

Canada Accedes to the Antarctic Treaty

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced on May 4, 1988 Canada's accession to the Antarctic Treaty.

The Antarctic Treaty System provides a legal regime designed to freeze all territorial claims to Antarctica, preserve the delicate Antarctic environment and its living resources, and

promote the peaceful use and development of Antarctica.

In making the announcement, Mr. Clark said that Canada, as a leading Arctic state and a major player in polar science and technology, was taking its place among countries with a strong interest in Antarctic matters. "Canada wishes to endorse a Treaty that has created the world's sole, effective non-militarized

area," he said. "Canada is acutely aware of the uniqueness of the Antarctica and will, through accession to the Treaty, be better able to work for the protection of its sensitive environment and dependent ecosystems," he continued. Canada will also initiate the steps necessary to accede to the conventions associated with the Treaty.

Canada has supported the Antarctic Treaty System in the past and has spoken out in its favour in the United Nations. □

Appointments to CIIPS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, has recently announced the appointment of a new Executive Director and four new Board members of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS).

On August 11, 1988, Mr. Clark announced the appointment of Mr. Bernard Wood as Executive Director and Member of the Board of Directors of CIIPS. The appointment is for a five-year term, commencing February 1, 1989. Mr. Wood is the founding and current Director and Chief Executive Officer of the North-South Institute in Ottawa, established in 1976 as a non-profit policy research organization concerned with the relationships between industrialized and developing countries. In diverse other

capacities, he has rendered valued public service both nationally and internationally, including as Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of Canada to leaders of Commonwealth States preparatory to Heads of Government meetings on Southern Africa from 1985-86.

In announcing this appointment, Mr. Clark expressed his deep appreciation to Mr. Geoffrey Pearson first and current Executive Director, for his imagination, skill and dedication in presiding over and effectively guiding the activities of the Institute in its critically important early years.

Mr. Clark observed that, "Under the capable direction of Mr. Pearson, the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security has already become a well-established and respected institution, which is making a valued contribution to the quality of discussion in Canada on international peace and security issues.... Under the direction of Mr. Wood, already widely respected for his experience with and knowledge of the complexities of the international scene, the Institute will build on its strengths and fully meet the purposes for which it was established by Parliament."

Also recently joining the 17-member Board of Directors for a three-year term were:

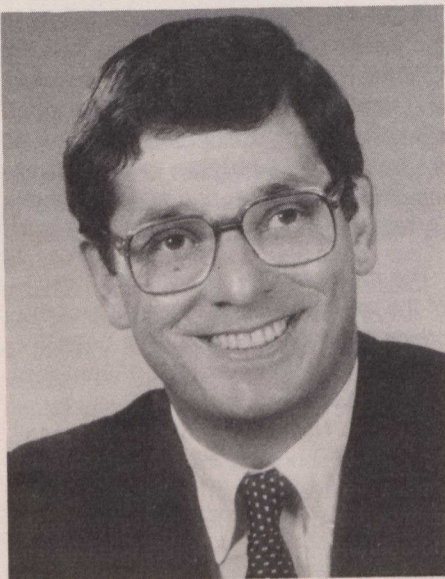
Dr. Edward Green, Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.

Dr. Orest Cochkanoff, Consulting Engineer and former Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Technical University of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

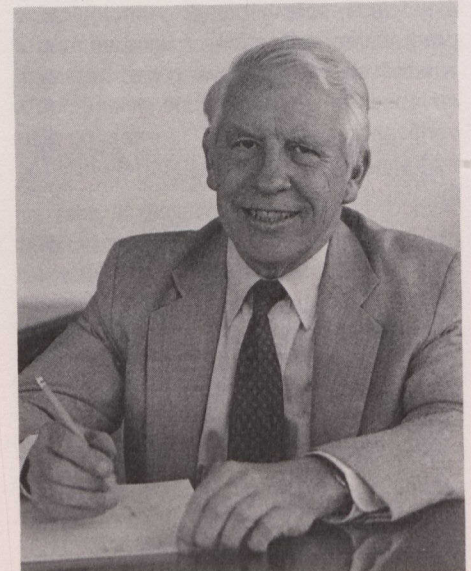
Vice-Admiral Harry Porter (retired) CD, marine consultant, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ms. Mary Simon, President, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Kuujuaq, Quebec.

The Institute was formally established on August 15, 1984 with the support of all parties, and reports annually to Parliament. The purpose of the Institute is to increase knowledge and understanding of the issues relating to international peace and security from a Canadian perspective, with particular emphasis on arms control, disarmament, defence and conflict resolution. For further information, the Institute can be contacted at 360 Albert Street, Suite 900, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 7X7, telephone (613) 990-1593. □



CIIPS Executive Director designate, Mr. Bernard Wood.



Mr. Geoffrey Pearson, current CIIPS Executive Director.