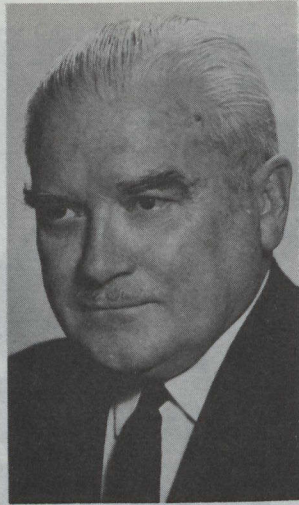


## WORLD HEALTH PRESIDENT

Dr. Basil D.B. Layton, Principal Medical Officer of the International Health Branch, Department of National Health and Welfare, was elected president of the World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 9. Prime Minister Trudeau cabled the Government's thanks to the Assembly for "the great honour it has bestowed on our country by electing Dr. Layton".



*Dr. Basil Layton*

Dr. Layton, who is also medical adviser to the Canadian International Development Agency has served on various committees of the World Health Assembly, and represented WHA at the UN Joint Staff Pension Board in 1966, 1968 and 1969.

More than 1,000 representatives of 131 member and associate states, including ten Canadian delegates, were present at the twenty-fifth annual assembly of the World Health Organization in Geneva, when Dr. Layton's presidency was announced.

## DIPLOMATIC POSTS

A number of diplomatic appointments to take effect during the next few months, have been announced by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp:

Mr. Ernest Adolphe Côté of Ottawa, Deputy Solicitor-General, as Ambassador to Finland. He succeeds Mr. F.G. Hooton who returns to Canada.

Mr. Jean Martial Côté of Ottawa, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs, will become Ambassador to Switzerland. He replaces James Alan Roberts, who is retiring.

Mr. John Maurice Harrington, Director, Pacific Division, Department of External Affairs, will become High Commissioner to Jamaica, succeeding Mr. V.C. Moore, who is returning to Canada.

Mr. Thomas Paul Malone of Edmonton, Deputy Commandant and External Affairs member of the directing staff, National Defence College, Kingston, has been appointed Ambassador to Israel. He replaces Mr. C.E. McGaughey, who is to succeed Mr. Malone at the National Defence College.

Mr. James Joachim McCardle of Ottawa, Ambassador to Ireland, becomes High Commissioner to Australia and Fiji, to succeed Mr. A.R. Menzies, whose appointment to the North Atlantic Council has already been announced.

Mr. Kenneth Douglas McIlwraith of Ottawa, Director of the Security Services Division, Department of External Affairs, is appointed Ambassador to Norway, succeeding Mr. G.K. Grande, who returns to Canada.

Mr. David Chalmer Reece of Winnipeg, now participating in the Public Service Bilingual Development Program in Quebec City, is the new High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, also accredited to Barbados, to succeed Mr. G.A. Rau who returns to Canada.

## GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY OIL HUNT

The oil industry and the Federal Government are undertaking a unique co-operative program this spring in the Canadian Arctic. A \$400,000-agreement signed by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and six oil companies allows the Geological Survey of Canada, a branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, to conduct a geophysical survey in the Sverdrup Basin and share the results with the subscribing companies.

EMR Minister Donald S. Macdonald, who announced the agreement, said: "Industry and government are contributing directly to the cost of obtaining information needed for exploration guidance and resource-potential assessment. This is a survey which the Department could not have undertaken at this early date without financial support from industry."

The survey extends along a line from Sabine Peninsula on Melville Island, to Lougheed Island, to King Christian Island, where Panarctic Oils brought in a huge gas well last year, and on to the west coast of Axel Heiberg Island. Most of the work will be done on the ice-covered waters between the islands.

The scientists, headed by George D. Hobson of Ottawa, have already begun field operations. The main group will gather seismic refraction data to define more precisely the rock structure and geological history of the Sverdrup Basin, while teams of scientists from the Earth Physics Branch of EMR will simultaneously obtain gravity and deep crustal seismic information. The whole operation is a means of determining the oil potential of the Basin.

The Geological Survey is providing \$100,000 in scientific and technical services, the six companies \$50,000 each. A four-year confidential period for the data gathered has been agreed upon, following which the information will go on open file. In the interim, any oil company or individual may buy the data for \$75,000 from the Geological Survey of Canada.

An invitation was extended for members of the oil industry to participate in the survey; the following six accepted: Canada Southern Petroleum Limited; Canadian Reserve Oil & Gas Limited, Deminex (Canada) Limited; Dome Petroleum Limited; Mobil Oil Canada Limited; and Panarctic Oils Limited.