

he wrote an essay to his memory. It is one of three required readings in China today.

In the doctor's honour

Much has since been done to honour Dr. Bethune. His model hospital has been rebuilt in China, and a bomb shelter, the disused temple in which he operated, the houses in which he lived, all have been made museums in his memory. In Canada the former Presbyterian manse, his birthplace, was acquired by the Federal Government in 1973, and opened last month as a Canadian memorial. It is operated by Parks Canada on behalf of the Department of External Affairs.

The visitor to this house, which was used as the minister's residence until 1973, will find that the extensive restoration and refurbishing reflect the habits and taste of the Bethune family. The main rooms have been decorated in the style of 1890, while the second floor is dedicated to a biographical display of the most famous family member, Norman. Employing quotes and pictures to depict his life, the display ends with illustrations of how his memory continues to be revered in China today.



Otto Preminger, Hollywood film producer, (centre), who has long been interested in making a film on the life of Bethune, was present at the ceremony on August 30. Canadian filmmakers are also interested. Beside Mr. Preminger is Robert Kaplan, Member of Parliament for York Centre, Toronto and in front of him, Mr. Wang of the New China News Agency.

Condolences on death of Chairman Mao

"It is with a profound sense of personal regret that I have learned of the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung," said Prime Minister Trudeau in a message of sympathy to the People's Republic of China on September 9. "A giant of twentieth century world history and the father of the new China is gone.

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"It is a matter of deep satisfaction to me that six years ago the People's Republic of China and Canada established diplomatic relations. Strong links have been forged since then between our two governments and two peoples on the basis of equality and mutual respect. Chairman Mao's interest in developing better relations between our two countries will live in the friendship between us.

"On this unhappy occasion I can only ask that there be conveyed to the people of China, and to the members of Chairman Mao's family, the most sincere condolences of the Government and people of Canada."

Music, dance swap with China

Agreement in principle has been reached between Canada and the People's Republic of China for exchange visits of the Toronto Symphony and the Shanghai Dance Troupe.

Reference to the exchange was made in a speech by Transport Minister Otto Lang, representing the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs at the opening of the Norman Bethune House in Gravenhurst, Ontario, August 30. The ceremony was attended by a special delegation from the People's Republic of China.

The Toronto Symphony, under conductor Andrew Davis, will perform in the People's Republic of China beginning January 1978; the Shanghai Dance Troupe will be in Canada for a tour in the 1977-78 season. Dates and venues of the tours will be announced later.

The Toronto Symphony, now in its fifty-fifth season, is one of Canada's senior orchestras with a wide international reputation gained from tours in North America, Europe and Japan.

The visit to Canada by the 150-strong Shanghai Dance Troupe will be its first appearance in the western world.



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The Norman Bethune Memorial House, Gravenhurst, Ontario, opened August 30.