

## Disarmament — Canada contributes to United Nations campaign

The Canadian government will contribute \$100 000 to the United Nations to further the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign.

Two financial contributions totalling \$100 000 will promote research and public information activities being undertaken within the United Nations. The objective of the campaign is a more informed public throughout the world.

Canada will give \$70 000 to the United Nations to make possible wider circulation of the UN Disarmament Yearbook. One of the more ambitious projects undertaken by the UN Secretariat in recent years, the Yearbook is reference for those wishing information about arms control and disarmament issues of multilateral forums. In addition to providing a factual account of deliberations in the UN General Assembly and the UN Disarmament Commission, it also covers the work of the Committee on Disarmament, the multilateral negotiating body in Geneva.

To date the Yearbook has received limited distribution in a number of languages. Canada's contribution will help to reduce its price thereby widening its circulation and enhancing the work of the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs which has primary responsibility for the World Disarmament Campaign.

Canada will also provide \$30 000 to the UN Institute for Disarmament Research to facilitate its work in areas of special Canadian interest such as verification problems in current arms control and disarmament negotiations. Based in Geneva, the institute began to function on a temporary basis after the first UN Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD I) in 1978. The UN General Assembly last autumn passed a resolution, co-sponsored by Canada, which provided for an autonomous institution, working closely with the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs, to undertake independent research on disarmament and related security issues. Its activities are to be funded by voluntary contributions from states as well as private organizations.

Guidelines for the World Disarmament Campaign were agreed to last year at the second UN Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD II). Canada had a leading role in the search for consensus on the guidelines which also provide for

an annual review of its activities. Canada will continue to follow closely developments related to the campaign with a view to determining the most effective ways of further contributing to its objectives.

The Canadian statement on the World Disarmament Campaign at UNSSOD II highlighted the increased attention Canada has been devoting to research and public information activities in Canada in light of the recommendations in the final document of UNSSOD I. Canada attaches the greatest importance to activities under the World Disarmament Campaign being carried out in all regions of the world in a balanced, factual and objective manner.

## Foundation furthers Canada-Asia relations

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has named a committee to organize and seek financial support for the Asia Pacific Foundation for Canada.

The founding committee, announced in Vancouver, March 10, will be chaired by John Bruk of Vancouver. The committee will also comprise 14 members from business, labour, academic and other interests.

The foundation was initially suggested at the first Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference held in 1980. It attracted support in business, academic and government circles as a means of promoting greater knowledge and increased awareness in Canada of Asia and the Pacific region.

Mr. Bruk was asked by the federal government to undertake a study of the feasibility of establishing a foundation. The report submitted last fall, incorporated the results of extensive interviews and research, including several major symposiums sponsored by universities to discuss the idea of a foundation.

## Co-ordinating activities

The foundation, which would be somewhat removed from government, would serve to promote the relationship between Canada and its Pacific partners and would act as a body to co-ordinate Canadian activities in the region.

The federal government will cover the expenses of the committee and will provide funding on a matching basis with other levels of government and private contributions, for at least the first five

years of the foundation's operation.

In announcing the founding committee, Mr. Trudeau said the move to establish the Asia Pacific foundation reflected greater Canadian government attention on Asia and the Pacific region and helped raise Canada's profile in the Pacific Rim, one of the objectives of his recent Asian tour.

The Prime Minister said that the federal government was encouraging Canadian firms to expand links with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations through joint ventures and licensing agreements. The major element of this effort, he said, will centre on the CANEX 83 exhibition to be held in Singapore in June under the auspices of the industrial co-operation program of the Canadian International Development Agency.

In addition, the third Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference will be held in Calgary this October. It will focus on market opportunities in five major industrial and resource sectors for Canadian exporters.

## New defence chief named



Lieutenant-General Gérard C.E. Thériault is to be promoted to the rank of General and will be appointed Chief of the Defence Staff, effective July 1, 1983. Lieutenant-General Thériault, who is currently Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, will replace General Ramsey Muir Withers, who will have completed the normal three-year term of office. During his career, Lieutenant-General Thériault has served with various squadrons in France and West Germany.