

Message of UN support

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark sent a message of congratulations on behalf of Canada, to UN Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, to mark the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on October 24.

Mr. Clark praised Mr. Cuéllar's initiative in urging member states to recommit themselves to the principles of the UN Charter and said "Canada views this anniversary as an opportunity for strengthening the UN".

The message continues:

"We have been seeking practical ways to do this, among which we count the refocussing of the UN's political mandate in its political organs, improving the UN's management, and rationalizing the work of the Security Council and the General Assembly. To succeed will require the united effort of all member states to strengthen the UN and its system."

Disarmament week

With the start of UN Disarmament Week on October 24, Mr. Clark also issued a statement renewing Canada's commitment to the pursuit of progress in the arms control and disarmament field. "This will continue to be a matter of the highest priority for the Canadian government," he said.

He stressed that there is renewed hope for the negotiating process as a means of establishing international peace and security. Canada is committed to that process he said and has developed a Program of Action to develop practical solutions to specific negotiating problems and intensify "communication at the political level in support of positive and serious negotiations".

The statement continues: "Our objective in this respect is clear. We want to eliminate the danger of war in the nuclear age. Our aim is no less than to help ensure the survival of mankind."

Canadian programs

Mr. Clark added that the government will increase public awareness in Canada through the Disarmament Fund, which totals \$700 000; the Consultative Group on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs, which meets regularly with the Ambassador for Disarmament Douglas Roche; and a new publication the *Disarmament Bulletin*.

At the international level, Canada will again this year support the objectives of the United Nations' World Disarmament Campaign through a contribution of \$100 000. Canada has made two previous contributions of \$100 000 each.

Quebec-New England power pact



Quebec Premier Pierre Marc Johnson (right) shakes hands with New Hampshire Governor John Sununu after signing the Hydro-Quebec contract in Montreal.

Hydro-Quebec signed a multi-billion-dollar contract in Montreal on October 14, to sell 70 billion kilowatt-hours of guaranteed energy to the New England Power Pool over ten years beginning in 1990.

The signing of the contract, the largest sales commitment in Hydro-Quebec's history, followed an agreement in June 1984, between the Quebec-owned utility and the

New England states. The contract also follows another signed in March 1983, for the sale of 33 billion kilowatt-hours of surplus electricity over 11 years, starting in 1986.

Under the contract the New England utilities will pay for seven billion kilowatt-hours in each year of the decade. Hydro-Quebec estimates its gross revenue from the contract will be about \$3 billion (US).

Petroleum products in Perth

Twenty-four Canadian companies representing the country's petroleum industry will present the latest advances in equipment as well as expert consulting services in all areas of oil and gas engineering at PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY AUSTRALIA '85 in Perth, November 26 to 29.

The products on display will include oceanographic mapping and environmental services; mobile radio systems; skimmers for oil-spill clean-up; hyperbaric chambers; safety and survival systems; and computer systems for central monitoring and control from wellhead to terminal. Heavy equipment manufacturers will display oil well drilling and servicing rigs, pumps and compressors, converters, inverters, turbines and other industry-related machinery. Canadian innovations include a high impact welding process for large-size high-pressure gas transmission pipes and diving suits for use in depths up to 225 metres without decompression requirements.



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