



## Canada Makes Second Contribution to Palme Commission

On July 19, 1985, the then Canadian Ambassador to Austria, Mr. Alan W. Sullivan, presented a cheque for \$25 000 to Mr. Jagge Anderson, Administration Officer of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues (Palme Commission), on behalf of the Government of Canada.

This was the second such contribution made by the Canadian Government to the Palme Commission. An initial contribution of \$160 000 was made in 1981. These contributions reflect the support of the Canadian Government for the Commission's efforts to enhance public awareness of international security and disarmament issues.

The Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, originally set up under the chairmanship of the late Prime Minister Olof Palme of Sweden, was created in 1980 to identify security and disarmament measures that

can contribute to peace in the 1980s and beyond. The membership of the Commission includes representatives of NATO and the Warsaw Pact as well as the neutral and non-aligned countries. Mr. Robert Ford, a former Canadian Ambassador to the Soviet Union and one of Canada's leading experts on East-West relations, is a member of the Commission.

In 1982, the Commission issued its recommendations in a report called *Common Security — A Program for Disarmament*. The Commission's work is continuing with periodic meetings on specific themes in order to offer an independent political forum for the discussion of disarmament issues and to continue the dialogue undertaken during the initial work of the Commission.

The next meeting of the Palme Commission will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in October 1986 and will focus on European security issues.



Mr. Alan W. Sullivan (left), then Canadian Ambassador to Austria, presenting a cheque for \$25 000 to Mr. Jagge Anderson, Administration Officer of the Palme Commission. Mr. Sullivan is now Assistant Deputy Minister for Political and International Security Affairs, Department of External Affairs.

## Ambassador Beesley Addresses Conference on Disarmament

On February 4, Mr. J. Alan Beesley, Canada's Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament, made a major statement to the Conference. Following are excerpts from his statement.

"As we began our deliberations here just a year ago, there was a note of cautious expectation in the air. The governments of the USSR and the USA had only recently agreed to resume negotiations on the central arms control and disarmament issues of our time. Moreover, in taking this step, which entailed considerable statesmanship on each side, the two governments set themselves agreed negotiating objectives which are impressive in their scope and comprehensiveness, namely: 'The prevention of an arms race in space and its termination on earth; the limitation and reduction of nuclear arms; and the strengthening of strategic stability.' They stated as an ultimate goal 'the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.' We, and the watching world, saw a glimmer of hope.

Now, little more than a year later, that flame of hope not only remains alive, but burns a little brighter. Negotiators for the two governments completed three rounds of negotiations in Geneva during 1985. President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev met in Geneva in November and issued an important Joint Statement, affirming *inter alia* the intent to accelerate the work of their negotiations. The fourth round of negotiations is already underway.

Happily, this process has produced more than rhetoric. Detailed and substantive proposals and counter-proposals have been made, reflecting a readiness on both sides to agree to major reductions in their respective nuclear arsenals as a first step towards implementing the agreed negotiating objectives in their entirety. Thus, in the Canadian view, the good faith and serious intent of each of