

That is a challenge which growing numbers of Canadians from coast-to-coast have taken up in recent years. Indeed, one of the most encouraging developments today is the worldwide awakening of the public. This has manifested itself most dramatically in the peace movement, protesting the ceaseless layers added to the nuclear mountain.

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, warning the U.N. General Assembly on September 25 that the nuclear build-up threatens the existence of human society, made it clear that Canada is determined to play a leading role in the search for peace and disarmament. He promised that Canada would use its influence to reverse the nuclear build-up and reduce the danger of destruction. "That will be a constant, consistent, dominant priority of Canadian foreign policy," he said.

Mr. Clark immediately followed up this statement with very clear and straightforward guidelines to his staff around the world. In a message to all Canadian missions abroad, he told them:

"Canada must build on its traditional role as a seeker and keeper of peace. We must continue to exercise leadership wherever and whenever it will be effective in the unwavering search for peace and disarmament."

And he added:

"There can be no higher priority for us in conducting Canadian foreign policy."

At the United Nations, Mr. Clark indicated that Canada would continue to put its energies to work for the world. This declaration reinforced the assurance which Prime Minister Mulroney