



TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE PATTERSON

During the eighth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Canada lost one of its senior Foreign Service Officers, Dr. George S. Patterson, who was serving at the time as Alternate Delegate.

Dr. Patterson joined the Department of External Affairs in 1943, bringing with him a broad experience in Y.M.C.A. work in Japan and Canada. He served in a series of difficult assignments in the Far East where his knowledge of Asian affairs and great-hearted human sympathies endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy in Chungking and Nanking during the difficult war years; Canadian representative on the U.N. Temporary Commission on Korea when the United Nations first tried in 1948 to unify that unhappy peninsula by peaceful democratic means. He was appointed Consul General in Shanghai just before the Communists took over in May 1949, and served nearly two years there under difficult circumstances trying to look after Canadian citizens and interests. On returning from China, Dr. Patterson was appointed Canadian Consul General in Boston in 1952, the appointment he held at the time of his death. I wish to pay tribute to the services rendered our country by this devoted civil servant.

—L. B. Pearson