



■ Southern Africa was the focus of a good deal of Institute attention during the past few months. Stopping in London on his way to Zimbabwe, **Bernard Wood** gave a seminar on Canadian policy in Southern Africa at the Institute for Commonwealth Studies. The presentation will be published in the Commonwealth journal, *Round table*. In Harare, he spoke to the Canada-Zimbabwe Society on the effects of changes in Eastern Europe on developing countries, warning against the danger of the Third World becoming the new arms market for weapons systems now being removed from Europe as a result of the thaw in East-West relations.

In Mozambique Mr. Wood participated in a conference at the Institute for International Relations on the prospects for peace in the region. While the destabilization campaign by South Africa has lessened considerably, the rural areas of Mozambique are ravaged by violence, brutality and banditry. The possible applicability of some parts of the CSCE process to Southern Africa was one of the themes he raised for discussion at the conference.

He spent several days in South Africa talking with politicians, officials, journalists, diplomats and academics about the exciting developments in that country. "De Klerk and Mandela are now married", he said, "with all that such a union implies. They are at the centre of the political spectrum – a fragile centre – and have had to forsake all others on their respective margins."

On his return to Canada, Mr. Wood gave a press briefing at the Institute, and participated in various activities at the time of the Mandela visit to Canada, including providing commentary for

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Cherkasov, a geographer, is very interested in the non-military aspects of Canadian and Soviet northern development. At the end of his research in Canada, he gave a seminar at the Institute on prospects for cooperation in the north between the two countries.

■ Five members of the UN Association of China visited the Institute in late June to exchange views on Canadian and Chinese foreign policy.

■ **Katherine Laundry** and **Susan Connell** participated in meetings

Party Consultants in International Conflict Resolution." Dr. Fisher also gave workshop at the Institute on his on-going work in the same fields.

■ **Bernard Wood** spoke at a conference at Montebello sponsored by York University and the Institute on security in South-East Asia. He addressed a workshop in Mont Tremblant convened by the Centre of Research and Development in the Department of National Defence: his topic was "Current and Long-Range World Relations." And he gave the key-note speech at the annual meeting of The Peace Centre in St. John's Newfoundland on alternative security policies for Canada and their implications for disarmament, development and the environment.

■ There were a number of staff changes during the summer: **Gordon Sharpe**, a DND Fellow for the past year, was promoted to full Colonel in June and returned to National Defence Headquarters to become Director, Doctrine Coordination and Development. **Ron Fisher**, who spent the first year of a sabbatical from the University of Saskatchewan at the Institute, will spend the next year at Carleton University. **Fen Hampson**, a half-time research associate at the

Major International Conference on Soviet Affairs in Ottawa

■ A major international conference on the Soviet Union will take place in Ottawa in late November 1990, involving some of the world's leading experts on Soviet affairs and East-West relations.

Titled *The Changing Soviet Union: Implications for Canada and the World*, the conference will provide over the course of two-and-a-half days from 26 to 28 November, in-depth analysis and expert opinion on a wide range of topics, including "The Soviet Economy: Prospects for Perestroika"; "The Climate for Trade and Investment"; "Rethinking the East-West Balance"; and "Soviet Power in a Changing World."

Among the featured speakers from abroad will be **Vitaliy Korotich**, the editor of *Ogonyok*, a leading reformist Soviet weekly; **Vladimir Popov**, the author of *The Turning Point*, a radical exposé of the immense economic problems facing the Soviets; **Anders Aslund**, a Swedish economist and author of what the *New York Times* calls the authoritative book on Gorbachev's struggle for economic reform; international journalists **Martin Walker** of the *Manchester Guardian* and **Christoph Bertram** of *Die Zeit*; **Vladislav Malkevich**, President of the USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Michael Sturner**, a prominent German commentator on international affairs; **Goran Ennerfelt**, a leading Swedish businessman who heads the world's largest trading company with the Soviet Union; and **Georgi Arbatov**, the Director of the Institute for USA and Canada in the Soviet Academy of Sciences – along with many others.

The conference fee of \$385.00 includes three lunches and two dinners. Dinner speakers – as yet unconfirmed – are expected to be **Aleksandr Yakovlev**, Soviet Politburo member and former Ambassador to Canada, and **Zbigniew Brzezinski**, former National Security Adviser to the President of the United States.

The conference is co-sponsored by the PARLIAMENTARY CENTRE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE, the CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, and the CANADA-USSR BUSINESS COUNCIL. For registration, please contact the Parliamentary Centre, 275 Slater St., Suite 500, Ottawa K1P 5H9, tel (613) 237-0143 or fax (613) 235-8237.