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Canadian campaign ads push for U.S. trade plan

TORONTO (AP) — Supporters and opponents of the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement combined last-minute electioneering Sunday with a final advertising blitz on the eve of national elections.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, buoyed by recent polls that showed his Progressive Conservative Party back in the lead, toured his native Quebec while his leading rival, Liberal Party leader John Turner, campaigned in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Both have focused on the trade deal — the major issue in Monday's race.

Mulroney told a Saturday news conference in Quebec that he would call Parliament back into session quickly to proceed with final passage of the pact, which Turner has vowed to reject.

In an interview with this week's *Maclean's* magazine, Mulroney was quoted as saying he would try to pursue the trade agreement even if his party can only form a minority government.

"The trade deal is a must for Can-

ada's future," he was quoted as saying. "It's a visionary instrument of job creation and new wealth and it is clearly something that is on the right side of history."

But Turner has revived his campaign by saying the pact threatened to make Canada a U.S. colony.

Speaking at a Saturday campaign rally, Turner repeated his call to "keep Canada Canadian for Canadians" and cancel the pact with a vote for his party.

In this week's *Maclean's*, Turner was quoted as saying the pact "would radically change the direction of our country. It yields the economic levers of sovereignty: our energy, our investment policy, our capital markets, supply-management of agriculture."

The socialist New Democratic Party also opposes the agreement that President Reagan and Mulroney signed in January, so only a majority Conservative government ensures that it will proceed as scheduled.

The 10-year agreement would

start phasing out all remaining tariffs between Canada and the United States on Jan. 1. It has passed the U.S. Congress but still needs Canadian parliamentary approval.

Mulroney spent the campaign's last weekend in his native French-speaking Quebec, where he is counting on support for the free trade agreement to come through with a solid showing for the province's 75 seats.

Turner hopes the Liberals will come through best in the 99 seats of predominantly English-speaking Ontario, where opposition to the agreement is strongest.

The two provinces have the majority of Canada's 26 million people. The House of Commons was newly expanded this year to 295 seats, so a party needs 148 seats to form a majority government.

The Conservatives are hoping for a second successive majority, which has not happened in Canada since 1953. Mulroney led his party to an overwhelming victory four years ago, taking 210 of the then 282 seats in Commons.

U.S., allies start withdrawing as Persian Gulf peace grows

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Gambling that peace will prevail despite a deadlock in Iraq-Iran peace talks, the United States' European allies are stepping up the postwar dismantling of their military forces in the Persian Gulf.

In recent days the mine sweeper *Crocus*, the last of three Belgian warships deployed to the gulf a year ago, sailed for home. The last five Italian warships and one from the Netherlands are preparing to leave by Dec. 31.

Officials said those moves, like an earlier cutback in France's regional fleet from 11 to seven ships, came because the Iraq-Iran cease-fire, three months old Sunday, had brought stability to the gulf.

The European actions could add pressure on President-elect George Bush to step up an American pull-out, according to U.S. diplomats and military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The United States has withdrawn two ships and scaled back convoys and other operations. But its 25 warships represent about half the foreign vessels in the region.

Diplomats said defense budget cutters are likely to focus on the operation, whose monthly cost the Pentagon estimated at \$15 million-\$20 million at its peak.

U.S. officials, however, say the American commitment to peace-keeping has led to the best-ever relations with the Arab gulf states, and the Arab leaders remain nervous about a hasty pullout.

"They have made it clear they want us here and they aren't pushing for us to leave too quickly," said a senior diplomat.

U.S. military sources say Arab sensitivity to a U.S. pullout prompted Pentagon officials in September to fudge reports on the departure of the USS *Vincennes*, listing the cruiser as still on duty nearly a week after it left the area.

The Pentagon says decisions on reducing the U.S. Joint Task Force Middle East — 15 ships in the gulf and a 10 in the Arabian Sea — de-

pend on the Iran-Iraq cease-fire holding.

The Pentagon has given no timetable for cutbacks but says the gulf-based force eventually would revert to five or six ships, the level before last year's buildup to protect shipping endangered by the gulf's "tanker war."

The U.N.-sponsored truce has held despite warnings from leaders in both Baghdad and Tehran that fighting could resume if no peace agreement is achieved.

"The general feeling seems to be that the (war) momentum in the gulf is gone, and even if fighting started

elsewhere it wouldn't spread," a U.S. diplomat said.

No incidents have been reported since the Aug. 20 cease-fire.

Gulf Arab states have appealed to Iraq and Iran to help in clearing mines that still pose a major threat to shipping.

More than 500 commercial vessels were damaged and more than 300 sailors killed in attacks by both sides during the 8-year-old conflict.

Since the cease-fire, the United States has withdrawn one ship and canceled deployment of another, reduced air patrols and removed a fortified barge from the northern gulf.

Mideast violence kills 1, injures 3

JERUSALEM (AP) — Troops raided Palestinian settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Sunday, shooting and killing a 22-year-old man and wounding three Arab youths in clashes, Arab hospital officials said.

In addition, a 9-year-old boy suffered head injuries during an army raid of the West Bank village of Madama, Arab doctors said. They said five other Palestinians suffered beating injuries.

Underground PLO leaders distributed leaflets praising declaration of an independent Palestinian state last week by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile.

The leaflet said the Palestine Liberation Organization had seized a historic opportunity to boost the 11-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The pro-PLO leaders also urged Moslem fundamentalist extremists to stop criticizing the declaration publicly.

"Whether you like it or not, that will serve the enemy," said the leaflet, signed by the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising, Hamas, meaning "Zeal," a Moslem fundamentalist group, has rejected the declaration.

Egypt on Sunday became the latest nation to recognize the Palestinian state. A statement said it hoped the proclamation would serve the cause of peace and stability in the region.

At least 31 other nations, mainly Moslem, have recognized the state.

Sunday's fatality occurred during an army raid of the West Bank village of Baqa, near Nablus, said officials at Nablus' Al Itihad Hospital.

Troops encountered resistance from Palestinians and opened fire, wounding Yousef Mohammad Abdallah in the head and shooting a 16-year-old in the shoulder. Abdallah died at the hospital. Al Itihad officials said.

His death raised to 314 the number of Palestinians killed in the uprising. Eleven Israelis have been killed.

One year after prison riot Cuban inmates await parole

ATLANTA (AP) — A year after Cubans from the Mariel boatlift rioted at two prisons for a chance at freedom, thousands are out on parole, but more are dribbling back into what could be lifetime custody.

Many of the thousands of Cubans held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service will be freed more quickly because of changes made in the review process as a result of the agreement that ended the riots, but others will have to await new laws or the whim of the Cuban government.

The detainees are a minority among the 125,000 Cubans who arrived during the five-month "Freedom Flotilla" from the Cuban port of Mariel in 1980. Many of those who arrived were criminals or mental patients freed from jails and hospitals.

A few were arrested on arrival for crimes committed in Cuba. Others were convicted of crimes here and turned over to the INS for deportation after finishing their sentences.

But Cuba wouldn't take them back, so they remained in detention.

Since the detainees never were of-

ficially admitted to the United States, they have existed in legal limbo as "excludable aliens." Courts ruled that the Cubans did not have to be released and could be excluded without legal protections.

Then rioting erupted at federal prisons in Oakdale, La., and Atlanta after the State Department's Nov. 20, 1987, announcement that Cuba had agreed to take back more than 2,500 of the 3,800 Mariel refugees locked up nationwide at the time.

The rioters took 145 hostages and burned several buildings. One inmate was killed in the 11-day uprising in Atlanta.

The uprisings ended Dec. 4, 1987, after the government agreed to a moratorium on deportations and a one-time-only Justice Department review of each INS decision.

INS spokesman Duke Austin in Washington said the agreement also called for speedy reviews of inmates' cases, which have resulted in the parole of about 60 percent of the detainees. Since the uprisings, INS in-

creased the number of review panels from four to 20.

"The reviews conducted by these panels go beyond anything that's required by law or by court order," Cary Copeland, a deputy associate attorney general, said Thursday. So far about 2,500 Cubans have been paroled. Parole has been denied to about 1,500 others who will continue to get annual INS reviews but could spend years, even their lives, in INS custody even through they have finished prison sentences for their crimes.

About 115 are at a federal facility in Talladega, Ala., awaiting word on whether they will be sent back to Cuba. The Justice Department announced plans Thursday to deport 15 detainees. Leshaw sued to block that, claiming the cases are entitled to additional review.

An additional 3,000 Cubans are serving jail sentences and eventually will enter INS detention, either to be paroled or held until Cuba takes them back.

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