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Canada Island wins prize

Back on Canada Island last-day fair-goers were planting 760 flower bulbs in preparation for the Island's first birthday party in the spring of 1975. While far away in Washington D.C. the American Association of Nurserymen voted to award Andrew J. Kuhlmann of Information Canada Exposition the 22nd Annual Landscape Awards international Certificate of Merit for Canada Islands' environmental design.

Canada Island, including Alberta's open air amphitheatre and British Columbia's pavilion and totem pole received almost five million visitors during Expo, which lasted 186 days.

Appointment of new Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

The Prime Minister announced on December 3 the appointment of Mr. Basil Robinson, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to succeed Mr. A.E. Ritchie.

Mr. Ritchie, who has been Under-Secretary since January 1970, is convalescing from a heart attack and stroke suffered in September. Mr. Ritchie's convalescence would require some months yet, the Prime Minister said, and since Mr. Ritchie had carried the heavy burden of Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs for nearly five years, it seemed best to make a change at this time. A new appointment for Mr. Ritchie, to take effect when he has recovered, will be announced soon.

Mr. Ritchie's work acknowledged

The Prime Minister paid tribute to Mr. Ritchie's work, not only as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, but also during his years as Canadian Ambassador to Washington.

"Mr. Ritchie has worked without stint, and without regard for his own health or strength, in the service of Canada. The Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service, which he received just one year ago, was fitting testimony to the regard in which he is held by the Government and by the Public Service generally. I am glad to

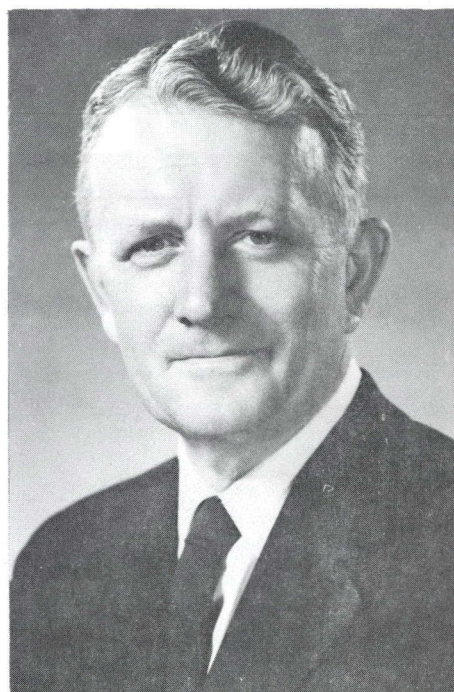
know that he is convalescing well and I look forward to his continuing service in a new and important role once he has been restored to health."

The Prime Minister said he felt that the high standards set by Mr. Ritchie would be ably met and continued by Mr. Robinson, who had many years of experience, both in Ottawa and abroad, as a member of the Department of External Affairs from 1945 to 1970.

Since 1970, Mr. Robinson has been Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He has also been Chairman of the Northern Canada Power Commission, a director of Panarctic Oils Limited, as well as director of Crown companies connected with activities in the North.

Mr. Robinson, a native of Vancouver, was a Rhodes Scholar who served with the Canadian Army in Britain and Europe from 1942 to 1945.

He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and served in London, Paris and Washington. He was appointed in 1964 as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, responsible for matters dealing with disarmament, defence and the United Nations. In December 1966 Mr. Robinson became Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and served in that capacity until his appointment to the Indian and Northern Affairs Department five years ago.



Mr. Basil Robinson

Canadian claims respecting assets in the People's Republic of China

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, announced last month that the Department of External Affairs would collect information regarding possible claims of Canadians arising out of the nationalization or other taking-over of property in the People's Republic of China.

The attention of potential claimants is drawn to the fact that no agreement exists between Canada and the People's Republic of China to negotiate a formal claims settlement, as was the case in the past with certain other states. The role of the Department of External Affairs, therefore, in this matter will be simply to transmit details of potential claims to the Chinese authorities for investigation and verification by local authorities.

Canadians who believe they may have such a claim against the People's Republic of China should submit details to the Department of External Affairs no later than June 30, 1975 for onward transmission to the Chinese authorities. Failure to notify the Department by that date may preclude the possibility of a claim being dealt with.

Arts Centre gets tough with the tardy

"As of January 1, 1975, program starting times will be strictly adhered to. Entrances will be closed when a performance begins, and no late-comers will be admitted until a suitable break occurs, perhaps not before intermission," reads the New Year resolution of the National Arts Centre.

The Centre, acting on many recommendations received from both public and performers, hopes that patrons will appreciate and understand its motive. Performers are required to stand by five minutes before curtain time in order not to inconvenience the public, and the majority of the audience is always seated on time. Only relatively few patrons arrive late, but the Centre believes that the rest of the audience should not be inconvenienced by those few.

Occasional exceptions will occur, no doubt, in the event of adverse weather conditions.