

FOUNDATION AWARDS

Three Canadian scientists are among this year's James Picker Foundation award winners. These awards are intended to foster research on radiological methods for both diagnosis and treatment of disease.

For the first time, the Foundation's Canadian funds are being administered by the National Research Council of Canada.

The three Canadian grants for 1958-59, totalling \$7500, went to:

DR. ALBERT JUTRAS, Dept. of Radiology, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal -- fibroplastic infiltration of the submucosa in minute cancers of the stomach and its effects upon gastric motility and radiological images;

DR. J.S. DUNBAR, Montreal Children's Hospital -- effects of barium sulphate on the tracheo-bronchial tree of rats in comparison with other contrast media; and

DR. R.L. de C.H. SAUNDERS, Dept. of Anatomy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. -- X-ray microscope studies of the nervous system with special reference to the blood supply of the cerebral cortex and spinal cord.

The National Academy - National Research Council of the United States, which continues to administer the U.S. portion of this program, announced that their awards for 1958-59 on behalf of the James Picker Foundation amount to about \$74,000 and consist of ten research grants, six fellowships, and one grant for a scholar in radiological research.

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CONGRESSIONAL-PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Referring to the possibility of a proposed Joint Congressional-Parliamentary Committee with the United States, the Prime Minister last week in the House of Commons, said, in part:

"During the past several months discussions have taken place, both here and in the United States, respecting a means of providing an opportunity from time to time for those who are engaged in the legislative aspects of government in the two countries to meet together and examine common problems, to exchange views and possibly make suggestions to their respective governments arising from these deliberations.

"It is my understanding that action in this regard is going forward in the Houses of the United States Congress with evident support from all shades of political opinion. I have here the *Congressional Record* of July 17 containing a speech by United States Senator Neuberger with respect to this matter and the resolution which he introduced. This resolution provides for close relationship between the legislators of both countries, and section 7 says:

'This resolution shall become effective, and a Joint Committee established, upon receipt by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of notification that a committee with similar functions and terms of reference has been established by the Canadian Parliament.'

"It appears from the record that the proposals had the approval of the Executive of the United States and of the President, who under the constitution is responsible for the conduct of foreign affairs.

"I have been informed that in this country, consideration has been given to this matter in the other place, and that a motion of this nature has there been looked upon favourably. I am not going to quote the resolution that was passed, except to say that it welcomed the recent suggestion of the Prime Minister of

Canada for the establishment of Joint Parliamentary Committees between Canada and the United States, and the opinion was that if such a committee were set up it would be of great benefit in improving relations between the two countries. The other place offered its co-operation toward this end.

"The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Pearson), and the honourable member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue) both indicated on August 8 that they would give support to proposals along these lines. This morning I consulted with each of them by telephone, and it is my understanding that they are in accord with the procedure I am about to propose. If the House generally indicates its agreement, I would suggest that we proceed along the following lines.

"My proposal is that I should request the Speaker of this honourable House, in consultation with his colleague in the other place, to establish a committee of members of both Houses and of all parties for the purpose of exploring jointly with appropriate representatives of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government of the United States the means whereby increased systematic discussions between legislators of the two countries on problems of common concern may be provided.

"I would suggest that such assistance as may be appropriate and required for the purpose of implementing this proposal, if generally acceptable to this House, should be provided by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Smith) from his Department, with co-operation from other departments of government as may be needed from time to time.

"I feel that if this general proposal is accepted we shall be making an advance that will prove beneficial not only to the exchange of ideas as between legislators of our countries, but also that in their deliberations suggestions will be forthcoming which will be generally helpful and will assure that the