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Canadian campaign ads push for U.S. trade plan

nute electioneering Sunday with a al advertising blitz on the eve of tional elections.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, wyed by recent polls that showed s Progressive Conservative Party ack in the lead, toured his native uebec while his leading rival, Lib-al Party leader John Turner, camgned in Vancouver, British Co-

Both have focused on the trade al — the major issue in Monday's

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

In an interview with this week's aclean's magazine, Mulroney was noted as saying he would try to purthe trade agreement even if his arty can only form a minority govment.

"The trade deal is a must for Can-

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TORONTO (AP) — Supporters ada's future," he was quoted as say-ing. "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 cam-

paign 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 en-sures that it will proceed as scheduled.

iffs 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-

start phasing out all remaining t

speaking Quebec, where he is count-ing 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 ma-jority 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 rres that it will proceed as overwhelming victory four years ago, taking 210 of the then 282 seats in Commons.

¹⁵ U.S., allies start withdrawing as Persian Gulf peace grows

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) -Gamling that peace will prevail despite a eadlock in Iraq-Iran peace talks, a United States' European allies re stepping up the postwar disman-ing of their military forces in the sian Gulf

In recent days the mine sweeper not succept the last of three Belgian arships deployed to the gulf a year go, sailed for home. The last five talian warships and one from the etherlands are preparing to leave v Dec. 31

Officials said those moves, like an rlier cutback in France's regional eet from 11 to seven ships, came ecause the Iraq-Iran cease-fire, nree months old Sunday, had

ought 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 condiion of anonymity.

The United States has withdrawn wo ships and scaled back convoys and other operations. But its 25 uships represent about half the eign vessels in the region.

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

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

The U.N.-sponsored truce has held despite warnings from leaders in both Baghdad and Tehran that during the 8-year-old conflict. 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

pend on the Iran-Iraq cease-fire holding. The Pentagon has given no No incidents have been reported 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

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 Sun-day, shooting and killing a 22-year-old man and wounding three Arab youths in clashes, Arab hospital officials said.

Whether you like it or not, that will serve the enemy," said the leaf-let, 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 lat-In addition, a 9-year-old boy suf- est nation to recognize the Palestin-U.S. officials, however, say the fered head injuries during an army ian state. A statement said it hoped merican commitment to peace- raid of the West Bank village of Ma- the proclamation would serve the

ng has led to the best-ever rela- dama, Arab doctors said. They said e Arab leaders remain nervous inginjuries.

ant us here and they aren't push-ng for us to leave too quickly," said a ior diplomat.

U.S. military sources say Arab exile. ensitivity to a U.S. pullout rompted Pentagon officials in Sepember to fudge reports on the de-arture of the USS Vincennes, listg the cruiser as still on duty nearly week after it left the area.

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

ons with the Arab gulf states, and five other Palestinians suffered beat-

"They have made it clear they tributed leaflets praising declaration of an independent Palestinian state last week by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-

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

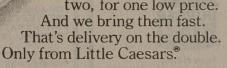
cause of peace and stability in the region

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

Sunday's fatality occurred during an army raid of the West Bank vil-lage of Baqa, near Nablus, said offi-cials at Nablus' Al Ittihad Hospital.

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

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



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One year after prison riot Cuban inmates await parole

ATLANTA (AP) — A year after ubans from the Mariel boatlift rited at two prisons for a chance at reedom, thousands are out on pavle, but more are dribbling back no what could be lifetime custody. Many of the thousands of Cubans eld by the Immigration and Natualization Service will be freed more uickly because of changes made in the review process as a result of the greement that ended the riots, but there will have to await new laws or he whim of the Cuban government. The detainees are a minority mong the 125,000 Cubans who arived during the five-month "Free-lom Flotilla" from the Cuban port f Mariel in 1980. Many of those ho arrived were criminals or menal patients freed from jails and hos-

A few were arrested on arrival for rimes committed in Cuba. Others ere convicted of crimes here and urned over to the INS for deporta-ion after finishing their sentences. But Cuba wouldn't take them back, o they remained in detention.

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Since the detainees never were of- nees. Since the uprisings, INS in-

ficially admitted to the United creased the number of review panels 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 in-mate 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 detai-

"The reviews conducted by these. panels go beyond anything that's re-quired 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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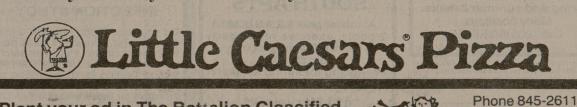
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