

illustrations of how his memory continues to be revered in China today.

Interest in China

The Canadian government has taken a keen interest in China and has sought to deepen relations with this country.

In 1968, Prime Minister Trudeau pledged to review Canada's China policy and to begin discussions with the People's Republic of China to reestablish diplomatic relations.

This has come to pass.

In addition, Canada voted in the United Nations in 1970 for the seating of the People's Republic of China.

The next year Canada named its first ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Ralph Collins, born in Kurming, and who had served with External Affairs in Chungking from 1943 to 1945. In the same year Mr. Huang Hua was named first ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Canada. In 1972, Mr. Collins was succeeded by John Small, also born in China. Arthur Menzies, born in Changte-ho, Honan, China, will succeed Mr. Small later this year.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations and the exchange of ambassadors, there have been many official and unofficial visits and exchanges between the two countries, highlighted by Prime Minister Trudeau's visit in October, 1973.

Over the last five years it is clear that a sound foundation has been laid by the two countries. The opening to the public of the Norman Bethune House in Gravenhurst represents one such solid step in deepening relations between the two countries.

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