

News of the arts

Medal recipients

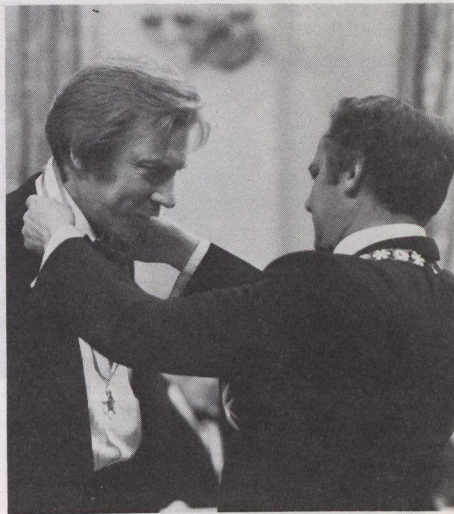
Actor Donald Sutherland, pianist and composer André Gagnon, and Dr. Alfred Casson, the oldest surviving member of the Group of Seven painters, were among 61 Canadians who received the Order of Canada from the Governor General on April 25.

They were included in a list of 23 recipients who were made Officers of the Order; 38 others were made Members.

The Order of Canada was created in 1967 to recognize Canadians who have performed outstanding achievement and service in every important field of endeavour.

Also included in the list of Officers were: Norman Campbell, CBC producer-director; Gordon Fairweather, chief commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission; Andrée Maillet, writer; Dr. Peter Newman, journalist and editor of *Maclean's Magazine*; Dr. Pierre Tisseyre, founder, Conseil Supérieur du Livre; Dr. Maurice Van Vliet, president, XI Commonwealth Games Foundation, and Dr. Fernand Ouellet, professor at Ottawa University, who is a prominent historian.

Among those appointed Members of



Well-known international actor Donald Sutherland (left) and composer André Gagnon (right) receive their insignias of membership in the Order of Canada from Governor-General Edward Schreyer at an investiture at Rideau Hall, Ottawa in April.



the Order were: Chief David Ahenakew of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians; Léo Chevalier, fashion designer; The Rev. Joseph Stanley, founder and executive director of the Christian Culture Series; and sports champions Diane Jones-Konihowski and Graham Smith.

Appointed posthumously as Officers of the Order were W. Garfield Weston,

founder and chairman, George Weston Ltd., and Associated British Foods Ltd., London, England, and J. Alfred Desroschers, a poet.

Appointed posthumously as Members were Dr. Bruce Fergusson, archivist emeritus of Nova Scotia; and Mrs. Gertrude Constant-Gendreau, president of the Pro Musica Society.

Major changes proposed in white paper on sport

Amateur sport-governing bodies were promised greater autonomy under federal sport policy made public by Minister of State Fitness and Amateur Sport Iona Campagnolo on April 30.

A two-year consultation has shown that sports bodies want autonomy but, if Canada's full athletic potential is to be realized, ongoing involvement by government is required. The policy paper, entitled *Partners in Pursuit of Excellence*, outlines the degrees of involvement and a proposal for co-operation by provincial and national sport and government agencies.

Congress of sport

"Athletic excellence demands funding and technical expertise beyond the reach of athletes and most volunteer-based associations," the minister said. "We are proposing that sport-governing bodies and government meet on new ground in future. Those elements of Sport Canada now in the Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch of Health and Welfare Canada will be transferred to a new sport council and

to effect this, a congress of sport is proposed within the year," she announced.

While the Federal Government proposes to continue its activities in national and international sport, major changes to Canada's sport structure would ensure greater flexibility for growth.

The Government is prepared to assist, as a partner.

The proposed sport council would be responsible for Canada's participation in national and international amateur sport. It would also work closely with national sport associations dedicated to the pursuit of excellence. Moreover, the creation of the council would permit a wider range in hiring practices and in the administration of sports activities.

Highlights of the white paper include proposals for a more decisive role for Canadian universities in sport and a national sport trust for future financial security. The paper also proposes a system of assistance to developing nations in sport expertise and continued encouragement of private industry in sport assistance.

Canada to attend world radio meet

All users of the air waves in Canada, from "ham" radio operators to broadcasters, have an interest in the proposals recently approved by the Federal Government for Canada's participation in the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC). The conference, to be held for ten weeks starting September 24, 1979, in Geneva, is sponsored by the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations agency responsible for co-ordinating international telecommunications.

With more than 1,500 representatives from 154 countries expected, this WARC will be one of the largest world conferences ever.

Proposals

Among the main Canadian proposals are:

- additional spectrum be allocated for mobile communications in the UHF band;
- the standard AM broadcasting band be extended to provide for additional channels to permit coverage of areas in Canada not at present adequately served;
- the amount of shortwave spectrum