

begun. "We are looking for new ideas, methods and instruments, which, for example, may be applied to environmental control and adapted to field conditions," said Dr. Ryan.

According to Dr. Ryan, the long-range goal would be to create a centre of research and training excellence in analytical chemistry.

Dalhousie will take over the maintenance and development of the research program after the term of the grant expires.

CANADA-MALAYSIA INSURANCE PACT

It was recently announced by Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, that Canada had concluded an agreement with the Government of Malaysia on the insurance of new Canadian investments in Malaysia against certain non-commercial risks.

The agreement, which is expected to make a useful contribution to the development of economic relations between the two countries, is one of a number of foreign investment insurance agreements which the Canadian Government hopes to conclude with other countries. Similar agreements have already been concluded with Barbados, Singapore and St. Lucia.

These agreements will facilitate the operation of the Government's Foreign Investment Insurance Program, established with the enactment of the Export Development Act in 1969. The purpose of this program, which is administered by the Export Development Corporation, is to promote investments in other countries by Canadian nationals, whether individuals or corporations.

CLAIMS AGREEMENT WITH POLAND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, recently announced that he had signed in Ottawa, on behalf of the Canadian Government, an agreement settling outstanding claims by Canadian citizens against Poland. Mr. Marian Krzak, Vice-Minister of the Polish Ministry of Finance, signed on behalf of the Government of Poland. The agreement, which provides for the payment of a lump sum of \$1.225 million in seven equal annual instalments, comes into force immediately.

The claims arose from postwar nationalization and similar measures of the Polish Government. The agreement covers claims owned by persons who were Canadian citizens at the time of loss and at the date of the agreement. Negotiations between officials of the two governments began in Warsaw in October 1968 and subsequent discussions were held there and in Ottawa.

The Foreign Claims Commission will be authorized to make recommendations to the Secretary of

State for External Affairs and the Minister of Finance regarding the distribution of the nationalization portion of the proceeds of the settlement. Persons who have filed claims with the Government will be notified of the settlement.

ART FOR DIPLOMACY'S SAKE

A major collection of contemporary Canadian art has been purchased from the Canada Council by the Department of External Affairs. The collection of almost 300 pieces will be displayed in the Department of External Affairs' new headquarters, now under construction in Ottawa, and possibly in Canadian embassies abroad.

The collection, which was acquired by the Council in the late Sixties, includes paintings, sculpture, prints, tapestries, water-colours, drawings and batiks. Although the total cost of the purchases was \$90,000, the collection was recently valued by a team of three independent experts at \$166,000. The proceeds of the sale will be used by the Council to purchase more works of art by living Canadian artists.

According to Mr. John G. Prentice, Chairman of the Canada Council, the recent successful tour of paintings from the collection went beyond the Council's initial expectations. The Council had undertaken its collection as an experiment intended to help artists through early purchase of their work.

SPY TOOLS TO MUSEUM

Léon Dumis, a Second World War French resistance fighter who helped 87 Allied flyers to freedom, has donated some of the tools of his wartime trade to the Canadian War Museum.

In a ceremony held last month, the 69-year-old retired French Army officer turned over plates and seals used in forging documents and other papers. Also presented was a photograph depicting Mr. Dumis with his friend, René Duchez, the man who stole the German plans for the "Atlantic wall", Hitler's defence works against an Allied invasion.

Dumis carried the plans from Paris to the Swiss border, where another agent took them for delivery to England. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, said after the war that the 1944 invasion costs would have been much higher without these plans.

In 1939, Mr. Dumis was a major in the French reserve. After the armistice in 1940 he became a member of the French secret army, carrying out intelligence work for General Charles de Gaulle's headquarters in London. As a member of the "Centurie" espionage network, he was charged with providing information on German anti-aircraft defences in Normandy, prior to the invasion.

In 1943, with Léonard Gille and René Duchez,