

## The Disarmament Fund

- Four hundred women representing women's groups from Canada and throughout the world are meeting at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax in June 1985 to discuss women's alternatives to negotiating peace and to share skills, experience and ideas on alternative ways to resolve conflict and build trust in the world community.
- Scientists at McGill University's Institute of Air and Space Law are undertaking research projects relating to arms control, disarmament and outer space, including the identification of military space activities and the need for an international treaty regulating military space activities.
- The activities of Project Ploughshares in 1985 include research and documentation projects, publications, Disarmament Week activities and a national conference, all linked to the broad theme of "Disarmament and Development."
- The Prairie Christian Training Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan held a "Prairie Region Peacemakers Workshop" in September 1984 to bring together church groups in the Prairie region to discuss peace research and education projects.
- The Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament in Ottawa is involved in a wide range of activities including a research programme, the organization of conferences and seminars, and the promotion of public education on arms control and disarmament issues.
- In May 1985, the Arts Faculty at the University of Moncton is organizing an international conference involving over 500 participants on the themes "La politique, les armes et la paix; le développement et la paix; l'éducation et la paix."
- The Peace Research Institute in Dundas, Ontario does research, publishing and educational activities that are recognized both in Canada and abroad. Among its best-known publications are the *Peace Research Abstracts Journal*, which contains abstracts of articles and books related to a variety of peace issues, and the *Peace Research Reviews*.

These are just some of the 149 groups, organizations and individuals who have received financial assistance to date from the Department of External Affairs Disarmament Fund since its inception in the 1980-81 fiscal year. Through the operation of the Disarmament Fund, the Govern-

