# Maxwell Cohen
# (1910-1998)

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that we record the passing of one of the founding editors of this *Yearbook* and one of the leaders in international law in Canada. Maxwell Cohen contributed the first article to the first volume of the *Canadian Yearbook of International Law*, entitled, "Some Main Directions of International Law: A Canadian Perspective." In it, he surveyed the state of international law practice and scholarship of the time, touching on such issues as boundary rivers, ocean resources, federalism, and the Arctic, and moving more broadly to the United Nations Charter and developments in international organization, to new states in international law, and to developments in economic regulation.

Twenty-five years later, Maxwell Cohen contributed the opening article to the *Yearbook*, returning to the theme of international law in Canada ("The Canadian Yearbook and International Law in Canada after Twenty-Five Years"). Both of these opening articles in the *Yearbook* are quintessentially Cohen — the breadth of interest, the felicitous phrase, the intertwining of the global and the local, and the ability to look ahead and see what existing trends mean for the future. Throughout his career, Maxwell Cohen as scholar and legal practitioner observed the events taking place in the international field and provided insights for us into what they might mean.

Maxwell Cohen was a man of ideas and imagination, a provocative writer, a stimulating colleague, and a humane and passionate believer in the importance of the discipline and practice of international law. His contributions were prodigious and his loss leaves a great gap in the field in Canada. He was a faithful member of the Editorial Board of the *Yearbook* and he will be missed by us all.

Maxwell Cohen's career in its many aspects has been chronicled by Professor R. St. J. Macdonald ("Maxwell Cohen at Eighty: International Lawyer, Educator, and Judge") in the *Canadian Yearbook of International Law*, vol. 27 at pages 3-56.

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