

NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE



■ Prior to the meeting of the NATO and Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers and delegates in Ottawa in February to negotiate an Open Skies treaty and give political impetus to the conventional force reductions talks, the Institute organized a media roundtable for members of the working press. Addressing the journalists present, and those from outside Ottawa who joined the discussion via telephone hook-ups, were **David Cox** and **Jane Boulden** of Queen's University, **Fred Bild**, Secretary-General of the conference, **John Noble**, of the Department of External Affairs, **Col. Alain Pellerin** of the Department of National Defence, and **Lt. Col. Gordon Sharpe**, a Research Fellow at the Institute this year, also from the Department of National Defence. **Bernard Wood** chaired the discussion which focussed on the opportunities for confidence-building raised by the proposed treaty, as well as some of the opening national positions, and technical questions.

■ In late February, the Institute hosted a closing reception for delegates to the Open Skies negotiating meeting from participating countries. Budapest is the site of the next round of negotiations, at the end of which it is expected that a treaty will be ready to be signed.

■ "The Future of the United Nations System" is the title of a conference at the University of Ottawa in early January sponsored by the Institute and the Ford Foundation, and organized by a

group including **John Trent** of Ottawa University and **Gene Lyons** of Dartmouth College. A number of papers were prepared for the meetings: they focussed on the policies of a dozen or so different nations towards the United Nations. The papers will be edited and published in book form next year. **Roger Hill**, **Fen Hampson** and **Ron Fisher** of the Institute staff participated in the meetings. New opportunities for conflict resolution by the UN was one of the major themes, stressed especially by Northern developed states. However, representatives from developing nations pointed to the lack of progress in the area of economic development and said that in their view, solutions to those problems were still the most urgent.

■ **Alexander Ognev** of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations in the Soviet Union, and **Gennady Vorontsov** of the United Nations Association of the USSR, were in Canada to attend the conference at the University of Ottawa. The next week they spoke at the Institute about the concept of the Common European House, and well as about the changing policies of the Soviet Union towards the United Nations.

■ "Peace in our Time? A Canadian Agenda into the 1990s" is the title of the Director's Annual

Statement released by **Bernard Wood** at a press conference in early January, and available in a published version at the end of the month. An excerpt from the statement on the subject of Canadian security and defence policy can be found in the Director's report on page 21.

■ **Bernard Wood**, and **Peter Roberts**, a former Canadian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, were the Canadian guests at a high-level conference organized by the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies in Moscow in late January to discuss The Human Dimension of Security and Cooperation in Europe. Participants came from all European states as well as from Canada and the United States. Soviet officials in attendance included the Ministers of Culture and Justice, as well as the Prosecutor-General. Discussions focussed on the idea of the common European home, as well as on the attempt to find a new meanings for the concepts of sovereignty and independence. While in Moscow, Mr. Wood had discussions with **Georgy Arbatov** and **Sergei Plehkanov**, Director and Deputy Director respectively of the Institute of the USA and Canada, and other members of the staff.

■ **Tom Weiss**, formerly executive director of the International Peace Academy in New York and

a member of the United Nations secretariat was a visiting Fellow at the Institute for a week during December. He held a number of meetings with Institute staff and others on questions of peacekeeping, as well as on research needs and opportunities for the UN in the new international climate. While at the Institute, Mr. Weiss wrote an op ed article, published in the *Christian Science Monitor* on 3 January. An article by Mr. Weiss on changing super-power attitudes to the UN can be found on page 8 of this issue of *Peace&Security*.

■ During the winter there were several seminars at the Institute. **Robert Jordan** of the University of New Orleans spoke on recent changes in US maritime strategy. He said that budgetary restraint in the US was likely to have a major effect on the forward maritime strategy of the US Navy. A significant factor limiting this strategy would be the likely reduction of the number of carrier task forces fifteen to twelve. He reiterated the fact that the US Navy still seems uninterested in any form of naval arms control. **Phoebe Marr**, a Senior Fellow with the Strategic Concepts Development Centre at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. led a discussion on post-Khomeini Iran. In mid-February **Peter Hakim**, staff Director of the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington, gave a seminar on the elections in Nicaragua.

■ **Bernard Wood** and **Marie-France Desjardins** participated in a meeting of the consultative group on disarmament and arms control, sponsored by the Department of External Affairs. The major subject for discussion was the nuclear non-proliferation

IN MEMORIAM

Institute staff and friends were profoundly shocked and saddened by the death of Norma Salem on 22 January 1990 in Ottawa. Ms. Salem was a Research Associate at the Institute from September 1988 until the time of her death. She received a Ph.D from McGill University in Islamic Studies, and came to the Institute from the Institut québécois de recherche sur la culture in Montreal. While at CIIPS, Ms. Salem was in charge of a major study on Cyprus, the report of which will be available soon. She had recently begun work on a new project on Lebanon. We join her friends in offering our deep sympathy to her family, and particularly to her son, Omer.