

## Library acquires papers of Sir Ernest MacMillan

The National Library of Canada in Ottawa has acquired the papers of the late Sir Ernest MacMillan, one of the major figures in Canadian music.

Ernest MacMillan, who died in 1973 at the age of 80, was best known as the conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, and as the principal of the Toronto Conservatory of Music and dean of the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto.

He gained international recognition as a conductor, composer, concert organist, lecturer and writer, and worked tirelessly to further the performance of Canadian music. He was the first person to be knighted outside Britain for musical achievements.

The papers, which fill some 80 cartons and are now being catalogued, include manuscripts of his compositions, correspondence with family and friends, scripts for lectures and articles, photographs, scrapbooks and other memorabilia, including his baton and academic gowns.

The collection also includes more than 100 tapes of broadcasts and other performances and a large part of his library of books, musical scores and phonograph records. The correspondence is considered of particular interest, offering insights into the activities of Canadian musicians with whom MacMillan corresponded over five decades.

## Canadian heads Vatican library

A 60-year-old Dominican priest from Toronto has been appointed chief Vatican librarian. He is the first non-European to hold the job.

When Reverend Leonard Boyle takes on his new job in the Vatican library, he will be in charge of some priceless, centuries-old documents that Roman Catholic monks collected from around the world and hand-copied.

Born in Ireland and a Canadian citizen since 1974, Reverend Boyle is no stranger to the Vatican. After graduating from Oxford University, he taught in Rome for several years during the late 1950s, often doing research in the Vatican library.

A book-lover since childhood, he can read English, Latin, Greek, Gaelic, French and Italian. He also did archeological work underneath the Church of St. Clements where the legendary Pope Joan was said to have given birth to her child. He is at present a professor at the Pontifical Institute of

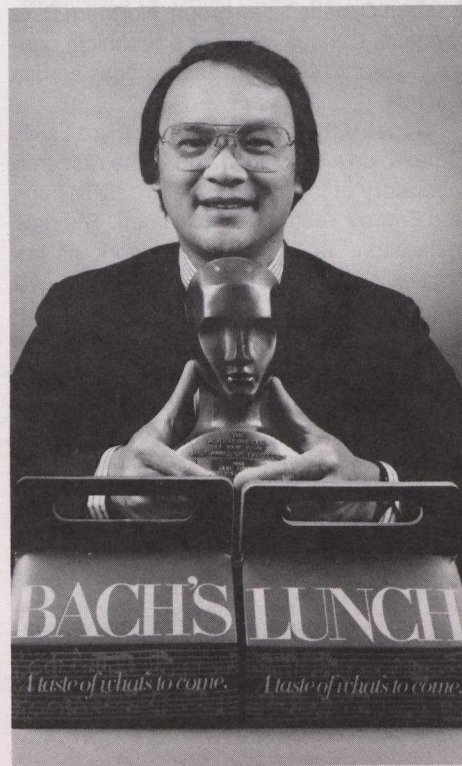
Medieval Studies in Toronto.

As head librarian, succeeding Archbishop Alfonso Stickler of Austria, Reverend Boyle will have access to the entire collection of more than 70 000 treasured classical and medieval manuscripts and half a million bound books. One of his major tasks will be cataloguing the huge collection.

The library, established in its present form by Pope Nicholas V in the mid-1400s, has parchment manuscripts dating back to the fourth century and some writings on papyrus going back hundreds of years before the birth of Christ.

All the manuscripts and most of the books were laboriously scripted and illustrated by hand. Over the centuries, the church dispatched monks and others to scour the world for books they would bring back and copy.

## Bach's Lunch wins Andy



The concept of box lunches for a Bach festival scheduled for next year in Toronto has been packaged into an international award-winning Bach's Lunch by the Toronto advertising agency, Raymond Lee and Associates. The Canadian package design was recently selected for an Andy statuette from over 7 000 entries world-wide by the Advertising Club of New York. It was created for the Bach 300 Festival to be staged next March by Centrestage Music Presentations of Toronto to celebrate the birthday of J.S. Bach. Above, Raymond Lee holds Andy statuette won by his advertising firm.

## Gift from 'Intrepid'

Sir William Stephenson, the Canadian-born intelligence expert known by the code name "Intrepid," has donated \$100 000 to the University of Winnipeg for a scholarship fund in his name. The donation is the largest single private gift ever received by the university for scholarship purposes.

Sir William Stephenson, now 88, was born in the Point Douglas area of Winnipeg and attended high school in the city. After the First World War, he moved to England and became a millionaire by the time he was 30, thanks to his invention of the first device for transmitting photographs by wireless.

During the Second World War, Stephenson was appointed director of British security co-ordination in the western hemisphere and became Sir Winston Churchill's personal representative to then-US president Franklin Roosevelt.

## Rare posters for Toronto gallery

A rare collection of propaganda posters from the 1919 socialist revolution in Hungary has been donated to the Art Gallery of Ontario. The 12 lithographic works were given by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hall of Toronto.

These vigorous posters were apparently printed during the six-month socialist regime of Béla Kun for exhibition in public places. They were designed to encourage solidarity with proletarian organizations, an end to alcoholism, resistance to foreign intervention and other social goals.

The Hungarian revolutionary posters join 40 posters printed by the Soviet government during the early 1920s in the AGO's growing collection of twentieth-century political propaganda works. The Soviet posters, brought to Canada in 1924 by former Governor General Vincent Massey, were donated to the AGO by Hart Massey, the collector's son.

## Arts brief

**Award-winning British Columbia** playwright Gwen Pharis Ringwood died recently at age 73 after a lengthy illness. During a career that began in 1935, Mrs. Ringwood wrote plays for the stage and radio, winning awards at the Dominion Drama Festival and from the B.C. Drama Association. Most of her 25 published plays were set in the rural West and concerned common people striving for social freedoms.