

Forces Technical Services Agency in Toronto. The team will fly in a Canadian Forces aircraft to Czechoslovakia on Wednesday, June 14, from Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Lahr in the Federal Republic of Germany. There, in accordance with the Stockholm Document, the team will inspect the Czechoslovakian military operations, using host nation vehicles and aircraft.

At the completion of the 48-hour period, the team will return to CFB Lahr, where it will write a report which will be forwarded to all nations who are signatories to the Stockholm Accord.

This inspection constitutes the first time Canada has availed itself of the rights granted under the Stockholm Document. It demonstrates Canada's firm commitment to the confidence- and security-building measures adopted in the Stockholm Document, and our conviction that by their implementation, these measures serve to strengthen confidence in Europe, giving expression to the duty of States to refrain from the use of force.

Numerous inspections by member states of NATO and the Warsaw Pact have taken place over the past two and a half years, firmly establishing the principle that on-site inspections can be politically uncontroversial and make a positive contribution to the transparency of military activity in Europe.

Under the challenge inspection provision of the Stockholm document, a reply from the receiving state is required within 24 hours of the receipt of an inspection request. Within 36 hours after the issuance of the request, the inspection team will be permitted to enter the territory of the receiving state. The inspection team consists of no more than four inspectors who are allowed 48 hours to complete their task. The receiving state supplies both ground and air transportation, as well as communications facilities to the team during the inspection. Board and lodging are also provided to the team. After the inspection is completed, a report is prepared by the inspecting state that is distributed to all CSCE participating states.

It was agreed by Ministers earlier this year that given Canada's interest and recognized expertise in the field of verification, that this country could contribute

constructively to this on-going confidence-building process by conducting a challenge inspection under the provisions of the Stockholm Document. On June 12th, Canada addressed a request to the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to inspect a military exercise, notified under the terms of the Stockholm Document. The inspection of this military activity is intended to reinforce Canada's commitment to the measures of the Stockholm Document. It is our conviction that by their implementation, these measures

serve to strengthen confidence in Europe, giving expression to the duty of states to refrain from the use of force. It is incumbent upon Canada to continue to play an active role in negotiations on confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) working to achieve improved openness regarding military forces and their activities. Canada's experience in the field of verification, augmented by this inspection, will allow us to better contribute to the design and implementation of the means to verify future agreements. □

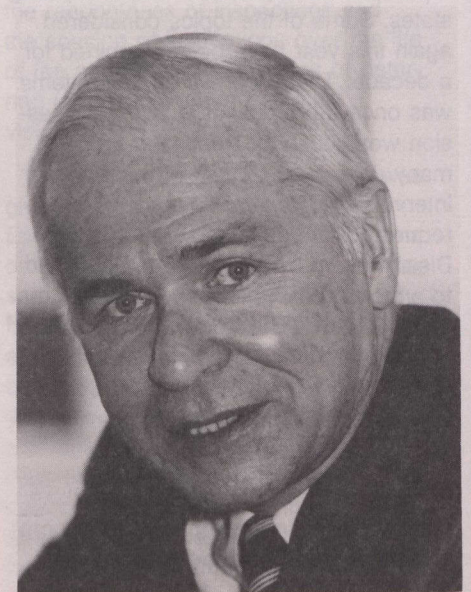
Departure of Ambassador for Disarmament

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, recently announced the departure of Douglas Roche on the completion of his term as Ambassador for Disarmament. Mr. Roche has served the cause of arms control and disarmament with dedication and effectiveness, Mr. Clark stated, and the Government counts on his continuing advice.

Mr. Roche was appointed to the position of Ambassador for Disarmament in October 1984. In that position, he has served each year as the Head of the Canadian Delegations to the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and to the United Nations Disarmament Commission. A highlight of his term as Ambassador for Disarmament was his successful chairmanship of the First Committee of the 43rd United Nations General Assembly in 1988.

Mr. Roche also served with distinction as Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Third Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1985, and as Deputy Head of the Canadian Delegations to the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development in 1987 and to the Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament in 1988.

His role as the Government's principal point of contact with Canadian non-government organizations and members of the public interested in issues relating



Mr. Douglas Roche, Ambassador for Disarmament.

to arms control, disarmament, peace and security was pursued with tireless dedication and patience. It was under Mr. Roche's direction that the Consultative Group on Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs became a knowledgeable and effective mechanism for the frank exchange of views between Government officials and interested members of the public.

The nomination of a successor is expected shortly. Meanwhile, the Minister said that Mr. Roche has agreed to remain in the position until the summer, in order to facilitate the transition. □