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Canada Slams the Back Door on Immigrants

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OTTAWA—For almost 400 years the immigrants have come to Canada, a land of beauty and promise with room enough to embrace a settler's most expansive dreams.

And for most of those four centuries, Canada's door has been wide open, welcoming new manpower and new ideas to a country that stretches from the frozen North Pole to a 4,000-mile border with the United States.

Here, sprawling over 3.9 million square miles, is the world's second largest nation in terms of land size. Its population of 22 million is far less than half of the United States.

But in recent months, at least one of Canada's open doors to the world's immigrants has been slammed shut.

Government officials prefer to think of it as immigration's back door, and they insist that the front door—through which pass millions of legal immigrants—is still wide open.

They point out that there is no quota system, and that a dozen new offices have been opened in the past month in the United States alone to facilitate those who want to make Canada their new home.

The back door is a different matter, and its closing embarrasses the civil servants now charged with explaining what went wrong—and with convincing the world that there's still a welcome mat out at the other end of the house.

The back door was opened in 1967 when immigration laws were liberalized to allow foreigners to apply for permanent residency after they were already in Canada.

It was shut tight last Nov. 3 when

FOREMAN KO'S FRAZIER TO WIN WORLD RING TITLE

George Foreman, 24-year-old Californian, scored a stunning second-round knockout over Joe Frazier in Kingston, Jamaica, Monday night to lift Frazier's world's heavyweight title before an estimated 38,000 fans.

Frazier, 29 and undefeated in 29 previous professional fights, was knocked down six times by the big challenger, three times in the first round and three more times in the second round, before referee Arthur Mercante of New York stopped the slaughter.

Official winning time was 1:35 of the second round as Foreman, who won the Olympic Games heavyweight gold medal at Mexico City in 1968, completely dominated the fight. It was his 25th consecutive victory, 23 of them by knockout.

Details in Sports Section

Supreme Court Rule Gives Women Right to Have Abortions

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WASHINGTON—Women have a constitutional right to an abortion in the first six months of pregnancy, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in a decision that strikes down anti-abortion laws across the country.

Despite its broad sweep, however, the 7-2 ruling fell short of enforcing the abortion-on-demand principle urged by some pro-abortion and women's liberation groups.

The right to an abortion, an offshoot of the constitutional "right to privacy," is a "qualified" privilege, the majority said. Even after Monday's decision, the states can still set some controls on abortion, but

5,000 on Island off Iceland Flee Fury of Volcano

Fishing Center in Danger of Splitting; Helicopters, Boats Conduct Evacuation

Exclusive to The Times from Reuters

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Inhabitants of an island off Iceland's southern coast fled in fishing boats early today after a volcano, extinct for 7,000 years, erupted and threatened to split their homeland in half.

There were no immediate reports of injuries, but radio distress messages asked all ships in the area to head for the main harbor of Vestmannaeyjar on Heymaki Island, where the 5,000 inhabitants were marshaled for evacuation.

The glowing volcano, only two miles south of Iceland's main fisheries centers in the Westman Islands, 10 miles off the main Icelandic coast and 80 miles southwest of Reykjavik. The eruption hurled molten debris more than 1,500 feet into the air.

Terrified inhabitants crowded the streets after the eruption at 2:30 a.m. local time, but the town was not immediately threatened by the lava spurting from Helgafell Mountain. The molten rock was flowing into the sea on the east side of the main island.

Volcano Reportedly Splits

Eyewitnesses reported the volcano had split in half and the chasm was extending on a northward course just east of the town. There were fears that if the split widened, part of the island might sink or there could be further eruptions.

The state radio announced that civil defense authorities had told people to gather at the harbor to be evacuated.

The first Icelandic coast guard vessel was expected at Vestmannaeyjar today.

Johnson Dies at 64; Inspire Reforms, Peace Eluded Him

Stricken at His Ranch in Texas by Heart Attack

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Lyndon Baines Johnson, whose Presidency in the turbulent 1960s launched a course of sweeping domestic reform but foundered the war in Vietnam, died Monday.

The 64-year-old Texan, who had a history of heart trouble dating to 1955, was stricken at his ranch Johnson City, Tex., and was flown by plane to Brooke Army Medical Center here, an aide said.

He was pronounced dead at 4 p.m. PST at San Antonio International Airport by a Johnson physician, Dr. David J. Abbott.

A hospital spokesman said today that the cause of death appeared to be a coronary thrombosis. An autopsy performed at Brooke Army Medical Center.

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showed that Mr. Johnson had severe coronary artery disease with 100 percent completely blocked and the 100 percent blocked. Further results of autopsy were to be announced later. A spokesman for the family said the former President was lying on his back on the floor of a bedroom, by two Secret Service agents.

Mr. Johnson, the 36th President, was the nation's only living 100th birthday President, his death coming less than a month after that of Harry Truman.



LAST DAYS ON THE RANCH—Former President Lyndon B. Johnson holding his pet dog, Yuki, during an interview 11 days ago.

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