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## Trade envoy

Simon Reisman, a veteran Canadian negotiator, has been appointed Canada's ambassador and chairman of the Preparatory Committee for Trade Negotiations. He will report to the new Cabinet Sub-Committee of Priorities and Planning on Trade Negotiations chaired by Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.

In the announcement on November 28, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said that Mr. Reisman's appointment and the establishment of the new sub-committee were made to ensure that the Canadian government is "fully prepared for the commencement of negotiations" with the US on a "new comprehensive bilateral trade agreement aimed at reducing trade barriers, and securing and enhancing access to each other's markets".

## Canada-US ministers foster closer trade ties

In their regular quarterly meeting held in Calgary, Alberta, October 27-28, Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark and United States Secretary of State George Shultz reviewed important bilateral and international issues including acid rain, nuclear waste disposal sites, the clean-up of the Niagara River and the renewal of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) agreement. The new trade initiative announced by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on September 26 (see *Canada Reports*, October 23, 1985) was the major topic of discussion. Mr. Shultz welcomed the initiative and indicated that he thought it would "be possible to begin formal bilateral negotiations in early 1986".

Speaking at the luncheon to honour Mr. Shultz, Mr. Clark emphasized the importance of bilateral trade, which exceeded \$150 billion last year, and the need to enlarge it. Following are excerpts from Mr. Clark's speech:

Canada and the United States are good neighbours. We have been good neighbours for more than a century and we hope that we shall always set an example to the world of how civilized peoples can live together. But just as in private life, friendship is a thing which must be cultivated if it is to endure, so between nations there must be a continuous effort towards a better understanding. That is the purpose of our talks here in Calgary....

No two countries in the world have more

in common. The test of our friendship is the way we assert our common interest, and respect our differences.

### Common goals

As independent nations enjoying joint tenancy of the richest continent on the globe, we have been inspired by a common heritage, by a common commitment to peace and freedom. As societies, we each stand for freedom. That is our conviction for our-

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Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark (right) and US Secretary of State George Shultz outline some of the bilateral and international issues discussed in Calgary.



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