

- May 18-20** Thirteenth meeting (Meech Lake).
- April 27-30** Twelfth meeting (Ottawa).
- April 13** At a meeting in Washington, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association issue a joint statement endorsing "a balanced and comprehensive trade agreement between the U.S. and Canada that would be mutually advantageous to both countries."
- April 9-10** Eleventh meeting (Washington).
- April 5-6** President Reagan visits Ottawa and praises free trade proposal, saying it "would establish the largest free trade area in the world, benefitting not only our two countries but setting an example of co-operation to all nations that now wrestle against the siren temptation of protectionism." He committed himself and the resources of his Administration "to good faith negotiation that will make this visionary proposal a reality." On this, he promised, "the Canadian people and the members of Parliament have my word."
- April 1-3** At their annual meeting, in Phoenix, the Canada-U.S. Relations Committee of the Canadian and U.S. Chambers of Commerce promised to promote a free trade agreement in their respective countries. The meeting also passed resolutions in support of a comprehensive agreement.
- March 19** The Canadian Alliance for Jobs and Trade Opportunities (CAJTO), an independent and non-partisan alliance to promote free trade within Canada is established with Peter Loughheed and Donald Macdonald as co-chairmen.
- March 16** House of Commons debate on Trade Negotiations. Spokesmen for all three parties, including the