

Canadians receive Order of Canada

Sixty-four Canadians were presented with their insignia of membership in the Order of Canada by Governor General Edward Schreyer in a ceremony at Government House on October 21.

Governor General Schreyer presented decorations to two companions, 21 officers, 40 members and one honorary member.

Tommy Douglas, former leader of the New Democratic Party and Edward Culliton, former Chief Justice of Saskatchewan were named companions of the Order.



Farley Mowat, dressed in kilt, prepares to receive the insignia of the Order.

Dr. Douglas, had been active in federal and Saskatchewan provincial politics since the 1930s. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1935 and later led the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Party (CCF) to victory in Saskatchewan in 1944. In 1961, he left to become leader of the federal New Democratic Party, the successor to the CCF. In 1971, Dr. Douglas stepped down as leader of the NDP, although he continued to sit in the House of Commons until 1979. He is also the first president of the Douglas Coldwell Foundation, which is dedicated to the study of government.

Mr. Culliton of Regina, Saskatchewan was appointed Chief Justice of Saskatchewan from which position he retired in 1980. He is a former member of the Saskatchewan legislature and a former



Patricia Taylor speaks with a reporter following the reception.

Cabinet minister in the provincial Liberal government in the 1930s. Mr. Culliton also served as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan from 1963-69.

Officers of the Order included: Gerald Bouey, Governor of the Bank of Canada; James Careless, Canadian history professor at the University of Toronto; Mavis Gallant, writer; George Grant, historian; Farley Mowat, writer; Susan Nattrass, world champion trapshooter; Dr. Louis Siminovitch, geneticist-in-chief at the



Zena Sheardown speaks with her husband John following the presentation.

Toronto Hospital for Sick Children; Michael Snow, painter, sculptor, filmmaker, photographer and musician; and Patrick Watson, television journalist, filmmaker and writer.

Included in those named members of the Order of Canada were Patricia Taylor, wife of Canada's former Ambassador to Iran and current Consul General in New York Ken Taylor, and Zena Sheardown, wife of John Sheardown, the former first secretary at the Canadian embassy in Iran. Both were honoured for their part in sheltering six Americans during the Iranian crisis. Because Mrs. Sheardown is not a Canadian citizen yet and usually only Canadian citizens are appointed to the Order, she was named an honorary member by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Spanish overfishing protested

The Canadian government has advised the Spanish government of its serious concern at the depletion of stocks by Spanish vessels beyond the 200-mile limit off Canada's Atlantic coast.

Fisheries in this area are regulated by the Fisheries Commission of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). The Commission earlier this year gave Spain allocations of cod in the Flemish Cap and at the tail of the Grand Banks, despite the fact that Spain has to date refused to join NAFO. These allocations were given on the condition that Spain would abide by the NAFO rules aimed at stock conservation. Spain's disregard of these rules led to a resolution by the commission in June calling on Spain to remove its vessels from the area. Despite this resolution Spanish vessels remain active in the NAFO regulatory area beyond Canada's 200-mile fishing zone.

"There is overwhelming evidence that the Spanish fishing vessels have grossly exceeded their allocations in at least one of the NAFO divisions", said Canadian Fisheries and Oceans Minister Roméo LeBlanc. Canadian fisheries calculated that the Spanish catch in one division might be as much as ten times their quota.

"I consider this disregard for conservation and for internationally developed rules designed to protect stocks from over-exploitation presents a problem not just for Canada, but for all the members of NAFO who could operate valuable fisheries on the stocks that Spanish fishermen are wrecking", Mr. LeBlanc said.

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