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Dotsenko Applies For Citizenship

REGINA (CP) — Dr. Boris Dotsenko, who defected to Canada while working under a research grant at the University of Alberta, said here he has applied for Canadian citizenship.

Dr. Dotsenko, 41, said his position as research assistant at the University of Alberta's nuclear research centre is a temporary one. His grant runs out at the end of March and he has not yet found a permanent position.

He said he expects a reply to his citizenship application by September.

The former head of the nuclear laboratory at the Kiev state university came to Canada in November, 1966 under a graduate exchange program. His defection ended the program.

Dr. Dotsenko, a Russian nuclear theorist engaged in research to describe the inner structure of atomic nuclei, was in Regina to present a paper to a western regional nuclear conference at the Regina campus, University of Saskatchewan.

I'll Have New Job Soon—Dotsenko

Dr. Boris Dotsenko confirmed Monday he will have a new job "fairly soon."

The Soviet scientist who defected to Canada in October will be out of a job at the University of Alberta by the end of March.

University officials had agreed to retain Dr. Dotsenko after that on a month-to-month basis.

"But I don't think that will be necessary," Dr. John Sample, chairman of the physics department, declared.

He indicated Dr. Dotsenko should have a "stable appointment" soon.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The 41-year-old scientist learned several months ago that the university would not renew his research grant.

He arrived at the U of A in November, 1966, under a graduate exchange program with Kiev State University. When he defected, the exchange was dropped.

Dr. Dotsenko has applied for Canadian citizenship, which he must receive by Sept. 13, when his term of probation with the department of immigration expires.

Dr. Dotsenko, former head of the nuclear laboratory at Kiev University, is doing research on fundamental nuclear processes: basically, how the inner structure of a nucleus relates to its outer action.

It is theoretical work — but the Scientist is attempting to bring his findings down to earth.

"Unlike many theoreticians,"

Dr. Sample said, "Dr. Dotsenko likes numerical computations which can be proved by experiment."

Part of his research is expected to be published in the journal, *Physical Review*, possibly this summer.

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