

Canada at Texas State Fair

Canada Week, described as a festival of Canadian life and culture, will be held in Dallas, October 7-13, with Canada participating as a featured country in the State Fair of Texas, October 5-21.

Each year, more than a million people attend the fair, which is said to be the largest of its type in the world.

In keeping with the theme "Salute to Good Neighbours", October 7 has been designated Canada Day, when the Canadian flag will fly over the site all day and a special "Salute to Canada" pageant will be held in the Cotton Bowl. A fireworks display, including a symbol of each province and a Canadian flag, will end the day's events.

Canadian exhibits to be presented at the fair include: *Energy: The Canadian Experience* (world première); *Vision '79: Canada: History Through Architecture*; and *Canada Naturally/Le Canada, naturellement*.

"Through our Canada Week activities, we hope to have Dallasites talking about Canadian films, music, photography, art, architecture, traditions and history," said Canadian Consul B. Douglas Valentine, who is co-ordinating the week's activities.

Dr. Arthur Moore, Chancellor of the University of Toronto and past Moderator of the United Church of Canada, will officiate at a celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of Canadian Thanksgiving at Thanks-Giving Square, October 8. A concert of sacred music by



Canadian composer Healy William will also be presented in honour of the centenary of his birth.

Mayor Robert S. Folsom of Dallas will officially proclaim Canada Week on October 10. Canadian children's books will be presented to the Dallas Public Library; there will also be a gift of books from the Canada Council to the University of Texas' Arlington Library, encouraging international education.

Maple Sugar, the popular Canadian folk group will perform at the fairgrounds and at various locations throughout the week, sponsored by the State Fair, Air Canada and the Canadian Consulate. Dallas radio station KERA will feature the *Sounds of Canada* on October 13.

Other events to be held during the week include: Canadian Film Weekend, Meadows School of the Arts Cinematheque (Southern Methodist University); Between Friends/Entre amis, Photographic Exhibit (One Main Place); Structure Photographic Exhibit (Allen Street Gallery); Perspectives of Childhood Photographic Exhibit (Union Station); and Houses of Parliament Architectural Exhibit (University of Texas, Arlington Library).



Folk group, Maple Sugar, will entertain Dallas residents as part of the week's activities.

Canadian delegation welcomed in China as tribute to Bethune

Crowds lined the streets of Shijiazhuang recently, welcoming the first Canadian parliamentary delegation to visit China.

The welcome was a tribute to Dr. Norman Bethune the Canadian surgeon and Communist who died near there in 1939, helping the Chinese Communists resist the Japanese invaders. He has long been a hero and a legend in China, particularly in that city of 850,000 people, situated about 190 miles southwest of Peking.

Plans were laid for special ceremonies marking the fortieth anniversary of the death of the man from Ontario, immortalized in China by the essay written on his death by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Dr. Bethune was in China only about 23 months but his death, from blood poisoning while acting as battle front surgeon and medical services organizer, was the focal point of the Canadian visit which began September 11.

There was the placing of a wreath at the Bethune tomb, a tour of the Hall of Martyrs, which houses Bethune memorabilia, and the exchange of toasts at a reception and traditional multi-course Chinese banquet. There are two large Bethune statues in the area in the mould of classic Communist art.

Senator Jacques Flynn, federal Justice Minister and Government leader in the Senate, said at a Chinese dinner that Dr. Bethune was ahead of his time in his work for the Chinese against Japan that cost him his life. But Canadians had shared his support for China, he said.

Canada has a special place in Shijiazhuang, said chairman Liu Zihou of the Hebei provincial revolutionary committee, the provincial government.

A Canadian delegation was invited to the fortieth anniversary where events included mass rallies, plays, exhibitions and films.

Canada in 1972 officially recognized Dr. Bethune, who contributed various procedures to medical science, including effective blood transfusions.

The Canadian delegation led by Speaker of the Senate, Renaude Lapointe, and the House of Commons Speaker, James Jerome, also visited Shanghai, Hangchow and Canton before leaving September 17 for Hong Kong and home.