

Canadian delegation attends Law of the Sea conference

A Canadian delegation, lead by the Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald, is attending the eighth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, which resumed July 19 and continues to August 24.

The Minister of Justice and Attorney General Jacques Flynn and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans James McGrath are alternate heads of the delegation; High Commissioner J. Alan Beesley is deputy head of the delegation.

This session, following up on the Geneva conference this spring, is focusing primarily on the unresolved issues relating to the establishment of an international system for the exploitation of deep sea-bed resources. Negotiations are also expected to take place on the question of revenue sharing concerning the resources of the continental margin beyond 200 miles, the delimitation of maritime boundaries between adjacent or opposite states, marine scientific research, settlement of disputes and the preamble and final clauses of the future Convention on the Law of the Sea.

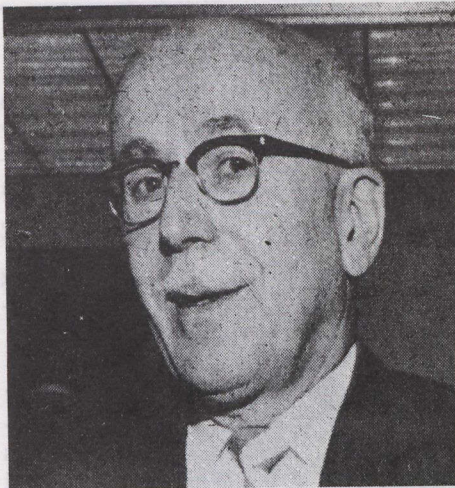
Noted scientist dies

Dr. Leo Marion, an internationally-known scientist and former dean of science and engineering at the University of Ottawa, died recently at the age of 80.

Born in Ottawa, Dr. Marion studied at Queen's and McGill universities before joining the National Research Council (NRC) in 1929 as a staff member of the *Canadian Journal of Research*. The following year he joined the chemistry section as a research chemist, beginning an illustrious career in the field of inorganic chemistry, principally alkaloids.

In 1965 he retired from the NRC to become dean of the faculty of science and engineering at the University of Ottawa, a position he held until retiring in 1969.

Canadian and international awards and honours bestowed on Dr. Marion include fellow and president of the Royal Society of Canada, fellow and president of the Chemical Institute of Canada, president of l'Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences. He was also a



Dr. Leo Marion

fellow of the Royal Society of London and an honorary member of the Société chimique de France.

A recipient of the Jecker Prize from the Paris Academy of Sciences, he held honorary doctorates from 13 Canadian universities and from the University of Paris at the Sorbonne.

His other honours included the Parisseau Medal, the Chemical Institute of Canada Medal, the Gold Medal of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada and the Medal of the City of Paris.

Marion published more than 200 scientific papers and contributed six chapters to the seven-volume edition of *The Alkaloids*, published by Academic Press of New York.

Canada/China student program

An agreement furthering educational exchanges between Canada and China was signed recently in Peking, the Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald has announced.

The agreement completes intensive discussions initiated in August 1978 with China, which expressed interest in sending a considerable number of students in scientific and technological fields to this country. It is part of a world-wide Chinese program to send students overseas.

A main feature of the agreement is a special program to place some 100 Chinese scholars in Canadian institutions in 1979. The Canadian Council of Ministers of Education, in conjunction with provincial education authorities and other provincial or federal agencies, and the National Research Council will

assist in placement, language evaluation orientation and liaison with the academic community.

The Chinese government will be responsible for the accommodation, living, travel, books and equipment, health insurance and supplementary language training costs, as well as for educational costs. Chinese authorities will also assume direct research costs except where other arrangements have been made.

Under the agreement, Chinese undergraduates and postgraduates could attend Canadian institutions under other arrangements acceptable to both countries.

The Chinese government has also agreed to increase accessibility for Canadian scholars and students to its institutions by facilitating travel in China and allowing access to research materials and attendance at regular courses.

Investment agreement signed

An agreement to foster trade and investment between Canada and Cameroun was signed recently.

The agreement, signed by Canada's Ambassador to Cameroun Gilles Duguay, and Cameroun's Foreign Minister Jean Keutcha, facilitates insurance of investments under the Export Development Corporation's investment guarantee program. The program insures Canadian investors against loss of their overseas investments because of political actions in the host country. Increased trade and benefits for both countries are expected to result from this agreement, because it is designed to further Canadian investor confidence in Cameroun.

Cameroun joins the African nations of Ghana, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Morocco, Malawi, Rwanda, and Senegal, which have signed similar agreements.

Nicaraguan government recognized

Canada recognized the new government of Nicaragua, July 25. The Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald, in making the announcement, said she hoped that Canada would develop fruitful and mutually profitable relations with the new government. The Canadian government is to make a request for accreditation of a new Canadian ambassador to Nicaragua soon, said the Minister.