

He said he thought the great breakthrough would be "when we are finally able to know exactly how insulin acts".

On the clinical side, he said there remained a major gap. In spite of knowing a great many things about diabetes, no one yet knows the real cause of the disease.

"If the mechanism of the action of insulin could be completely elucidated and if we could find the exact cause of diabetes that would represent two major breakthroughs," he said.
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SOVIET OFFICIALS VISIT CANADA

Nine high-ranking Government officials from the U.S.S.R. arrived in Ottawa on May 29 for a ten-day tour as guests of the Canadian Government.

Mr. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, stated that the group, led by I.T. Novikov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. and Chairman of the State Committee on Construction of the U.S.S.R., had come to Canada at his invitation, delivered personally to Mr. Novikov last July. Mr. Chrétien and a party of Canadians were in the Soviet Union as guests of the U.S.S.R. Government. In Ottawa the group was joined by B.P. Miroshnichenko, the U.S.S.R. Ambassador to Canada.

Mr. Novikov and his party were primarily interested in construction projects and, as a consequence, their itinerary covered certain areas in the North, and parts of Southern Canada.

After two days in Ottawa the Soviet delegation, accompanied by officials of the Department, visited Yellowknife, Inuvik, Whitehorse, Clinton Creek and some cities in Southern Canada before returning to Ottawa on June 7.

CANADA-AUSTRALIA JOB SWAP

Canada and Australia have agreed to exchange federally-employed "managers with executive potential".

The exchanges will take place under the Public Service Commission's Career Assignment Program, and is the first such arrangement with another country. The CAP program, which started in 1968, has so far involved various levels of government, as well as the private sector, in Canada.

In the exchange with Australia, which will probably take place within six months, an officer on the staff of the Public Service Commission of Canada who has graduated from the three-month CAP management-training course will take a job with the Australian Public Service Board. The Australian public service officer in the exchange will, on arrival in

Canada, undertake the CAP training course and then assume a job with the Public Service Commission or the personnel section of the Treasury Board.

In announcing the plan, Chairman John J. Carson of the Public Service Commission, underlined the benefits to both countries. "There is a definite shortage," he stated, "of highly-skilled people with the knowledge and experience for senior executive positions, whether in the public or private sector. The Career Assignment Program which we began four years ago is planned to identify the present middle-manager with high potential, and to develop his or her management skills so as to create a pool of talent for executive positions."

He said that the exchange plan with Australia would broaden the whole program "by making it possible for those involved to gain new perspectives on two countries whose federal systems are similar and where there are common problems related to economic development".

The Career Assignment Program is part of Canada's public service development called Interchange Canada. It also provides for the exchange of men and women already at the executive level between the federal public service and other levels of government, universities, international organizations, and the private sector.

Mr. Carson worked out the exchange with the Australian Chairman of the Public Service Board during a recent trip to discuss common problems. When in Canberra, he addressed the Royal Institute of Public Administration.

YOUTHS TO STUDY YOUTH CULTURE

Some 250 students, graduates and undergraduates in social sciences, statistics and linguistics, are being hired again this year by the Department of National Health and Welfare, under the Student Summer Employment Program, to continue studies of the "youth culture". They will work with the Welfare Research Division of his Department, Health and Welfare Minister John Munro has announced.

The aim of these student workers will be to collect data on attitudes, aspirations, frustrations, language and music. The results are to be used in policies and programs for which Mr. Munro is responsible.

Field workers must seek "informed consent" from those they interrogate. This means that a researcher introduces himself and explains the aims of the study that so his "respondent" can decide whether to provide the information. Names, addresses or any other type of identification will not be recorded, to assure the respondent's anonymity. In keeping with the study's purpose, field-workers are not permitted to inquire into or record information on illegal behaviour. The data they collect may be used to further their academic careers.