

Disarmament ambassador

Douglas J. Roche, Canada's new ambassador for disarmament, will represent Canada at international meetings concerned with arms control and disarmament, particularly the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Disarmament Commission in New York.

He will also attend meetings of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and be the principal contact for Canadian non-governmental organizations and persons interested in arms control and disarmament.

Mr. Roche replaces George Ignatieff, chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Mr. Roche, 55, has had a career in journalism and as a lecturer. He was founding editor of the *Western Catholic Reporter* in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Roche was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 for Edmonton-Strathcona. He was re-elected in 1974, 1979 and 1980.

Career in external relations

Mr. Roche has long been active in external relations and disarmament issues. From 1977 to 1979, he was the opposition spokesman on external affairs.

In 1979, he became chairman of the Progressive Conservative Caucus Committee on External Affairs and was appointed parliamentary secretary to the secretary of state for external affairs.

UN representative

Mr. Roche was a Canadian delegate to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. From 1980 to 1984 he served as the international chairman of Parliamentarians for World Order and in 1980 he was named the vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Task Force on North-South Relations. In 1982, he was appointed a consultant to the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament and, in 1984, he was elected president of the United Nations Association in Canada.

The Peace Award of the World Federalists of Canada was awarded to Mr. Roche in 1983.

Mr. Roche is the author of books and articles on politics, development assistance, and disarmament, including *Justice not Charity: A New Global Ethic for Canada*, *The Human Side of Politics*, and *United Nations: Divided World*.

Alberta-Korea ties celebrated in two countries

Ceremonies commemorating the tenth anniversary of Alberta's special relationship with the Korean province of Gangweon were held in Edmonton on September 26.

A special delegation from Gangweon, headed by the province's vice-governor, Ahn Chee Soon, attended the ceremonies which reciprocated a visit to Gangweon in August by Jim Horsman, Alberta's minister of federal and intergovernmental affairs.

In each of the visits Mr. Horsman and Ahn Chee Soon discussed matters of interest relating to the special relationship and exchanged ideas for increasing activities with various government and civic officials and educators in the provinces. In addition, a number of presentations were made to the host countries.

In the provincial capital of Chuncheon,

Mr. Horsman opened an exhibition of 44 Alberta paintings on display at the Children's Centre gallery. The exhibition was organized and co-ordinated by the Alberta Society of Artists in co-operation with Alberta Culture.

Commenting on the visits, Mr. Horsman said that the provincial government is "pleased with the exchanges that have taken place and are being planned in the areas of education, culture, sports and recreation and particularly agriculture". He added that "trade opportunities increase as a result of the trust generated through the relationship".

The original proclamation of understanding between the countries was signed by Premier Peter Lougheed in 1974. Other formal provincial relationships exist with Hokkaido in Japan and Heilongjiang in China.

Tax treaty ratified between Canada and Egypt



Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark (left) meets with Egyptian Minister of Electricity and Energy during his visit to Ottawa to exchange the instruments of ratification for the tax treaty implemented to avoid double taxation between the two countries.

The Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income between Canada and the Arab Republic of Egypt, that was signed in Cairo on May 30, 1983, came into force on October 2.

The instruments of ratification were exchanged in Ottawa between Canada's Minister for International Trade James Kelleher and the Arab Republic of Egypt's Minister of Electricity and Energy Maher Abaza.

The treaty is patterned on the Model Double Taxation Convention prepared by

the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Treaty provisions that will have effect in Canada are:

- in respect of tax withheld at the source of amounts paid or credited on or after the first day of January 1985; and
- in respect of other Canadian tax for taxation years beginning on or after the first day of January 1985.

The Convention provides necessary tax relief for Canadian companies and individuals operating in Egypt and ensures that their income is not subject to double taxation.