

seek to broaden the perspective of everyone's thinking, so that the new concept of the "common ground" of all nations on this one planet can lead to a better system of collective security.

The world is at a transition moment in the human journey. We must learn how to live -- and survive -- together in the interdependent age. Let no one in the peace movement think that the Canadian government is not fully aware of the necessity of building the international system so that it can provide some guarantees of safety and security. But there are no "quick fixes." And those who are scornful of an "inch by inch" approach, in which small solid gains replace the illusion of rhetorical success, should re-examine the needs of the modern world. The balance of nuclear terror must be replaced by a system of true collective security.

The work in the field of arms control and disarmament is tortuous, slow and many times frustrating. However, as the Throne Speech of November 5, 1984, stated:

"Patience and perserverance we will need, for in this endeavour even the smallest progress is worthy of the greatest efforts."

The Government needs the constructive criticism and creative contribution of the peace movement. In order to help develop a better climate of understanding and encourage more people to become informed and involved in these questions, the Department of External Affairs established the Disarmament Fund in 1979; it stands at \$750,000 for 1985. The fund is available to assist interested non-governmental organizations, academic and public interest groups and individuals produce publications on disarmament, establish information centres and prepare conferences, seminars and meetings, such as the one sponsored by the coalition of Canadian Women's Groups. The Disarmament Fund has so far assisted 138 different organizations and individuals in this way. The Disarmament Fund will help all of us in moving forward, together, in finding achievable ways of ending the arms race and beginning the process of disarmament.

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