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## Prime Minister reports on his six-nation "pilgrimage of peace"

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has urged that a conference of the five nuclear powers be held as soon as possible in the new year, aimed at thwarting what he called "the mindless drift toward nuclear war", writes Victor Malarek in *The Globe and Mail*.

In his first speech since he returned to Canada from his self-styled "pilgrimage of peace" to six West European countries in four days, Mr. Trudeau outlined details of his talks with world leaders and said he had started consultations with China and the Soviet Union.

He told supporters attending a Liberal fund-raising luncheon in Montreal, November 13, that he was "profoundly encouraged" by the extent to which his proposals were received and said he would continue his quest for peace with a forthcoming visit to Japan. He will then travel to India to attend a meeting of Commonwealth heads of government to discuss peace and security issues.

"I can also announce that, in addition to consultations under way with the United States, I have initiated consultations with the Soviet Union and with China," Mr. Trudeau said.

### Elements of program

In his discussions with European leaders, the Prime Minister said he proposed elements of a program "for political management of the current crisis".

The first element, he said, was the need to establish a forum in which "global limits might be negotiated for all five nuclear-weapons states" — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

"What we must seek to provide is a negotiating forum for those five states, which recognizes the rights of the United



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States and the Soviet Union as strategic equals...and which provides a mutually acceptable and stable framework for the relationship between the forces of the other three states and those of the superpowers," he said.

"In this way, neither Britain, nor France, nor China need fear that their forces will be subject to restraints which do not recognize their own national interests."

A second element proposed by the Prime Minister is for remedial action "to shore up the non-proliferation treaty".

Mr. Trudeau said that if the five nuclear powers could begin to strengthen their side of the non-proliferation treaty, "then the rest of us could more easily bring good sense to bear on those who have not yet signed. No doubt we need to increase the incentives to the Third World states to forego nuclear weapons. There must be a direct linkage between disarmament and development".

Throughout his talks with European



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