

Canada To Return To Its Honest Broker Role Under Trudeau

BY ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO — The stunning victory of Justin Trudeau will reverberate beyond Canada's borders after the Liberal Party leader emphatically ended a decade of rule by the most conservative leadership in the country's history.

Among the areas in which Trudeau differs from his predecessor, Conservative Stephen Harper: airstrikes against the Islamic State group, climate change, immigration and whether relations with the U.S. should hinge on the future of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Speaking at a rally in Ottawa on Tuesday, the 43-year-old Trudeau — son of one of the country's most dynamic politicians — underlined the sea change.

"I want to say this to this country's friends around the world: Many of you have worried that Canada has lost its compassionate and constructive voice in the world over the past 10 years. Well, I have a simple message for you on behalf of 35 million Canadians. We're back," he declared.

With Trudeau's decisive victory on Monday, Canadian voters reclaimed their country's liberal identity, giving the new prime minister a commanding majority in parliament that will allow him to govern without relying on other parties.

That means change in Canadian policies on a broad spectrum of issues.

"Trudeau will return Canada to its traditional approach in foreign affairs which is characteristic of every single government but Harper's," said Robert Bothwell, a professor at the University of Toronto. "Canada will go back to multilateralism, back to strong support for the United Nations."

There will be a "new way for Canada to be on the world stage," agreed Liberal lawmaker Marc Garneau, who won re-election Monday.

The son of the late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who swept to office in 1968 on a wave of support dubbed "Trudeumania" and governed for most of the next two decades, the younger Trudeau channels the star power — if not quite the political heft — of his father.

Tall and trim, he is a former school teacher and member of Parliament since 2008. He becomes the second-youngest prime minister in Canadian history and has been likened to U.S. President Barack Obama.

"The whole tone of the U.S.-Canada relationship



Canada's Liberal party leader Justin Trudeau gives his victory speech in Montreal after the election on Monday.

will change. Philosophically Obama and Trudeau are much closer," Bothwell said.

The White House said Obama called to congratulate Trudeau on Tuesday afternoon and said in a statement the two leaders "committed to strengthening the countries' joint efforts to promote trade, combat terrorism and mitigate climate change."

Obama "also teased me about my lack of grey hair, but said I'd probably get some quite soon," the dark-haired Trudeau quipped at a news conference later.

Trudeau's victory will likely improve ties with the United States, at least for the remainder of Obama's presidency. Harper was frustrated by Obama's reluctance to approve the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta to Texas and clashed with the president on other issues, including the Iran nuclear deal.

Although Trudeau supports the Keystone pipeline, he argues relations should not hinge on the project.

"Theoretically, Justin is for Keystone, but he can obviously jettison that," Bothwell said of the project, which Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton recently expressed opposition to. Republican contenders are for the project.

Antonia Maioni, a political science professor at McGill University, said the Obama administration will welcome the change in government. "Even on Keystone, Mr. Trudeau says he supports it, but he is not going to make it an issue of conflict with Obama," Maioni said.

Still, there are differences that could lead to friction with the U.S. Trudeau has said he'll remove Canada's

six fighter jets from the U.S.-led bombing campaign against the Islamic State group. Harper had said removing the jets from the fight would hurt relations with the U.S.

Trudeau said the issue came up in his conversation with Obama, and the U.S. president understood his commitment to end Canada's involvement in the combat mission.

Trudeau has also vowed to take in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of the year. Harper declined to resettle more Syrian refugees despite the haunting image of a drowned 3-year-old's body washed up on a Turkish beach after his family's failed attempt to immigrate to Canada, and some analysts have questioned whether Trudeau's goal is realistic.

Canada shifted to the center-right under Harper, who lowered sales and corporate taxes, avoided climate change legislation, strongly supported the oil and gas extraction industry and backed the right-wing government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Trudeau will have a more balanced approach to the conflict in the Middle East, analysts said.

"It certainly won't be the kind of blanket support for the Netanyahu regime that we saw from the Conservatives," Maioni said.

Trudeau has also vowed to consult the premiers of Canada's provinces in an effort to come up with a plan ahead of the Paris climate talks in November. Under Harper, Canada pulled out of the Kyoto Protocol, the emissions reduction program for rich countries, and the Conservative leader was

perceived by environmentalists as more interested in protecting Canada's oil-rich region of Alberta — which has the third-largest oil reserves in the world — than efforts to stem the effects of climate change.

"Canada's days of being a less-than-enthusiastic actor on the climate-change file are behind us," Trudeau told the news conference in Ottawa.

Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto, said Canadian diplomats are delighted at Trudeau's election because Harper never let them speak without checking with the government first. "They've been totally marginalized. They've been told 'We don't care what you think,'" Wiseman said.

Harper, whose near 10 years as prime minister makes him one of the longest-serving Western leaders, will step down as Conservative leader after the crushing defeat, his party said.

During the campaign, Trudeau re-energized the Liberal Party, which suffered its worst electoral defeat four years ago, winning just 34 seats and finishing third behind the traditionally weaker New Democrat Party.

Trudeau, who has promised to raise taxes on the rich and run deficits for three years to boost government spending, said positive politics led to his victory.

Throughout the campaign, Trudeau's opponents pilloried him as too inexperienced, and he will be put to the test in the coming weeks with a series of global summits, including the Paris climate summit.

"It's going to showcase his lack of experience. He's going to be with world leaders and that's going to be a test," Maioni said.

Russia, US Sign Agreement On Risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. and Russia put into practice on Tuesday new rules designed to minimize the risk of air collisions between Russian and U.S.-led coalition aircraft over Syria.

A Russian defense official in Moscow said the "memorandum of understanding" suggests a potential for U.S.-Russian counterterrorism cooperation, but U.S. officials said it was a narrow arrangement that does not lessen Washington's concern about the Russian military campaign in Syria.

There is no plan to establish zones of cooperation in the parallel air campaigns or to share intelligence or target information in Syria, Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said.

The Pentagon has cited several instances when Russian aircraft came too close to U.S. warplanes over Syria in recent weeks. More broadly, Washington has complained that instead of hitting Islamic State fighters, Russian airstrikes are mostly targeting rebel forces fighting the Syrian government. Russia also deployed ground troops and land-based weaponry, including multiple-launch rocket systems, in support of the Syrian government.

The arrangement announced Tuesday "does nothing to assuage our concerns about Russian military activities in Syria," State Department spokesman John Kirby said.

Mediators In Mideast Face Uphill Battle

JERUSALEM (AP) — A surprise Mideast mediation effort by U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon underscores the world community's desire to stamp out the new flare-up of Israeli-Palestinian violence. But diplomacy faces an uphill battle with both sides deadlocked on the big issues and the current leaders being dragged along.

The United States and Jordan could prove especially important in determining whether the bloodshed will subside. The U.S. may be called upon to push for new talks, and the Jordanians can calm the atmosphere by negotiating with both sides about the Jerusalem holy sites over which they are the recognized custodians.

Much depends on giving the Palestinians a sense of some success — perhaps even hope for a fundamental change — while enabling Israelis to avoid feeling that they have bowed before terrorism.

Mobster Testifies About Elation And Fear

NEW YORK (AP) — The robbery crew that pulled off one of the biggest heists in U.S. history — the \$6 million Lufthansa theft immortalized in "Goodfellas" — was elated at first, but became fearful of being robbed itself, a turncoat mobster testified Tuesday at the trial of his former Mafia boss.

The defendant, Vincent Asaro, was "very happy, really euphoric" when he learned about the mountain of \$100 bills scored in the armed holdup in 1978, Gaspare Valenti told a jury in Brooklyn federal court. "We thought there was going to be \$2 million in cash and there was \$6 million."

But Valenti testified that the joy quickly evaporated when Asaro warned him, "We've got to be real careful now. They'll look to rob us. They'll look to kill us. It could be anyone who hears of the score."

The testimony marked the first time Valenti, who is Asaro's cousin, has publicly given his blow-by-blow account of the heist. Prosecutors say he voluntarily came forward in 2008, implicated Asaro and agreed to testify against him in violation of the Mafia's once-sacred vow of silence.

After taking the witness stand Tuesday, Valenti, 68, was asked to point out Asaro in the courtroom and describe an article of clothing he was wearing — a blue V-neck sweater. He then described how he started committing robberies, arson and other crimes for the 80-year-old defendant in the 1960s as an obedient Bonanno organized crime family associate.

61 Wingsuit Skydivers Soar Over California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sixty-one wingsuit skydivers have flown into the record books, creating a diamond-shaped formation while soaring over California before breaking apart and floating to the ground.

The group set the record for the largest such formation Saturday at Skydive Perris, 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles, Taya Weiss, the jump's lead organizer, said Tuesday. It shattered the old record set by 42 flyers in June.

Weiss said the record was verified by a panel of judges from Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, the international group that keeps track of skydiving and other aviation-related records.

One judge on the ground witnessed the jumpers leap from three separate aircraft at 13,500 feet, create the formation and then break apart at 5,500 feet. Two other judges reviewed photos of the jump later and confirmed Monday it was official.

"It was an absolutely incredible experience," said Weiss, who was also one of the jumpers. "We're a very small community, although we're growing, and to get everyone together from all over the world, especially to achieve such a difficult goal, is very rewarding."

Ryan To Seek Speakership If House GOP Unifies Behind Him

BY ERICA WERNER
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan told GOP lawmakers late Tuesday that he will run for speaker, but only if they embrace him by week's end as their consensus candidate — an ambitious bid to impose unity on a disordered and divided House.

Dragged reluctantly into seeking a job he never wanted, Ryan spoke to his colleagues behind closed doors, telling them he will run only with the endorsement of the major caucuses in the House. That includes the hardline Freedom Caucus that chased out the current speaker and his No. 2, and will now have veto power

over Ryan.

"I came to the conclusion that this is a very dire moment, not just for Congress, not just for the Republican Party, but for our country. And I think our country is in desperate need of leadership," Ryan told a press conference afterward.

"What I told members is if you can agree to these requests and if I can truly be a unifying figure, then I will gladly serve, and if I am not unifying, that is fine as well — I will be happy to stay where I am."

The 45-year-old Ryan gave his colleagues until Friday to express their support. The question will be whether he can win over the three dozen or so members of the Freedom Caucus, who

drove Speaker John Boehner to announce his resignation by threatening a floor vote on his speakership, and scared Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy into abruptly withdrawing from the race to replace him.

The surprise decisions by Boehner and McCarthy unexpectedly cast Ryan, the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee, into the role of savior of the House GOP, the only figure with the national profile, stature and broad popularity to unite a caucus divided against itself, at a moment of deep turmoil. He had consistently said he does not want to be speaker and would prefer to stay on as chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, which he's described as his dream job.

UP

From Page 1

already have strong alignments with schools involved in GEAR UP.

He said regents' personnel in admissions and support services have a strong foundation in GEAR UP activities such as college planning, campus visits, preparation for ACT and SAT entrance examinations and financial aid.

The university system won't have a GEAR UP director in its central office at Pierre, according to Turman.

The state Department of Education plans to have a person specifically assigned in its Pierre office to focus on GEAR UP. That wasn't the case in the past.

The state audit for 2014 found the department didn't exercise adequate oversight of Mid Central's handling of GEAR UP spending.

GEAR UP funding comes

from the U.S. Department of Education.

The federal program specialist for South Dakota's GEAR UP grant recommended on Monday "increasing the percentage of time and effort for one of the key personnel" in the state department regarding the program.

Tony Venhuizen, the governor's chief of staff, said Tuesday that Schopp would be designating a single person at the state department to work full-time with the federal department and the university system on the GEAR UP grant.

Turman indicated Tuesday that from the regents' side a lead university might be selected and a person there would coordinate on GEAR UP activities involving the universities.

"Our grants and sponsored programs offices are structured in a way to manage these grants and work very closely with federal agencies to meet stringent requirements," Turman wrote in an email Tuesday

responding to a reporter's questions.

"Making a difference in improving the pipeline is one area where we have had limited engagement but are well suited to serve this need for the state," he continued. "I'm very hopeful that we can make this a productive partnership."

Schopp notified the federal department last week that she planned to place the GEAR UP management contract with the state universities.

She acknowledged in her letter that data collection could remain a challenge.

In a framework document she sent to the federal department, one of the potential changes involves adding a survey of professional development needs at the local schools involved in GEAR UP and offering training to meet those needs.

Mid Central contracted with a self-contained GEAR UP office based in Rapid City and operated by Stacy Phelps. He originated the

program in South Dakota more than 20 years ago at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology campus.

The six-week summer program at the School of Mines has been a central feature of the program for many years.

GEAR UP is the acronym for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program.

South Dakota received GEAR UP federal funding that totaled \$6.9 million from 2005 through 2010. In 2011 South Dakota received approval for a seven-year grant averaging \$3.4 million annually.

Schopp's concern initially was South Dakota might lose the grant because of the financial issues at Mid Central. Her department's finance director received notice Monday from the federal department that the choice of the universities as the new partner was approved.

PUBLIC NOTICES
VIP
IN THE NEWSPAPER
ALL ACCESS PASS

VALUABLE. IMPORTANT. PUBLIC.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Public notices are valuable to taxpayers who want to know what their government is doing. | Public notices are important to ensuring transparency and accountability in government. | Public notices in the newspaper put the public first. Good government depends on informed citizens. |
|---|---|---|

OCTOBER IS PUBLIC NOTICES MONTH

SDNA
SOUTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION
We've got South Dakota covered.
www.sdna.com