

October reached 7.6%, the highest seasonally-adjusted rate since May 1961, Statistics Canada reported. *Nov. 12*, Sandy Hawley, 27-year-old jockey from Mississauga, Ont., broke thoroughbred racing's all-time money-winning record for one year with total purse winnings of \$4,255,912. *Nov. 13*, Former Newfoundland Premier Joey Smallwood and two other members of the Liberal Reform Party accepted an invitation to join the provincial Liberal party. *Nov. 15*, The Parti Québécois, committed to the concept of Quebec independence, was victorious by a wide margin in Quebec's election. *Nov. 19*, The Berger Commission completed 20 months of hearings on a northern natural gas pipeline, still no closer to a consensus on the future of the North. Federal money managers moved to stimulate economic activity by lowering the Bank of Canada lending rate to 9% from a record 9.5%. *Nov. 24*, Prime Minister Trudeau appealed to Canadians on television to face the question of whether the country can remain united after the electoral victory of the Parti Québécois. Immigration Minister Bud Cullen introduced a new immigration act which would allow the setting of immigration levels and the directing of immigrants away from crowded cities. The Canadian Wheat Board announced a proposed sale to Poland of between 750 000 and 1.2 million metric tons of wheat, barley and oats over the next three years. *Nov. 25*, Dr. Harry Parrott, Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities, announced that Ontario university tuition fees would be increased by \$100 during the 1977-78 academic year. *Nov. 26*, Premier René Lévesque announced the formation of five super ministries to form the core of a 24-member cabinet. *Nov. 28*, The Ottawa Rough Riders scored a 23-20 victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the annual Grey Cup football classic. *Nov. 30*, The Commons public accounts committee began examination of how Crown corporations handle their overseas business.

## December

*Dec. 5*, Four Canadian women were selected as Rhodes scholars, the first female students among the 11 Canadians annually named for the awards.

*Dec. 9*, Government House announced that Prince Andrew, second in succession to the British throne, would attend Lakefield College School near Peterborough, Ont., for two terms commencing Jan. 6. *Dec. 10*, The Parti Québécois government dropped all remaining charges against Dr. Henry Morgentaler, ending almost seven years of legal battles for the Montreal doctor. *Dec. 13*, Fisheries Minister Roméo LeBlanc said the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries agreed to accept Canada's 200-mile (370 km) limit that would go into effect Jan. 1. *Dec. 14*, Canada's 10 provincial premiers left Ottawa following a two-day federal-provincial conference on tax and revenue-sharing with \$680 million in additional taxing power and grants; they expressed general dissatisfaction with the new five-year formula on financial arrangements. *Dec. 16*, Following a proposal by his special adviser on communications, Prime Minister Trudeau decided to hold weekly formal press conferences to be free from impromptu daily contacts with parliamentary reporters. Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde advised the provinces to suspend swine flu immunization for the time being. Death in Ottawa of Réal Caouette, 59, former leader of the national Social Credit party. *Dec. 17*, David Lewis, former leader of the New Democratic Party, and Dr. David Suzuki, professor of zoology at the University of British Columbia, were among 64 appointed companions of the Order of Canada. *Dec. 20*, Northwest Territories Indians lost an appeal for the right to file a caveat to land in the Mackenzie River Valley. Dr. Hsio-Yen Shih, an official of the Royal Ontario Museum, was appointed director of the National Gallery of Canada. *Dec. 21*, A reduction to 8.5% in the Bank of Canada lending rate indicated an easing of mortgage and bank loan interest rates. *Dec. 22*, External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson announced tightening of nuclear export safeguards policy by requiring future buyers to accept controls on their entire nuclear program. Death in Ottawa of Olive Evangeline Diefenbaker, wife of John Diefenbaker, former prime minister. *Dec. 23*, Prime Minister Trudeau said that most of the initiative to keep Quebec in Confederation must come from Canadians in other provinces.