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**MAURICE MCGREGOR FONDS**

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**P196:** Maurice McGregor Fonds

**Dates:** 1932-1976

**Extent:** 16 cm textual records. – 4 photographs. – 1 silk Bethune portrait. – 1 paper-cut Bethune portrait. – 16 Bethune stamps.

**Biographical Sketch:** Maurice McGregor, MB, BCh, MD, FRCP(C), FRCP(London), FACC, O.C., trained in medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Following military service during World War Two with the British 8<sup>th</sup> army and the US 5<sup>th</sup> army (1943-1946), McGregor went on to study cardiology in London, England. From 1950 onwards, he was a clinician, teacher, and researcher at his alma mater until 1957 when he joined the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University. He has served terms as Head of Cardiology and Physician-in-Chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital, as well as Vice-Principal and Dean of Medicine (1968-1973) at McGill University. Dr. McGregor also served terms as the Bethune Exchange Professor at Peking Medical College (Beijing Medical College) in 1973 and as Dean of Medicine at his alma mater from 1984-1987.

Over the course of his career, McGregor has published over 180 articles, chiefly in the fields of cardiovascular disease, cardiovascular physiology and pharmacology, medical education, and health policy. Dr. McGregor has had experience as both a consumer and a producer of HTAs and Clinical Practice Guidelines – the former as a member of numerous hospitals' governing boards, and the latter as the founding president of Quebec's HTA agency, the Conseil d'évaluation des technologies de la santé du Québec (1988-1994), founding board member of the Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment, and as chair and editor of Canada's Guidelines for the Management of Breast Cancer (1994-1998). McGregor is a cardiologist, founding chair of the Technology Assessment Unit of the McGill University Health Centre, and recipient of the Order of Canada (2010). He is Professor Emeritus at McGill University.

**Custodial History:** Materials accumulated by Dr. Maurice McGregor and donated to the Osler Library in 2015.

**Scope and Content:** The content of the fonds includes letters, photographs, and official documents surrounding the Norman Bethune McGill-China Professorship Exchange at Peking Medical College, in addition to medical pamphlets, typed addresses, several commemorative Norman Bethune items. There are various Chinese tourist brochures and maps that McGregor collected during his travels in China, as well as newspaper clippings, reprints, and copies of articles collected by McGregor about China and medicine in the mid-1970s.

**Source of supplied title proper:** Title based on the content of the fonds. Folder names are from M. McGregor's original folder names.

**Retrieval Number:** P196

**Language:** Documents are in English, some in Mandarin.

**Finding Aids:** Inventory list is available.

**Series:** n/a

**Subjects:**

Bethune, Norman

McGregor, Maurice

McGill University Doctors

Norman Bethune McGill-China Exchange Professorship

McGill University History

**Folder 1: “Bethune, Various, Personal”**

- Commemorative In-Memorial Norman Bethune Postage Stamps, 1960.
  - 8 stamps with Bethune pictured performing surgery. Inscribed “Norman Bethune, 1890-1939” along with Chinese script and value of “8” each.
- Silk Portrait of Norman Bethune – 4.25in x 6.6in
  - Chinese script below portrait.
- Chinese Paper-Cut Portrait of Norman Bethune
  - Red stencil of Norman’s head on a bust, Chinese script written below. Original, very delicate.
- Bethune, Norman. – Photo with unidentified man in courtyard – 1938.
  - Inscription on the back written by Dr. Ma Hai-Teh: “Dr. Norman Bethune in Yanan 1938. Courtyard of Dr. Ma Hai-Teh. On the right a sanitary engineer unidentified as yet. For Dr. M. & Margot McGregor, Peking, 1974, Nov.10”
  - Business card of Dr. Ma Hai-teh (George Hatem) attached
- McGregor, Dr. Maurice – Honk Kong Round-Trip Travel Coupon – 22 Oct. 1973.
  - with dated train stamps.
- Commemorative Postage Stamps of Norman Bethune – Late 20<sup>th</sup> C.
  - Red and navy portrait bust, with name and date of birth and death. 8 in total.
- Chinese Export Commodities Fair – “Acupunctural Anesthesia... Combination of Chinese and Western Medicine” – Autumn 1971.
  - 13-page original booklet with text and photographs. No focus on Bethune, rather “Our great leader...Chairman Mao’s instruction.”
- Letter from Calydor Sanitarium – “A Letter to Frances” – 1934.
  - Photocopy, no exact names given. Reference to health insurance and men named Goodfellow and Newfield.
- Letter to John Barnwell. – Suggestions for Bethune’s Medal for Nurses– 1934.
  - From “Beth” at Sacre Coeur Hospital to Barnwell. Includes sketch of medal done “in collaboration with Margaret Cameron, Royal Edward Institute, Montreal.”
  - Both photocopies.

- Ma Hai-teh – Epidemiology of Syphilis – 1966.
  - 1-page data report including subsections on national minority regions, urban, and rural regions. Admin note that this “put politics in command.”
- Photocopied photograph of Norman Bethune and others at the Reading Camp Association, 1911.
  - Bethune fourth from left, where he served as an instructor for Frontier College – then known as the Reading Camp Association – in Pinage Lake, ON. Photocopy.
- Aerial Photograph of RVH Operating Room, 1933.
  - Written below the photograph: “Royal Victoria Hospital 1933, Operator: Dr. Edward Archibald; Assistants: Dr. Norman Bethune, Dr. Arthur Vineberg, Dr. P. Perron
  - Black and white photograph, mounted on foam
  - On back: 76-0817-8-1

## **Folder 2: “Bethune Exchange with McGill”**

- McGregor, Maurice. – “The Bethune Legend” – 1974.
  - 7-page typed article, rough draft. Errors marked in pen.
- McGregor, Maurice. – “Life in Modern China: The Medical School” – 1974.
  - 9-paged typed draft. Focuses on the Norman Bethune exchange of lecturers between Peking Medical College and McGill University.
- Penfield, Wilder. – “The Chinese People’s Republic, A Physician’s Observations” – March 1963.
  - 7 pages typed
  - Based on Penfield’s observations during 1962 trip. Subtitles include: medical education, medical missions, Peking University, mythology and medicine, population and birth control, abortion, nutrition, diseases, moral and manners, etc.
- Norman Bethune Exchange. – Important dates for Lectureship between Peking Medical College and McGill University – 1961-1973.
  - 1 page, typed. Mostly notes of visits and departures, including those of: Dean Stephenson, Dr. K.A.C. Elliott, Dr. Fang Chi, Dr. Chen Wen-chieh, V.P. McGregor, etc.

- The Chinese Friendship Delegation – Inauguration of Bethune House in Gravenhurst – 1976.
  - Led by Chang Chih-chiang, Deputy Minister for Public Health, and includes Wang Tao-tsien, Bethune’s former chief medical assistant. File includes delegation list and article from *The Montreal Star*, Aug. 30, pictured at Osler library. Originals.
- McKinney, Wayne, M.D. – “Norman Bethune: A Laborer-Teacher in Ontario’s North” in *The Medical Post* – 3 Sept. 1974.
  - Discusses Bethune’s communist beliefs. Uses copy of photograph from File 18.
- Chinese Academic Delegation – Press Release Announcing their Tour in Canada – 6 Oct. 1975.
  - Delegation will be in Canadian from 8-23 Oct. and represent “a return visit following that of a group of Canadian academic to China in the spring of 1974.” Includes delegation list. Photocopy.
- Colwell, Wayne. – Letter from Carleton B. Pierce Bethune’s Medical Instruments for Display at Gravenhurst Museum – 23 Dec. 1974.
  - 2 pages, original.
- Christie, R.V. – Replacement Bethune Commemorative Stamps – Dec. 1970, collected in 1960.
  - Includes letter from Ronald replying to request from R.V.H. who thought they lost the originals and a thank-you from McGregor. Stamps from files 1 and 12 stapled to letter. Original.
- Beauregard, Chantal. – Request to film at R.V.H. for China’s Whuan TV Station’s Documentary on Bethune – Aug. 2000.
  - Letter from Zhenda Zin, First Secretary to the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Canada. Reply letter says that Dr. Martin Entin is willing to be interviewed. Photocopies.
- McGregor, Maurice. – Letter of Interest for Bethune Exchange – 1974.
  - From Dr. Alan M. Mann, Psychiatrist-in-Chief at McGill. Particularly interested in learning about the “theory and practice of acupuncture.”
- Feindel, William. Suggestions for Chinese Medical Visitors from Bethune Exchange 1974.
  - Suggests neurosurgeon Dr. Yi-cheng Chao and attaching his C.V. and list of publications. Return letter from M. McGregor warning that the Chinese “might be sensitive about our too obviously inviting particular individuals...”.

- Cronin, R.F.P., McGill Dean of Medicine – Memos to Chairmen regarding Resumption of the Norman Bethune Exchange – Jan. 1974.
  - Note from Fraser saying that Maurice would approve; positive replies from Genetics group and Department of Ophthalmology also included. Mostly originals.
- Further Replies to Dean’s Memo on Resumption of Norman Bethune Exchange – 1974.
  - Approval from: Dr. Kinch and Obstetrics at M.G.H., surgical nurses at R.V.H., Dr. Glorieux at Shriners Hospital – Genetics Unit, Dr. McCaughey at M.G.H. Department of Anesthesia, Don Bates at Osler Library, Allan Memorial at R.V.H., Montreal Children’s Hospital.
- Dr. Ma Hsueh – Letters regarding Bethune Exchange – Jan. 1974
  - First from Robert Bell, confirming the exchange – photocopy. Second is typed original from M. McGregor asking if the visitors could speak either French or English.

### **Folder 3: “McGill-China Bethune Exchange”**

- “The McGill-China Exchange in Memory of Norman Bethune” – Unknown date and author.
  - Recounts exchanges beginning in 1960-1979. Originals rough draft with edits. List of dates attached.
- Elliott, K.A.C., McGill Prof. of Biochemistry – “Brief report on a Month in the People’s Republic of China as Norman Bethune Exchange Professor...” – 1964.
  - Admin note that this was written about the first McGill-China exchange, the next one was delayed to 1973 because of the cultural revolution. Photocopy.
- Cronin, R.F.P., Dean of Medicine – Memo to McGregor and Blake regarding Bethune Exchange Nomination – April 1973.
  - Response to request from Mr. Kuo at the Chinese Embassy. Photocopy.
- McGregor, Maurice and M.R. Becklake – Acupuncture Anesthesia Report – Nov. 1973
  - 10 pages, photocopied, with rough-draft edits. Written after Bethune exchange.
- Letters to Dr. McGregor post-Bethune exchange – Feb. 1974
  - Letter Dr. Ma Wan Sen at Peking Medical College and Huang Min-hsin at Shanghai Medical College thanking McGregor and Becklake for their lectures..

- Dr. Ma Hsuu – Letter from M. McGregor – 10 Dec. 1973
  - Original. Letter of appreciation thanking him for being so hospitable during their exchange.
- Bell, Robert E. – China-Montreal Bethune Exchange Letters – Jan. 1974
  - Sent to Dr. Hsuu regarding the Montreal visit that spring.
- Beaton-Mamak, Mary. – Letters Regarding Info on McGill-China Lectureship – 1974.
  - Writing to McGregor in response to his article on Bethune in the *Montreal Star*, Feb. 5. Beaton was the News Editor for the Journal of the Canadian Hospital Association.
- Chinese Medical Association – Letter to Dr. McGregor post-Montreal exchange – 28 Feb. 1974.
  - Warm thank-you note with translated version attached.
- McGregor, Maurice – Thank-you Letters to Chinese Medical Community – Nov-Dec 1973.
  - 27 original letters, all on onion skin. Delicate.
- Bell, Robert. – Report Post-Bethune Exchange from McGregor and Becklake – 22 Nov. 1973
  - Preliminary report, 3 pages.
- Seah, Stanley. – Request to McGregor for Chinese Medical Contacts or Rendezvous during Montreal Trip – 5 Feb. 1974.
  - Seah a M.D. at M.G.H. McGregor's reply letter included.
- Brown, Harrison. – “Scholarly Exchanges with the People's Republic of China” – 1974.
  - Original article as it appeared in *Science* magazine, vol. 183.
- McGregor, Maurice. – Receipt from Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong – Oct. 20-23, 1973.
  - Original with stamps and McGregor's signature.
- Johnson, Edward. – Letter from McGregor after Bethune Exchange – 10 Dec. 1973.
  - Letter thanking him for his notes on China and “this extraordinary social experiment.”
- Misc. Letters on Resuming the Bethune Exchange – 1973.
  - Letters to and from: the Chinese embassy, R.F.P. Cronin, McGregor, Becklake, Bell, etc. Photocopies. Copy of original proposal from Dr. Huang-Chia-ssu.



- Letters Re: Norman Bethune Exchange Lectureship – 1973.
  - Includes initial proposal, letter from McGregor to Director of Peking Medical nominating himself for the exchange, misc. letters about travel expenses contacts in External Affairs.
- McGregor, Maurice. – Letter asking about Bethune Commemoration at R.V.H. – 23 April 1973.
  - Writing to J.F. Meakins, Chairman of Exec. Committee of the Medical Board.
- McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice – Application Forms for Entry and Travel Visas – Aug. 1973.
  - Originals for Maurice and Margaret Rigsby McGregor. Signatures and stamps evident.
- McGregor, Maurice. – Letters regarding Air Flight to Hong Kong – Sept. 1973.
  - Includes detailed airline schedules from Jane Horsburgh. Photocopies.
- Clarke, Cyril A. – Letters to R.V. Christie enquiring about Acupuncture Lectureships – 1973.
  - First asks for Chinese lecturer, then waits for info after Bethune exchange. Photocopies.
- Wen-Chieh, Dr. Chen and Dr. Ha Hsien-Wen. – “Days Spent in Dr. Norman Bethune’s Homeland” – Dec. 1972.
  - Articles as they appeared in *China Reconstructs* magazine. Photocopies.
- Chinese People’s Republic Bethune Exchange Party – List of Guests – 21 June 1973.
  - 2 pages, Chinese delegation party visiting Montreal.

**Folder 4:**

- Reprint of “With Mao Tse-Tung’s Thought as the Compass for Action in the Control of Venereal Diseases in China” by Ma Hai-Teh (George Hatem)
  - Inscription reads: “To Maurice and Margot McGregor as a token of a new dimension in friendship in Bethune Tradition. Ma Hai-Teh George Hatem, Peking 1973. Nov.”
- “China Report”. The Canadian Medical Association. N.d.
  - Pamphlet

- “Health Care in China”. Official Report of The Canadian Medical Delegation to China. April 20-May 5, 1973
  - Copy created July 1973, for M. McGregor
- “Notes on the Church in China”. E. H. Johnson
  - Abstract: Some observations of E. H. Johnson, Secretary for Research and Planning of the Board of World Mission of The Presbyterian Church in Canada during a visit to China of himself and his wife – March 23 to April 14, 1973.
- “Challenge of the New China”. E. H. Johnson.
  - Abstract: Report of the 22 day visit to China – March 23 to April 14, 1973 of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson. Dr. Johnson, who is Secretary for Research and Planning of the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, is Chairman of the Canada/China Relations Committee of The Canadian Council of Churches.

#### **Folder 5: “Acupuncture”**

- Letter from McGill Department of Psychology Professor Ronald Melzack to Dr. Maurice McGregor, April 1974
  - Provides three references of trigger zones and cardiac pain
- Various reading materials on Chinese acupuncture at the time, including:
  - American Journal of Chinese Medicine pamphlet, n.d.
  - “Acupuncture analgesia in the People’s Republic of China”. Kaada, Birger, Erik Hoel, Knut Leseth, Birger Nygaard-Ostby, Johannes Setekleiv, and Jacob Stovner.
    - Reprint personally inscribed by Birna Kaada to M. McGregor, 1974
  - “Acupuncture Anesthesia”. M. McGregor and M.R.Becklake, November 1973.
    - Typed address
  - “Acupuncture. Report Received from Dr. McLennan”, May 1973
    - Typed report
  - Chinese medical reprint. Title unknown, 1972.
  - Chinese medical reprint. Title unknown, 1973

#### **Folder 6: “McGill-China”**

- Names and professional titles of Chinese Friendship Delegation members
  - Includes one of Bethune’s assistants, and a Pharmacist who worked with Bethune according to written notes.

- Press Release Communiqué, October 1975
  - Subject: Chinese Academics Visit Canada
- Group photograph of McGill University faculty and visiting Chinese academics,
  - black and white, 8x10in
  - Taken at McGill University, October 1975
- Informal group photograph of McGill doctors and visiting Chinese doctors, 3.5in x 4.5in
- “Barefoot Doctors Active in Rural Child Health Care”. Woman and Child Care Station, Jutung County, Kiangsu Province. The People’s Republic of China. Peking, October 1974.
  - Inscription: “Presented by Dr. Liu Heiang-yu, VC of Rev. Committee, No.1 Medical College, Shanghai”
- “Child Health Care in New China”. Society of Pediatrics of the Chinese Medical Association. The People’s Republic of China. Peking, October 1974.
  - Inscription: “Presented by Dr. Liu Heiang-yu, VC of Rev. Committee, No.1 Medical College, Shanghai”
- “McGill Symposium on Replantation of Limbs and Digits”. The Royal Victoria Hospital Post-Graduate Board. January 9,10,11, 1974.
  - Programme with handwritten notes and a list of members of the Chinese Medical Association Replantation Delegation.
- “The Medical Post” February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1974.
  - Newspaper includes photographs and article from the McGill Symposium on digit and limb plantation (p.53)
- Typed information on the Peking Language Institute
  - Photocopy
- Typed article “The Green Revolution in the Selfless Society: The China Nixon Won’t See”. Neville Maxwell. 1972.
- “Treatment of Extensive Full-Thickness Burns: Report on Ten Successful Cases”. The Peking and Shanghai Group in the Treatment of Burns. The People’s Republic of China. November 1971.

**Folder 7: “Canadian Association of Asian Studies, MH, May 1975”**

- “Imperialism and Revolution: The Case of the Kailan Mines”. Victor Nee.
  - Typed and photocopied address
- “Women and Human Values in Japan: The Struggle for Change”. Yoko Matsuoka
  - Typed and photocopied address
  - A business card of Yojo Matsuoka is attached to the first page

**Folder 8: “China Press”**

- Various newspaper articles (mostly Canadian press articles about China) dating 1973-1976
  - Notable 2 copies of The Canadian Magazine, Gazette, July 5<sup>th</sup> 1975” with Norman Bethune on the cover page (1 copy in its entirety; 1 partial)
    - Oversized, housed separately in flat grey box, shelf 10/9/2
  - Also included are four photocopied articles: “China’s strategy for development” by Richard Kirby, “Administrative/political structure for planning” by Nick Jeffrey, “Containing the city” by Robin Thompson, and “China: the road to wisdom has no end..” by Sam Webb. N.d., unknown publisher.

**Folder 9: “China General”**

- Chinese papercuts
- Miscellaneous tourist brochures on Chinese agriculture, industry, etc.
- Peking city map
- Shanghai visitors guide
- Copy of *Peking Review*, October 5, 1973

**Folder 10: “China 1970s”**

Various reading materials, including “Medicine in Free China” reprint and “Oriental Renaissance in Education and Medicine” photocopy by Wilder Penfield, and a photocopy of Eastern Horizon on medicine in China

**Folder 11:**

- Programme for McGill Symposium on Replantation of Limbs and Digits, January 9-11, 1974

**Folder 12:**

- Canadian newspaper clippings and American Medical News clippings on China and acupuncture, 1973-1974
- Photocopies of various reading materials