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Dr. Banks, a Past President of the British Columbia Medical Association, served as Joint President of the CMA and British Medical Association in 1973-74. Throughout his career he was a staunch defender of the medical profession's independence. “Doctors must continue to work primarily for their patients and not for the various levels of government, because the interests of government and those of our patients are not always the same,” he said as he assumed the Joint Presidency. “[We must remain] separate from those that govern us.” In 1998 he was awarded the CMA’s Medal of Service for “exceptional service to the medical profession and the people of Canada.”