

The Department of External Affairs and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs announce the official opening of the Dr. Henry Norman Bethune Memorial House. The Honourable Otto Lang, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport officiated at the opening ceremonies this afternoon in Gravenhurst, Ontario. Mr. A.T. Davidson, Parks Canada, Assistant Deputy Minister performed the duties of master of ceremonies.

The ceremonies were attended by a distinguished group of visitors from the People's Republic of China. A delegation of ten Chinese officials led by Vice-Minister of Public Health, Mr. Chang Chih-chiang, one of the most senior Chinese officials to have visited Canada in recent years, travelled to Canada specifically for the opening. Mr. Chang addressed the guests on behalf of the Government of China. Mr. Chang's delegation included senior medical officers of the People's Liberation Army who were associated with Dr. Bethune in China as well as officials of the PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A group of four media correspondents sent from Peking to cover the opening ceremonies were also present.

The Honourable Frank S. Miller, M.P.P. for Muskoka and Ontario Minister of Health was in attendance as the representative of the Provincial Government. Mr. Allan Sander, the Mayor of Gravenhurst attended on behalf of the municipality. Mr. Chester Ronning, ex-Canadian diplomat who was born in China spoke on Dr. Bethune's career. Also attending were the Chinese Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Mr. Chang Wen-chin and a large number of Embassy staff. Mr. Arther Menzies, Canada's Ambassador-designate to China who will take up his new post in Peking this autumn was

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