US Secretary of State in town

US Secretary of State George Shultz was in Ottawa October 24-25, for meetings with Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan MacEachen. This was Mr. Schultz's first official bilateral visit abroad since his appointment as Secretary of State. While he had been to Canada earlier in the month for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Foreign Ministers' meeting on October 2-3, the context then was multilateral rather than bilateral.

During the Ottawa visit, the two ministers had ample opportunity to discuss the bilateral relationship in depth. As a means of advancing the acid rain issue, they agreed that each side would prepare a position paper by the end of the year. Much of the discussion of bilateral issues was taken up with economic and trade questions. There was a recognition that Protectionist pressures have been building in both countries, and agreement that those pressures should be stoutly resisted. Canada and the USA enjoy the largest bilateral trading relationship in the world and have the most to lose from protectionism. Secretary Shultz gave assurances that the Administration did not espouse "sectoral reciprocity" as US trade policy.

Considerable attention was paid to the need for effective management of bilateral relations, especially in view of the current economic difficulties. It was agreed that the two ministers would meet



Prime Minister Trudeau (left) and US Secretary of State Shultz attend luncheon.

frequently, both to give impetus to solving individual problems and to give over-all direction to the management of the bilateral relationship.

The two ministers discussed at length the world economic situation and the international trading and payments system. They reviewed the situation prevailing in the International Monetary Fund. They also reviewed the preparations for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) ministerial meeting in November, which Mr. Mac-Eachen will be chairing. The USA and Canada share a common desire that the GATT meeting set a forward-looking

agenda for continued trade liberalization in the 1980s.

The international issues discussed by the two ministers focused on the Middle East, on East-West relations, including preparations for the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe meeting in Madrid, and on "summitry". Prime Minister Trudeau discussed the Williamsburg Summit with Secretary Shultz. The Canadian side was encouraged by Secretary Shultz's account of the progress made so far in furtherance of President Reagan's proposals for peace in the Middle East. Canada has been strongly supportive of the US peace initiative.

New High Commissioner in London

Donald Jamieson, former Cabinet minister for 11 years, has been appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Britain.

The announcement from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's office indicated that Mr. Jamieson would succeed the present High Commissioner in London Jean Wadds, on January 4.

Mr. Jamieson said he expected to focus on trade matters in his new post. "I want to increase our association on an economic basis with the United Kingdom and through that with the European Community," he said. He also wants to strengthen Commonwealth relations.

Mr. Jamieson was born in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1921. Before his first election to the federal government as the Liberal Party representative for Burin-Burgeo, Newfoundland in 1966, he



Former Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson is Canada's new High Commissioner in London.

worked as a journalist, a radio and television commentator and a broadcasting executive.

Mr. Jamieson served in Parliament until 1979 and held various Cabinet positions including: Minister of Defence Production, Minister of Transport, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, and Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In 1976 he was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs and during his term of office he made official visits to countries in Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. He was also a member of the Canadian delegation to the Economic Summit meeting in London in May 1977, and participated in a number of international conferences.

In May 1979, Mr. Jamieson became leader of the Liberal Party in Newfoundland and after the Tory election victory that same year he retired from politics.