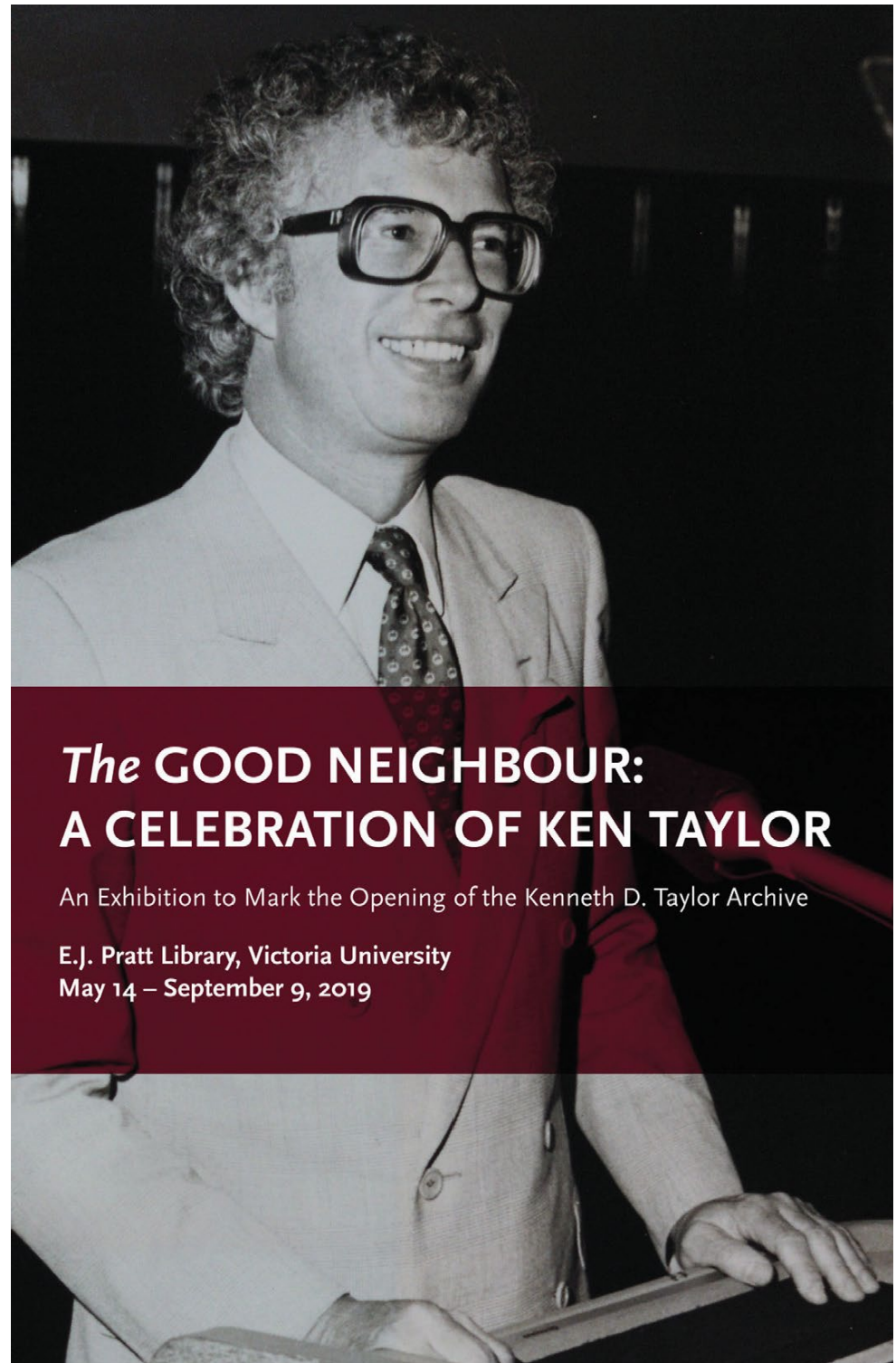


7. MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS,
MAY 14, 1998
Certificate congratulating Ken Taylor
on his installation as Chancellor.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
8. VIC REPORT, VOL. XXVII, NO. 1,
AUTUMN 1998
Victoriana Collection
9. KEN TAYLOR CHAIRING A PANEL AT
THE CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL, 2001
On loan from Office of Alumni Affairs
and Advancement
10. KEN TAYLOR AS MASTER OF
CEREMONIES WELCOMING GUESTS
AT ALUMNI REUNION, 1996
On loan from Office of Alumni Affairs
and Advancement
11. FAREWELL CARD FOR KEN AND PAT
TAYLOR, 1984
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
Given to Ken and Pat to mark Ken's
leaving the position of Canadian
Consul-General to New York City.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

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The GOOD NEIGHBOUR: A CELEBRATION OF KEN TAYLOR

An Exhibition to Mark the Opening of the Kenneth D. Taylor Archive

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May 14 – September 9, 2019

The GOOD NEIGHBOUR: A CELEBRATION OF KEN TAYLOR

Ken Taylor was born in Calgary, Alberta on October 5, 1934. He attended Crescent Heights High School in Calgary and came to Victoria College for his undergraduate degree, graduating in 1957. Ken went on to receive a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1959. In 1960, Ken married Patricia Lee, who he met at the University of California at Berkeley. They have one son, Douglas.

Following graduate school, Ken immediately entered the Canadian Foreign Service, serving as a Trade Counsellor in Guatemala, Pakistan and the U.K. In 1974, Ken was appointed to the top job within the Federal Service section of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce: Director of the Canadian Trade Commission.

In 1977 Ken requested to be posted to Tehran, and as events unfolded there, it became a choice that shaped the rest of his life. The Iranian revolution that followed the overthrow and departure of the Shah of Iran from the country and the belief that the United States supported the Shah, led to a storming of the U.S. embassy by a group of student Islamists on November 4, 1979, who demanded that the U.S. return the Shah to Iran for trial. Six American embassy staff managed to escape in the riots and eventually found their way to the Canadian embassy. Ambassador Ken Taylor and his diplomatic colleague John Sheardown agreed to house the Americans in their private residences at great personal risk.

On January 27, 1980, the six Americans successfully left Tehran carrying Canadian passports obtained by Taylor through the

Canadian government. The operation was termed the Canadian Caper and was later popularized in the film, *Escape from Iran: The Canadian Caper*. A more fictionalized and glamorized account of the events appeared in Ben Affleck's film *Argo*, which underplayed the role the Canadians played in the drama. Affleck was persuaded to add a postscript to his film to acknowledge the contributions of the Canadians and particularly Ken, to ensuring the safe passage of the Americans.

For his involvement in the Iran hostage crisis, Taylor received numerous awards and honours, including the United States Congressional Gold Medal, the Americas Society Gold Medal, the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award and the Gold Medal of the Canadian Club. He also received honorary degrees from various universities and keys to several cities throughout the United States and Canada. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1980.

Following his time in Tehran, Ken served as Consul-General in New York, then retired from diplomatic service in 1984. Taylor was Senior Vice-President of corporate government relations at Nabisco Brands and RJR Nabisco, Inc. until 1989. He continued as a director of several firms and served on the boards of various agencies including the Business Council for International Understanding, the School of International Affairs at Columbia University, Vancouver-based company First City, Alberta Northeast Gas, and the Matthews Group in Toronto. He was Chancellor of Victoria College from 1998 until 2004.

2. FRAMED COPY OF *TV TIMES*, 1981
Featuring Gordon Pinsent and Tisa Chang in *Escape from Iran*.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
3. *ESCAPE FROM IRAN: THE CANADIAN CAPER SCRIPT*, 1981
The first pages of the original script from the CTV movie.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
4. FILM STILL OF GORDON PINSENT AND TISA CHANG FROM *ESCAPE FROM IRAN*, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
5. FILM STILL OF GORDON PINSENT FROM *ESCAPE FROM IRAN*, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
6. FILM STILL OF THE RIOTS FROM *ESCAPE FROM IRAN*, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
7. *THE CANADIAN CAPER*
Jean Pelletier and Claude Adams, William Morrow, 1981
Victoria University Library
8. *ARGO*
Warner Bros. Pictures, 2012
Victoria University Library
9. *OUR MAN IN TEHRAN*
Rhombus Media/Film House, 2013
Victoria University Library
10. *OUR MAN IN TEHRAN* Robert Wright, HarperCollins Publishers, 2010
Victoria University Library

CASE 12

1. KEN TAYLOR RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
2. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
3. STATEMENT FROM GREGORY A. MACKINNON, PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY, MAY 3, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
4. STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
5. INSTALLATION OF KENNETH DOUGLAS TAYLOR AS CHANCELLOR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, 1998 Fonds 2074 - Office of Alumni Affairs and Advancement, Victoria University Archives
6. LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS, MAY 14, 1998
Certificate congratulating Ken Taylor on his installation as Chancellor.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

8. KENNETH D. TAYLOR SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAM 2017
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
9. GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL ORDER OF THE GREEN ANGEL CERTIFICATE, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
10. FREEDOM FOUNDATION VALLEY FORGE AWARDEE RIBBON, [n.d.]
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
11. AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ACHIEVEMENT SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE WEEKEND AWARDS COUNCIL RIBBON, 1982
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
12. CALGARY STAMPEDE 1980 PARADE PARTICIPANT BUTTON AND "THANK YOU KEN TAYLOR" INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM FESTIVAL BUTTON, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
13. CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION AND EXHIBITION OTTAWA GUEST PINS, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 10

1. HARRY S. TRUMAN GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD, May 8, 1985
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
2. HARRY S. TRUMAN GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD FOUNDATION LUNCHEON CARD, 1985
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. LETTER FROM RONALD REAGAN, April 16, 1985
Letter congratulating Ken Taylor on being the first international recipient of the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
4. PORTRAIT OF KEN TAYLOR ca. 1982
On loan from the Office of Alumni Affairs and Advancement
5. ORDER OF CANADA MEDALLION, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
6. STATE OF MISSISSIPPI HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31, 1981
Resolution commending the Government of Canada for its aid in the American embassy takeover.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
7. CITY OF UTICA RESOLUTION, 1980
Resolution extending thanks and appreciation to Ken Taylor.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

8. BOROUGH OF TENAFLY PROCLAMATION, 1982 Proclamation on the occasion of Ken and Pat Taylor's visit to Tenafly, New Jersey.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 11

1. FILM STILL OF GORDON PINSENT FROM *ESCAPE FROM IRAN*, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 1

1. KEN ABOUT 2 YEARS OLD ca. 1936
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
2. KEN ABOUT 13-14 YEARS OLD WITH HIS MOTHER 1947-1948
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
3. KEN COACHING GIRLS' INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM 1954
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
4. CRESCENT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK 1954
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
5. CRESCENT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK 1953
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 2

1. TORONTONENSIS '57 1957
Victoriana collection
2. OFF TO TORONTO 1958
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
3. TRADE COMMISSIONER SERVICE CLASS PHOTO 1959
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

4. VICTORIA COLLEGE STUDENT CARD 1957
Fonds 2049 - Victoria University Registrar's Office, Victoria University Archives

CASE 3

1. WEDDING PORTRAIT 1960
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
2. KEN AND PAT AT NEW YORK CITY HALL 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
3. KEN, PAT AND DOUGLAS TAYLOR IN INNISFAIL, AB 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
4. LETTERS TO PAT AND DOUGLAS FROM KEN ca. 1978
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 4

1. INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE INFORMATION CIRCULAR 1974
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds
2. PAT AND DOUGLAS WITH IRAN RESIDENCE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER GUNASEELAN AND ASHGAR THE COOK, 1978
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

KEN AND PAT WITH IRAN RESIDENCE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER GUNASEELAN, 1978
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE SHAH, 1977
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

4. WELCOMING REMARKS OF SEYED ALI GHOBAT OF GHOBAT LIVESTOCK AND CITRUS INDUSTRY, 1978
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 5

1. TIME MAGAZINE, VOL. 112, NO. 12
September 18, 1978
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

2. KEN TAYLOR'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE ON AFFAIRS IN TEHRAN
December 2, 1978
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU AND JIMMY CARTER ON THE HOSTAGE EXCHANGE
January 20, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 6

1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE NEWSLETTER, NO. 221
March 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

2. MACLEAN'S, VOL. 93, NO. 6
February 11, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. TIME MAGAZINE, VOL. 117, NO. 4
January 26, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 7

1. LETTER FROM JIMMY CARTER TO KEN TAYLOR
February 5, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

2. CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES RELEASE STATEMENT
February 12, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

4. KEN TAYLOR AND RONALD REAGAN AT THE GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY
1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 8

1. BASEBALL FROM YANKEE STADIUM, 1980
Baseball thrown by Ken Taylor at the game in Yankee Stadium held in honour of Canada. Signed by various teammates.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

2. KEN AND PAT IN THE DUGOUT AT YANKEE STADIUM, 1980
From the baseball game held in honour of Canada.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. LETTER FROM MAYOR ED KOCH, January 30, 1980
Letter from New York Mayor Ed Koch inviting Ken to City Hall to present him with the key to the city.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

4. KEN TAYLOR RECEIVING THE KEY TO NEW YORK CITY, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

5. KEY PERSON OF THE AMERICAS KEY, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

6. KEY TO THE CITY OF OTTAWA, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

7. KEY TO THE CITY OF EAST LANSING, 1980
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

8. LETTER FROM MRS. TONI SWALL, MAY 19, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

9. VICTOR L. TOMSETH, MICHAEL HOWLAND AND BRUCE LAINGEN, 1981
Three American diplomats formerly held hostage in Iran: Victor L. Tomseth, deputy chief of mission; Michael Howland, assistant regional security officer; and Bruce Laingen, chargé d'affaires of the United States Embassy.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

10. LETTER FROM DAVID BAE, 1981
Letter from a fifth grade student of Pulaski Road School in East Northport, New York.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

CASE 9

1. CARICATURE OF KEN TAYLOR, 1984
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

2. POLITICAL CARTOON, ca. 1980
Cartoon drawn by Rusins Kaufmanis of the *Ottawa Citizen*.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

3. POLITICAL CARTOON, 1983
Autographed cartoon drawn by Roy Peterson of the *Vancouver Sun*, dedicated to Ken Taylor.
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

4. IRAN HOSTAGE RELEASE TICKERTAPE PARADE, NEW YORK CITY, January 30, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

5. DAILY NEWS CLIPPING
October 30, 1986
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

6. KEN TAYLOR ARRIVING AT NEW YORK CITY HALL FOR THE TICKERTAPE PARADE, January 30, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds

7. OUTSIDE CITY HALL DURING THE TICKERTAPE PARADE, January 30, 1981
Kenneth D. Taylor fonds