

TRUDEAU 1

TRUDEAU RESIGNATION/NOV. 25/79

BG TAPE IN ^{STAND UP...} TIME ^{MR. TRUDEAU ... (APPLAUSE)} ^{FIND AND HOLD UNDER} MCKENNA

This is how the week began for Pierre Trudeau. At the Harbour Castle Hilton in Toronto, four days of conventioning and fundraising. He was not in the mood for ~~the~~ cheer-leading or fire and brimstone. He was in pain from recent dental surgery. He had just been through days of taunting in the House of Commons for going disco dancing in New York rather than attending a Liberal convention in Vancouver.

He spent a lot of his time ~~by himself~~ ^{alone} in his hotel suite, contemplating his career ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~Liberal~~ ~~Party~~. Downstairs the Liberals were waiting for blood stirring speeches calling them to the aid of the Party. Instead Mr. Trudeau was reflective. To a gathering of young liberals he announced that he had come to listen, ~~and~~ ^{but} then launched into a ^{50 minute} rambling monologue on his eleven years in power. He spoke of the plans and dreams he had to abandon because of the weight of the issues of the day. He tried to explain why his policies appeared ^{He even pleaded for understanding} inconsistent. On the final day of the convention, no-one in the audience knew that he was speaking of himself when he ~~spoke~~ ^{TALKED} of the need for prominent changes.

TAPE IN Thank you very much....

Time 1:01

.... is well under way.

TRUDEAU 2

BG CART IN CORRIDOR BELLS.

T.M. On Tuesday Mr Trudeau looked like a man who had had a great burden lifted off his shoulders. When I saw him in the corridor outside the house of commons, he was laughing loudly and joking with a group of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ admirers. On his way back to his ^{3RD FLOOR} office, he took some of the stairs two at a time. He was in a lighter mood when he summoned the first of his close advisors to break the news of his decision. Marc Lalonde.

TAPE IN So I saw him on Tuesday...

Time :59

... Canada has ever had.

BG QUIET CORRIDOR or outside.

T.M. It was a few minutes before nine oclock on Wednesday Morning when Mr Trudeau's chauffeur driven burgundy pontiac glided past the Peace tower, ~~it~~ stopped at the porticoed west door of parliaments center block. The opposition leader stepped from the car wearing a ~~beige~~ **TAN** cordoroy suit, without the habitual flower in his lapel. He was carrying an attache case containing his resignation announcement, handwritten in French and english. He climbed th two flights of stairs to his office, and passed the papers to his secretary for typing. He entered the office and closed the door. All the furnishings in the room are covered in tan suade, even the huge spindle legged desk that ~~was~~ was once Sir Wilfred Laurier's. On that desk is a small stand up frame which holds Mr Trudeau's typewritten schedule for the day. Wednesdays itinerary showed a series of meetings leading up to the ~~re~~ weekly liberal caucus at 10;30. First on the list were Jim Couttes and Mr Trudeau's political staff. Then there were some old friends who worked for him, among them Liberal Part President Al Grahem, and then the Mount Royal Riding assocaition president who has been with Mr Trudeau since 1965, Senator ~~Phillip~~ **Phillip** Wood.

TAPE IN I got the call...

Time 1:04

...start around ten thirty.

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T.M. ~~xxxxxx~~

It took Mr Trudeau and Dahlia Wood about three minutes to walk from his centerblock office to room 361 here in the westblock. The opposition caucus room is adorned with pictures of ~~xxxxxx~~ liberal prime ministers. Mr Trudeau entered ^{THIS ROOM} and took his place at the head table, his ~~reddened~~ eyes cast down as he shuffled the papers in his hands. The meeting was underway. The ~~xxx~~ story is picked up by Caucus members Warren Allmand, Dahlia Wood and ~~Jacques~~ ^{PIERRE} Deniger.

TAPE IN He arrived..

Time ~~xxxxxx~~ 3:00

....I cry.

the liberal
T.M. As Mr Trudeau left the caucus room at 11:10 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
M.P.s ~~xxxxxxxx~~ gathered around to console him. Many were crying,
some were begging him to stay, but he said that his mind was made up.
He strode down the corridor and out of the west block, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
The cameras picked him up as he came down the wooden stairs to
Wellington street and across to the National press building.
There in the amphitheatre on the ground floor, he told the country
of his decision, and got the last laugh on the press corps ~~he~~ with whom
he so often duelled.

TAPE IN I want to assure....

Time 1:18

...applause.

TRUDEAU 6

Street

T.M.

Mr Trudeau left the press building and climbed into the front seat of the burgundy car. His chauffeur took him back to Stornowy, where he had lunch with ~~Margaret~~ his estranged wife Margaret and his children. After lunch he walked his ^{sons back} ~~children~~ to school, stopping to mediate a playground brawl ~~on~~ the way. He returned to the parliament buildings, this time with a yellow rose in his lapel. His offices reported that the ^{telephone} calls were pouring in, most just to wish him well, many begging him not to go, some angry ~~that~~ at his announcement, and a few who could only weep into the receiver. When he entered the House of Commons for question period, the members rose in a thundering tribute, led by Prime Minister Clark.

TAPE IN (APPLAUSE) I would..

Time 56

...on the way out... (Plus two sec laughter)

CORRIDOR.

T.M. Thursday was a quiet day for Mr Trudeau. There were discussions about a change in the agenda for this weekends Liberal executive meeting/^{to discuss a leadership convention}. In an interview Mr Trudeau denied that he had been pushed out ^{of office} ~~his~~ ^{SEEMED} his staffers confirmed that he ~~was~~ ^{SEEMED} preoccupied with that suggestion. Mr Trudeau ^{few days after the} felt ~~the~~ ^{by} election victory ~~was~~ ^{represented} his last ~~only~~ chance to go out a winner, before the weekend convention ~~xxxx~~ focussed press attention on the call for new leadership. On Thursday Mr Trudeau wanted to begin immediately with plans for increasing his appearances in Quebec leading up to the referendum campaign. ~~xxxx~~ There are ~~those who~~ ^{those who} feel that ~~xxx~~ Mr Trudeau's influence in Quebec will ~~xxx~~ be CONSIDERABLY lessened by this weeks ~~xxxxx~~ decision, but Jean Chretien is not among them. He emerged from Mr Trudeau's office Thursday with plans for a stepped up anti seperatist campaign.

TAPE IN We discuss....

Time 46

...any time you need me.

Applause

T.M. Friday. The École des Hautes Études Commerciales, the business school at the University of Montreal. Mr Trudeau came here this afternoon for his first major ^{public} appearance since his resignation announcement. His last appearance in this forum resulted in some high decible arguements with many students sympathetic to the Parti Quebecois, but this time both sides were more polite. Mr Trudeau lambasted the P.Q. governments white paper on sovereignty association, ^{HE CALLED IT} a work of political fiction, ^{HE SAID} ~~saying~~ to ask that it was ridiculous 6 million people in Quebec ~~to~~ be able to negotiate with 16 million other Canadians d'égal a égal, from equal to equal. For the first time here, Mr Trudeau embraced a major recomendation of the Pepin Robarts Commission which would increase the number of seats in the House of Commons, ^{THE IDEA IS DESIGNED} ~~to~~ ^{OUT} offset the problems of trying to govern with members elected from major regions in the country. The system would benifit the Liberals in Western Canada and the Tories in Quebec. He finished his speech by assuring these federalists in the audience who felt orphaned by his resignation that their spiritual leader would still be around.

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TAPE IN Il faux le dire...

Fade applause at eight seconds

CROSS FADE TO BG TAPE

FADE BG MUSIC

T.M. Friday Night...Rizzo's Buffet Pizza ^{Palace}~~cccccc~~ in the east end of Montreal. Operetta, fundraising and spaghetti and meatballs for nearly a thousand ~~xxxxxxx~~ liberals of Italian descent. At a round table in the center of the floor sits Mr Trudeau. Every twenty seconds another batch of ^{plump} ladies ~~gatherxxxx~~ in brightly colored chiffon dresses crowd around him to pose for ^{another} a polaroid picture. Broadly smiling men in tuxedos slap him on the shoulder and wish him well. He has spent the afternoon looking for a house to buy in Montreal, getting ready to come home. He is tired. He sips his glass of red wine slowly. Out the corner of his eye, he keeps ~~anglancing~~ ^{at} ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{one of} where his aides ^{who is} are getting a little too rambucous with drink and exhaustion, occasionally standing up to direct the band. When called upon to speak, Mr Trudeau makes it short, a few words in French, a few in Italian, a few in English.

TAPE IN

Time 50

..assured them that I would.

T.M. As Mr Trudeau leaves the podium, the master of ceremonies pleades with the crowd not to ~~make~~ rush in too close to him, not to grab at his hands ^{not to} yell at him. ~~He~~ ^{THEY ANNOUNCE} is very tired and would like to leave quietly. The burgundy car is waiting outside, the engine running. It has been a rough ~~week~~ day, a long week, a very long eleven years. Crushing crowds, blinding television lights, endless speechgiving. ~~Its not over yet, but because of what he said this week,~~ ^{last} the end is at least in sight. This is Terence McKenna in Montreal for Sunday Morning.