

## SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOE CLARK

Born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939, Joe Clark holds a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Alberta, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick.

A former journalist and political advisor, Mr. Clark was first elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1972. He has been re-elected to the House in all successive general elections up to and including 1988.

On February 22, 1976 he was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party. He was sworn in as Prime Minister on June 4, 1979, following the May 22 general election. His government was defeated at the polls on February 18, 1980.

Mr. Clark has focused his attention on returning Canada to its traditional role of consistent and constructive internationalism since his appointment in 1984 and re-appointment in 1988 as Secretary of State for External Affairs. He is also Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Foreign and Defence Policy.

