A program for peace

In addition to Canada's continuous and diverse work for peace during IYP, the government announced a number of new measures and initiated a program of activities reflecting the country's concern for the enhancement of international peace and security.

Modernization of the Yellowknife seismic array:

On February 7, Mr. Clark announced that Canada would provide \$3.2 million over the period 1986-1989 to upgrade the Yellowknife seismic array as a major Canadian contribution to monitoring an eventual comprehensive nuclear test ban (CTB). Mr. Clark said that "modernizing of the seismic array, will enable Canada to contribute to an international system which will constitute an essential monitoring element of a negotiated CTB using the best technology available".

 A contribution of \$10 000 to the IYP Voluntary Trust Fund to support activities undertaken during the year:

This donation, one of the largest made to the Voluntary Trust Fund, was part of Canada's over-all contribution of \$100 000 to the UN World Disarmament Campaign. From the additional \$90 000, the UN Disarmament Yearbook received \$50 000 and the UN Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva received \$40 000 for research on the verification issue. A further \$25 000 was allocated for each of these projects on October 29, 1986.

 A cross-Canada tour by Ambassador for Disarmament Douglas Roche, April 14 to May 2:

Mr. Roche discussed IYP and the disarmament issues with members of the Consultative Group on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs and with interested Canadians.

- A book of essays on the broad themes of IYP by distinguished Canadians.
- An essay competition for Canadians dealing with the theme 'What is peace and what can I do to achieve it' and a poster competition.
- The issuing by the Royal Canadian Mint of a new limited edition \$100 gold coin symbolizing peace.
- The issuing of a commemorative stamp by Canada Post Corporation in the fall of 1986.
- Funding priority through the Disarmament Fund, to projects directly linked to the objectives of IYP:

The Disarmament Fund, which totalled over \$500 000 in the 1985-86 fiscal year, assisted research, meetings, and the dissemination of information on control and disarmament issues by non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals in Canada.

• International Day of Peace ceremony:

A special ceremony commemorating International Day of Peace was held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on September 16. During the ceremony, the Peace Tower carillon rang at the same time as bells in a number of communities across Canada, as part of a "peal for peace" project.

A number of government departments undertook their own programs linked to the themes of IYP. For example, as part of its continuing activities, the Department of National Defence highlighted the IYP in its publications, exhibitions and speaking tours. The role of the Canadian Armed Forces in contributing to peace and Canada's ongoing commitment to peacekeeping were among the featured themes

Dove soaring for peace on embossed stamp



Canada Post Corporation issued a special embossed stamp commemorating 1986 as International Year of Peace on September 16, the International Day of Peace. It is the first time since 1981 that Canada Post has issued a stamp with an embossed image.

Designed by Montreal graphic designer Carole Jeghers, the issue features a stylized dove soaring in space, its wings extended to Earth as if about to embrace the planet.

Canada Post Chairman René J. Marin suggests when using the stamp, "let us heed the advice from the constitution of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: 'since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed'."