

- The Prairie Christian Training Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan held a "Prairie Region Peacemakers Workshop;"
- Project Ploughshares has undertaken research and documentation projects and publications and a national conference on the broad theme of "Disarmament and Development;"
- The Arts Faculty at the University of Moncton organized an international conference on the themes *La politique, les armes et la paix; le développement et la paix; l'éducation et la paix.*

The External Affairs Department also provides an annual sustaining grant of \$100,000 to the privately-created Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament to assist it in its public information and research activities. As well, the new Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security has been allocated annual funds which will increase from \$1.5 to \$5 million over the next five years. Under the guidance of a board of 15 distinguished Canadians, chaired by William Barton, and its Executive Director, Geoffrey Pearson, the Institute will finance and conduct research and information programmes designed to raise the level of public knowledge and discourse on the entire range of questions relating to international peace and security.

The Government is directly helping U.N. efforts to develop public support for disarmament through contributions to the World Disarmament Campaign. Canada is one of the few countries to have contributed twice to the World Disarmament Campaign. This includes contributions of \$100,000 in 1983 and \$100,000 again in 1984.

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The peace movement in Canada is in a privileged position. The democratic nature of our political system means that government is both sensitive and responsive to the opinions of the public — not the case in many parts of the world. This places a special responsibility on the peace movement in Canada, not only to air its concerns but also to give the Government the best advice it possibly can on questions relating to arms control and disarmament. In order to accomplish this task, the peace movement must continue to be informed and balanced in its opinions, as well as active and vocal in making its concerns widely known.