

### SUMMARY

In support of the wish of the Government that Canadians be kept informed on matters of arms control and disarmament, Douglas Roche, Ambassador for Disarmament, travelled across Canada December 1-16, 1987 to address the issue: "Beyond the Summit -- the Future of Disarmament".

Ambassador Roche was accompanied by LCol. Alex Morrison (Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York); Mr. Paul Bennett (Arms Control and Disarmament Division, External Affairs); and Mr. Firdaus Kharas (Executive Director, United Nations Association in Canada). The tour was organized by the United Nations Association of Canada with a contract from the Department of External Affairs. The last such tour on the subject of Disarmament and Development was conducted by Ambassador Roche from April 13 to May 2, 1986.

The aims of the tour were:

- to reaffirm Canada's role in the international arms control and disarmament process;
- to set out the Canadian view of the Washington Summit and its implications for the future of disarmament;
- to provide an opportunity for a productive exchange of opinion on disarmament issues, with special reference to the forthcoming U.N. Third Special Session on Disarmament.

To accomplish these aims, the Ambassador held a total of 12 public fora in all 10 provinces (each organized by the local branch of the UN Association in Canada), spoke at six business luncheons hosted by Rotary clubs, gave background briefings to 14 editorial boards of daily newspapers, was interviewed 46 times by representatives of newspapers and radio and television stations, and spoke at high schools. It is estimated that he came into direct contact with more than 1,800 Canadians and reached 6,900,000 people indirectly through media events.