

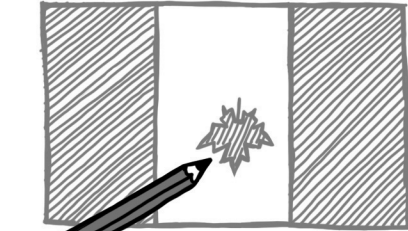


THE CALGARY HOUSE WHERE HE GREW UP IS NOW AN AN, A VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT.

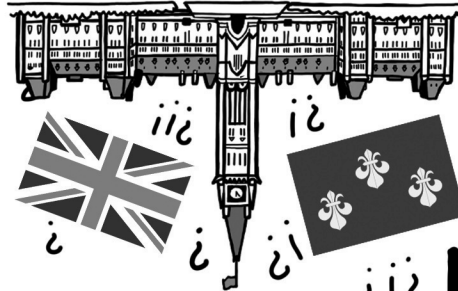
1111 7th St. SW



STANLEY TAUGHT HISTORY FROM COAST TO COAST.



THOUSANDS OF ENTRIES WERE CONSIDERED. IN 1964, AN ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE OF MPs APPROVED STANLEY'S DESIGN.



IN THE 1960S, WHEN STANLEY WAS A DEAN AT ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE IN KINGSTON, PM LESTER B. PEARSON PROPOSED A NEW FLAG FOR CANADA!



STANLEY STUDIED HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. HIS SUMMER JOBS INCLUDED TEACHING AT A RURAL SCHOOL IN HUSSAR (NORTH OF BASSANO) & DELIVERING BREAD FOR A BAKERY—WITH A HORSE & CART. HIS FIRST BOOK (1936) WAS INSPIRED BY HIS ALBERTA ROOTS.

REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — RELENTLESSLY CURIOUS

Read more about how George Stanley created Canada's flag in The Sprawl! Slow news for curious Calgarians.

the sprawl

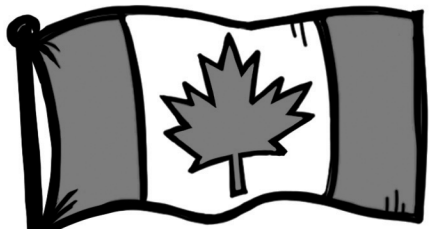
Scan for more local stories and comics! sprawlcalgary.com

JULY 1, 2026

REFRESHINGLY SLOW — UNABASHEDLY LOCAL — RELENTLESSLY CURIOUS

CURIOUS CALGARY

#22 by SAM HESTER



THE CALGARIAN WHO CREATED CANADA'S FLAG

the sprawl

GEORGE STANLEY WAS A HISTORIAN, AUTHOR, WORLD WAR II VETERAN, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK, & COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF CANADA.



George Stanley 1907-2002

AND... He spent his first 18 years in CALGARY!

"THE WEST FORMED ME. IT IS IN MY BLOOD."

Before 1965, THE NATION'S FLAG WAS THE "RED ENSIGN."



AS A CHILD AT CONNAUGHT SCHOOL IN THE BELTLINE, STANLEY FOUND THE FLAG HARD TO DRAW!



1121 12th Avenue SW