

Trade initiative support

After receiving assurances from Mr. Mulroney that the Canada-US talks on a new trade initiative would be consistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and not affect third countries, Mr. Nakasone indicated that he supported the talks.

In his introduction of Mr. Nakasone to the joint session Mr. Mulroney said, "we welcome your support of our trade initiative with the United States, in the knowledge that freer trade between these two partners, the world's most important trading relationship, will lead to trade liberalization among other partners".

Other concerns

The two leaders also addressed several other bilateral and international issues, including arms control, terrorism, East-West relations and the area of tensions within the Asia/Pacific region.

In his speech to the joint session, Mr. Mulroney said that Canada and Japan "have many shared objectives for the economic and diplomatic agenda". He added that the first concern "is our fundamental preoccupation with arms control, with reducing international tensions and reducing nuclear arsenals".

In his speech, Mr. Nakasone said there is reason to believe that the recent summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is the start of a process that will lead to new arms control agreements.

Mr. Nakasone also suggested that Japan and Canada "consult and co-operate even more seriously on such problems as world peace and disarmament and on our policies



Prime Minister Mulroney welcomes Prime Minister Nakasone to Canada.

to achieve prosperity in the developing countries".

The two leaders agreed that senior officials from both countries would start talks before the May summit on arms control and disarmament. They also agreed to the establishment of an annual consultative mechanism on development assistance for the Asia/Pacific region.

Mr. Mulroney called terrorism "a new, insidious threat to stability in the world", and "an international plague that knows and respects no boundaries". He suggested that the seven participants at the Tokyo summit "may yet contemplate effective, co-ordinated action against terrorists of every origin and terrorism in every form".

The two leaders agreed to hold consulta-

tions in the coming months to discuss ways of handling the problem.

Visit to Japan

During Mr. Nakasone's visit, it was confirmed that Mr. Mulroney would pay Japan an official visit, May 6-8, immediately after the economic summit in Japan. One of the priorities during the visit will be the signing of a science and technology agreement.

Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Nakasone also reached agreement on a working holiday agreement between the two countries, where young people between the ages of 18 and 25 years would be able to travel and take jobs in the host country for up to one year. The agreement will take effect this year.

Provincial interests

In his meeting in Toronto with Mr. Peterson, strengthening trade, cultural ties and industrial co-operation dominated the discussion.

The Toronto visit also included meeting with a group of Japanese-Canadians and a tour of the large Northern Telecom plant in Brampton, Ontario, where state-of-the-art telephone switching systems are being manufactured using experimental computerized robots. Northern Telecom recently completed a \$250-million sale of one of their smaller digital switching systems, the DMS-10, to Nippon Telephone in Japan.

In Vancouver, Mr. Nakasone met with Premier William Bennett, who was encouraged by prospects for new developments in resource sales to Japan. He also attended the dedication at the University of British Columbia of a twin chime to the peace bell in Hiroshima. The bell was crafted by Katori Masahiko, a well-known Japanese artist.

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In Toronto, the leaders met a group of Japanese Canadians (left) and attended a dinner with Ontario Premier David Peterson and Mrs. Peterson.