

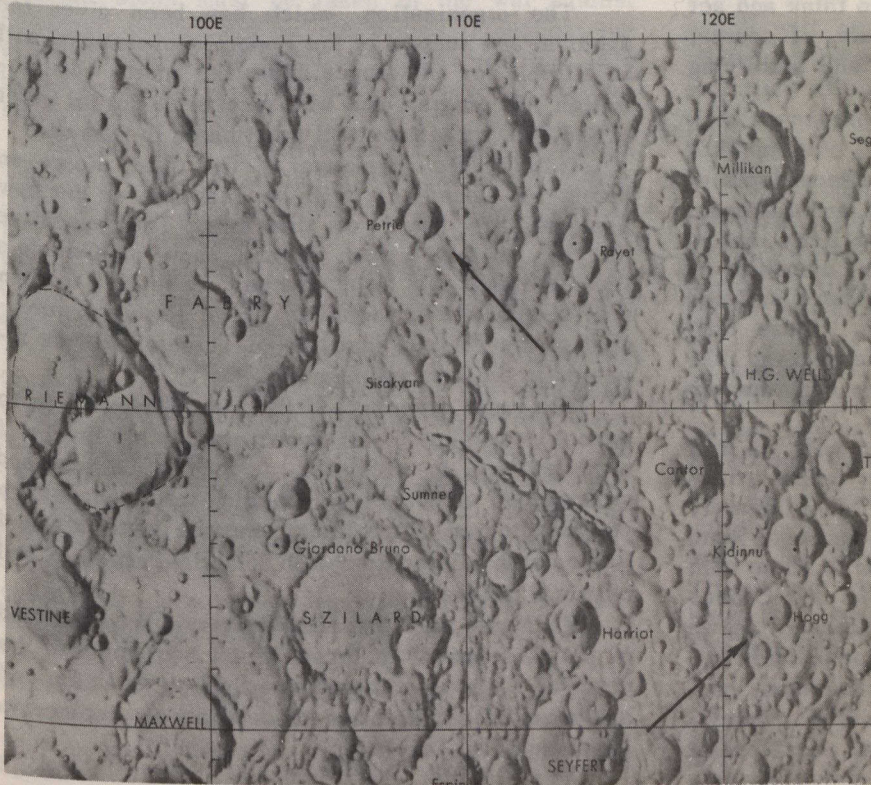
### MOON CRATERS HONOUR CANADIANS

A recent general assembly of the International Astronomical Union at Sussex University near Brighton, England, named six craters on the far side of the moon after Canadians – five astronomers and one physicist:

Professor C.A. Chant, head of the department of astronomy, University of Toronto and first director of the David Dunlap Observatory, Richmond Hill, Ontario; Professor J.S. Foster, physicist, McGill University Montreal; Professor F.S. Hogg, head of the department of astronomy, University of Toronto and director of the David Dunlap Observatory; Dr. Andrew McKellar, astronomer, Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria, British Columbia; Dr. R.M. Petrie, astronomer and director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory; Dr. J.S. Plaskett, astronomer and first director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory.



*PLASKETT, an 80-mile crater near the north pole of the moon.*



*PETRIE, a 20-mile crater southeast of Mare Humboldtianum, and HOGG, a 22-mile crater west of Mare Moscoviense.*

A working group of the IAU appointed in 1967, to prepare a list of names for features on the dark side of the moon, chose some 500 names of internationally-recognized scientists. The names of 12 living astronauts, six from the Soviet Union and six from the United States, were the only exceptions to the rule that the names of no living persons should be used. The list, which was presented to members of Commission No. 17 of the IAU by the chairman of the working group, Professor D.H. Menzel of the U.S., was approved unanimously after minor revisions had been made. Other members of the group were Professor M.G.J. Minnaert of the Netherlands, Professor A. Mikhailov (later Professor B. Ju. Levin) of the U.S.S.R. and Professor A. Dollfus of France, president of Commission 17.

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