

REPORT OF PUBLIC FORUMS

One purpose of Ambassador Roche's cross-Canada tour was to conduct public forums on the theme of the International Year of Peace. Ten public forums were held in the following cities: St. John's, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Saint John, New Brunswick; Montreal, Québec; Toronto, Ontario; Winnipeg, (Manitoba; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Calgary, Alberta and Victoria, British Columbia.

Public forums were, for the most part, organized by the United Nations Association in Canada; thus, a good part of the audience was drawn from the local UNA and often Canadian Institute for International Affairs membership. As well, forums were advertised in local papers, cable TV channels and by posters. Whilst an attempt was made to draw a broader-based audience, it was fairly clear -- at least from those who asked questions -- that in large part the meetings attracted many who are active members of disarmament organizations.

Public forums were opened with a 20-30 minute introduction by Ambassador Roche in which he outlined the agenda for IYP, Canada's policies in the relevant areas -- with particular emphasis on Canadian policy in the fields of disarmament and development. (For full text, see Appendix "A", Page 62.)

Ambassador Roche's remarks were followed by short responses by two local panelists -- often prominent academics or NGO Members in the local community.

PANELISTS:

St. John's/Newfoundland:	Joanne Harris Prof. Michael Wallack
Halifax/Nova Scotia:	Dr. Margaret Fulton Prof. Denis Stairs
Charlottetown/P.E.I.:	Helen MacDonald Mary Boyd
Saint John/New Brunswick:	Prof. Henry Llambias Dr. Leonard Higgins
Montreal/Quebec:	Ann Gertler Michel Fortmann