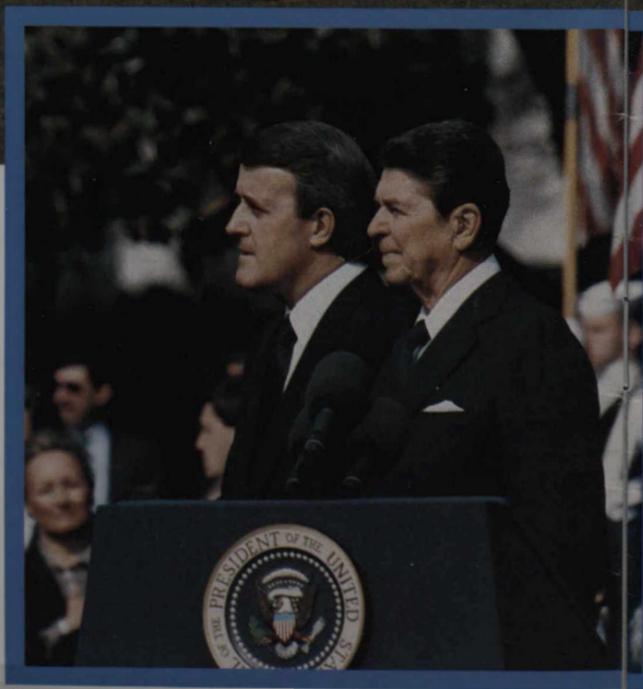




THE SUMMIT 1986

ON MARCH 18 and 19 President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney met in Washington for their second annual summit. The first was held last year in Quebec City on St. Patrick's Day and called the Shamrock Summit. It was remarkably productive. The principals had much more in common than their Irish ancestry. They put in train important new



Alan Hagman, The White House

initiatives in defence, trade and the environment and invested the historic friendship of the United States and Canada with new vigour.

They also agreed to meet at least once a year, a unique commitment by both.

This year's summit focused on three specific issues: the search for solutions to a common problem, acid rain; the exploration of a major realignment and enhancement of trade; and the continuation of the mutual defence treaty, NORAD.

In this issue of *Canada Today/d'aujourd'hui* we report on the activities and accomplishments.



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TUESDAY

HIGH ALTITUDE meetings in Geneva can be as cool as a climb up the face of an Alp. This spring's Canadian-United States summit in Washington was as warm as a stroll along the crest of a Blue Ridge Mountain.

It began early on March 18, under a brilliant blue sky, with Prime Minister and Mrs. Mulroney and President and Mrs. Reagan up on a platform on the big back lawn of the White House, shaking hands and calling each other by their first names.

Hundreds of men, women and children waved small maple leaf flags, and American soldiers, sailors, marines and coast-guardsmen carrying state, provincial and national flags stood in a line across the vast green lawn. Up above the tops of the magnolia trees, on the White House's second-storey balcony, trumpeters blared, and down on the grass guns boomed and bands played the national anthems.

"Bienvenue à Washington," the President

said to the Mulroneys before touching lightly on the three points up for consideration.

"Our citizens have grown to expect positive results," he said.

Prime Minister Mulroney recalled that he had made his first official trip to Washington a few days after he had taken office, and he and President Reagan had then agreed to meet annually.

"So we met one year ago yesterday, on a cold day in Quebec City. You wore a green tie—and we launched a new era in our relations."



Andrew Clark, Prime Minister's Office

The four principals then sat down while the bands played and the cannons boomed, a development that excited ABC correspondent Sam Donaldson, who said the President and other visiting heads of government had always remained standing from the beginning of the opening ceremonies to the end. *The Washington Post* reported the next day that he was right—the chairs were for the convenience of the Prime Minister who had a minor infection of the inner ear.