

Appendix 3

Canadian chronology, 1973

Events in the general chronology from 1497 to 1866 are given in the *1951 Canada Year Book* pp 46-49; from 1867 to 1953 in the *1954 Canada Year Book* pp 1259-1264; and annually from that year in successive editions. The following listing covers the year 1973; it should be noted that certain dates are approximate. Acknowledgment is given to the publication *Canadian News Facts*, Toronto, which has served as a reference in the preparation of this chronology.

January

Jan. 1, Prince Edward Island began celebrating its centennial year. *Jan. 4*, Governor General Roland Michener opened the first session of the 29th Parliament. George Alexander Drew, 78, Premier of Ontario from 1943 to 1948 and Progressive Conservative leader of the opposition in the House of Commons from 1949 to 1956, died in Guelph. *Jan. 5*, The House of Commons approved a government resolution deploring US air raids on Haiphong and Hanoi, North Vietnam, and urging the US government to abstain from ordering further raids. *Jan. 14*, *Unité-Québec* reverted to its original party name of *Union nationale* at a national council meeting in Montreal. *Jan. 17*, US President Nixon announced a substantial increase in the amount of Canadian oil permitted to enter the US. *Jan. 18*, Karen Magnussen of North Vancouver retained the women's national figure skating championship in Vancouver; Toller Cranston of Toronto retained the men's championship. *Jan. 18-19*, A conference of federal and provincial finance ministers held in Ottawa; the system of shared-cost programs was the main topic of discussion. *Jan. 20*, A nine-week strike by 240 airline ground personnel ended when a two-year contract between the workers and Nordair Ltd. was signed; an initial 35 cents per hour and an 18% increase over two years were granted. *Jan. 22*, Istvan Meszaros, Marxist scholar and Hungarian Culture Minister before 1956, was granted landed immigrant status in Canada after twice being turned down as a security risk. *Jan. 22-23*, Federal-provincial housing conference held in Ottawa; participants agreed to hold annual conferences, set up continuing federal-provincial talks and plan spending for three-year periods. *Jan. 24*, British Columbia longshoremen accepted a contract giving them an increase of \$1.05 per hour plus improved fringe benefits, ending a six-month dispute. External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp announced that Canada would be a member of the International Commission for Control and Supervision in Vietnam for a trial period of 60 days; other members to be Hungary, Poland and Indonesia. *Jan. 25*, Approximately 100,000 gallons of fuel oil was spilled into the Pacific near Alert Bay, BC when the freighter *Irish Stardust* ran aground north of Vancouver Island; the spill spread southward for 200 miles. *Jan. 26*, Plans were announced for the sale of commemorative coins to help finance the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal; coins went on sale December 12. *Jan. 29*, The first 130 of a total of 230 members of the ICCS team arrived in

Saigon, led by Ambassador Michel Gauvin. *Jan. 30*, Federal Public Works Minister Jean-Eudes Dubé announced that expropriation for the proposed airport at Pickering, near Toronto, would proceed despite objections from residents and environment groups. *Jan. 31*, The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the Nishga Indians have no aboriginal claim over land in the Nass River Valley in BC, the first such court decision in Canada.

February

Feb. 1, Gerald K. Bouey appointed governor of the Bank of Canada for a seven-year term, succeeding Louis Rasminsky. *Feb. 4*, Yvon Dupuis, former member of the federal cabinet under Lester Pearson, won the leadership of the Quebec *Ralliement créditiste* party at a convention in Quebec City. *Feb. 5*, Construction began on the world's tallest self-supporting structure, the 1,805-ft CN communications and observation tower in Toronto. *Feb. 7*, Canada formally recognized the government of North Vietnam. *Feb. 13*, The report of the Quebec Royal Commission on the French language, the Gendron report, published by *Le Devoir* in Montreal; major recommendations include that French be made the official language of Quebec while French and English be retained as national languages, that the government take steps to make French the language of internal communication in corporations and that English-language Protestant and Catholic schools be retained; the full report was tabled in the Assembly February 27. *Feb. 14*, Prime Minister Trudeau agreed to establish a committee to negotiate Indian land claims in the Yukon. *Feb. 15*, It was announced that the United World College to be built near Victoria would be named the Pearson College of the Pacific. The federal government imposed restrictions on oil exports to the US after oil shortages there resulted in the US government increasing oil import quotas. *Feb. 16*, An anti-hijacking agreement was signed in Ottawa by External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp and the Cuban Vice-Foreign Minister Rene Anillo, one day after a similar agreement between the US and Cuba was signed; the treaty requires each country to present hijackers for prosecution in their own courts or return them to the country in which the crime was committed. *Feb. 19-23*, Data-route, the world's first nation-wide digital data system in commercial operation, inaugurated by Trans-Canada Telephone System; the system enables more data to be carried on existing circuits at lower rates in original format. *Feb. 22*, Plans for construction of a 300,000