 senators, including two Republican presidential hopefuls, is urging a Senate panel to act quickly on a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget.

The senators made their plea in a letter Tuesday to Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, who had already scheduled a hearing Wednesday to consider the measure.

The 22 Republican signers of the letter included Robert Dole of Kansas, an announced candidate for his party's presidential nomination, and GOP Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, who has not announced, but said he plans to run.

Also included in the "balance-the-budget caucus" are Democrat Robert B. Morgan and Republican Jesse Helms of North Carolina. North Carolina is one of the 30 states that have passed resolutions calling for a constitutional convention on the balanced budget amendment.

Specifically, they urged that the bill be sent to the floor of the Senate before the Independence Day congressional recess, which will begin around the end of June.

Bayh responded through a spokesman that it was not a probability this deadline would be met. The spokesman, Jim Barrett, said Bayh expected to hear many witnesses to determine whether a constitutional amendment is necessary.

The signers of the letter urged Bayh to redouble his efforts so that the balanced budget proposal may be debated by the full Senate in the near future.

Tuttle said his stay barred Spenklink's execution "until further order of the court," while Marshall told state officials to keep Spenklink alive until the full Supreme Court could consider the case at its regularly scheduled closed conference Thursday.

"Given . . . the irrevocable nature of the penalty to be imposed and the ability of the full court to consider this case within 36 hours at our regular conference, I believe it appropriate to grant the application for a stay until further action by the entire court," Marshall said in his order.

Darden won a temporary reprieve when a federal judge delayed his execution 15 hours before he and Spenklink were to die.

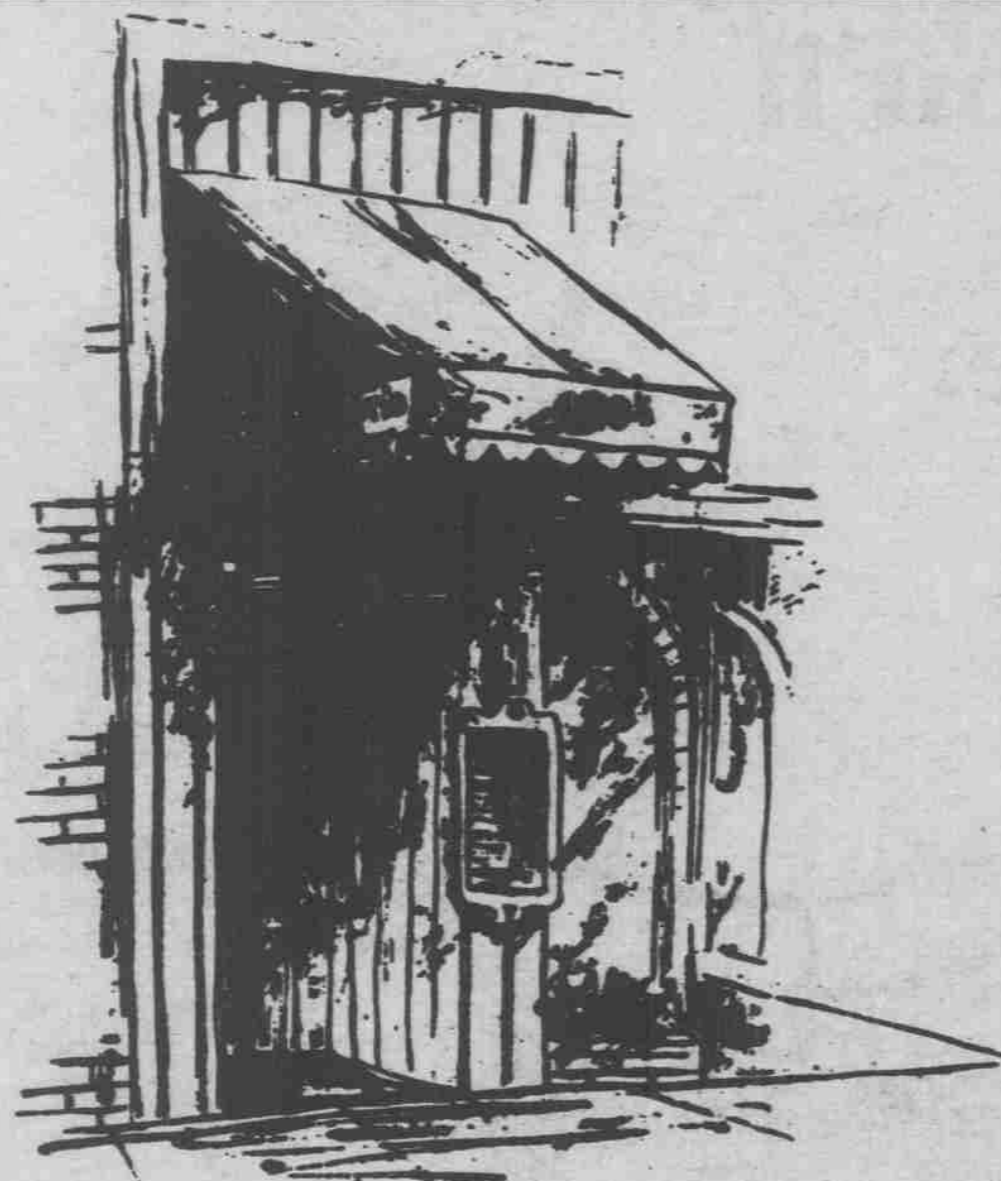
Florida executions stayed

STARKE, Fla. (AP)—The executions of condemned murderers John A. Spenklink and Willie Jasper Darden Jr. were postponed by federal court judges just hours before the Death Row companions were to die Wednesday.

Spenklink was the second of the two to be temporarily spared execution in the electric chair, his reprieve coming early Wednesday, less than seven hours before his 7 a.m. date with death.

He was granted stays by two judges, acting independently, their rulings coming only 45 minutes apart. U.S. Circuit Court Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of Atlanta ordered the execution postponed at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall granted a stay at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday.

The appeal was rejected earlier by two Supreme Court justices and by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court.



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