

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, and the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Honourable Marc Lalonde, announced in Ottawa today that to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO), Canada is presenting to the Organization a portrait in oils of Dr. Brock Chisholm, a Canadian, who was one of the founders of the WHO and who served as its first Director-General from 1948 to 1953.

The portrait was executed by Mr. A. E. C. Horne, R.C.A., a Toronto artist whose past works include portraits of the former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John Diefenbaker, and his Excellency the Governor-General, the Right Honourable Roland Michener. It will hang in the library of the WHO headquarters in Geneva.

Following is the text of an address delivered on presentation of the portrait in today's ceremony in Geneva, by Dr. B. D. B. Layton, of Ottawa, former Principal Medical Officer in the Department of National Health and Welfare and the President of last year's World Health Assembly.

"Mr. President, Mr. Director-General, Distinguished Delegates: May I also, at this time, acknowledge the presence of Mrs. Brock Chisholm and Mr. Cleve Horne, the Canadian portrait artist. Mr. President:

It is with deep humility, but pardonable pride I trust, that I have been privileged to pay honour to one who has preceded us and who will be forever remembered as one of the founders of this great Organization.

George Brock Chisholm was born in Canada at the close of the Nineteenth Century. Following four years' service, at a very youthful age, in a line regiment during World War I, he studied medicine at the University of Toronto and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1924. This was to initiate a distinguished career, both nationally and internationally, in the pursuit of health for mankind.

After an extended period of post-graduate study, mostly in the United Kingdom, concentrating on his chosen specialty -- psychiatry -- Dr. Chisholm conducted a highly successful private practice as a psychiatrist in Toronto from 1934 to 1940. Typically for him, he disseminated his expert knowledge in this field to others as a Special Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Toronto, as well as other training institutions, and this on an increasingly expanding scale.

Brock Chisholm also continued and progressed in the Militia during this interval. In command of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade at the outbreak of World War II, he was brought to Headquarters as a General Staff Officer, his chief concern being Personnel Selection. In 1942 he was promoted to assume much broader responsibilities.

Appointed to the dual offices of Deputy Adjutant-General and Director-General of Medical Services, Brock Chisholm, in the rank of Major-General acquitted, with distinction, this period of his service to