

# MOSAIC

## NATO: Forty Years Young!

When the Right Honourable Lester Pearson, then Minister of External Affairs, signed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Agreement in 1949, he stated: "*This treaty, though born out of fear and frustration, must, however, lead to positive social, economic and political achievements which will extend beyond the time of emergency which gave it birth, or the geographic area which it now includes.*"

Today NATO provides for the common security of over 600 million people in 16 nations on both sides of the Atlantic. The modern era is marked by conflict, yet Europe, the region with the highest concentration of sophisticated weaponry in the world, is enjoying the longest sustained period of peace and stability since the height of the Holy Roman Empire. That peace was made possible through NATO's persistent commitment to pursue complementary goals: first to maintain adequate defenses to deter aggression; second, to control and limit armaments through carefully negotiated and verifiable agreements; and third, to constantly promote dialogue with the countries of Eastern Europe.

## CANADA'S YOUTH - Ready For Today: A Comprehensive Survey Of 15 - 24 Yr. Olds

Over 2100 interviews were done across the country by Gallup poll. Findings of the survey are highlighted in this report. It discusses such things as goals, values, sources of enjoyment, personal concerns, substance use, family, education, employment, religion and relationships.

*Copies are available at the Posting Services Centre, ABC.*

## CHILDREN ABROAD

A Guide For Families Travelling Overseas  
Dr. Joe Losos, Dr. Alistair Clayton, Nancy Gerein, Ruth Wilson 1986 130 pages  
Deneau Publishers, Toronto, Ontario.

Each year thousands of Canadian families travel overseas for extended periods of time, often to developing countries and the tropics. For these families, *Children Abroad* is an indispensable guide to health and safety. Clear and sensible, it is written and compiled by four dedicated specialists with extensive experience in foreign health and living conditions. It is based not only on expert knowledge, but on years of experience dealing with the problems of foreign living. It answers questions about health preparation, schooling, legal and financial arrangements, safety, illness, medical needs and overseas adoption, with a final chapter on coming home.

*Children Abroad* is a must for parents who will be living with their children in developing countries. However, every parent who is travelling with children to any foreign destination, for any length of time, will find it an essential travelling handbook.

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## Our Canadian Students and the Sciences

Rotational Foreign Service employees travelling from one continent to another find it difficult to evaluate or receive an objective judgment on Canadian teaching. Last February, the international mathematics and science tests participants included the U.K., Ireland, Spain, the U.S., Korea and Canada, represented by B.C., N.B., Ont. and Qué. We were pleased to find that Quebec ranked second behind Korea in mathematics, and B.C. was second in science. The tests were designed for 13-year olds. Congratulations!

