

there is an apparent lack of interest among both the nuclear and near-nuclear nations.

4. "An agreement to limit and then progressively to reduce military spending on new strategic nuclear weapons systems." This too has not happened.

Mr. Trudeau may well tell UNSSOD II of his disappointment that a concept which attracted wide attention, both public and professional, has achieved so little. The reason lies more in the international climate than in the actual measures, which are still valid. He spoke at a time when SALT II seemed a certainty, with further steps to follow. Those dreams have been dashed and arms control has been put on the back burner by many people.

At home, the Canadian government improved its own machinery. Shortly after UNSSOD I, it was announced that the post of Adviser on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs was being revived, and Geoffrey Pearson, son of the late Prime Minister, was appointed to it. This position originated during the Diefenbaker years when it was held by Lt. Gen. E.L.M. Burns. This time, there was a difference. Burns was officially Adviser to the Government and had the right of direct access to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Pearson was simply Adviser and reported through the normal channels of the Department.

Yet this was an important step. Some money was made available for research projects. The Department of External Affairs established a consultative group of non-governmental organizations and inaugurated a semi-annual *Disarmament Bulletin*. In 1980, it was announced that a full-time Ambassador for Disarmament would be appointed and the post was filled by one of Canada's most experienced diplomats, Arthur Menzies. (Mr. Pearson was appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union.)

Canada has, as always, played an active role both in the work of the CD and at the annual session of the General Assembly. For example, at the Assembly's 35th Session in 1980, 43 resolutions covering 20 distinct arms control and disarmament subjects were adopted. Canada was a co-sponsor of nine.