

NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE



■ **Bernard Wood**, newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of CIIPS, undertook a familiarization and dialogue tour during the late winter and early spring, in order to engage groups of Canadians in discussion about Institute activities and areas of future focus. Travelling to Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Yellowknife, Halifax and Quebec City; Mr. Wood spoke to editorial boards, academics, members of non-governmental organizations, and others interested in the work of the Institute. During the same period, he addressed a joint Queen's University/CIIA session in Kingston and the Law Faculty at the University of Windsor. In early May he spoke to the Annual Meeting of the Toronto Branch of the CIIA on the role of a middle power in the 1990s.

■ The effects of the budget on defence and foreign policy was the subject of a media roundtable organized and held at the Institute five days after Michael Wilson presented his budget to the House of Commons. Addressing approximately twenty-five journalists were **Lois Wilson, Fen Hampson, Doug Ross, Harold Klepak** and **Kenneth Calder**. A number of journalists from outside of Ottawa participated by means of an audio feed. The subjects addressed included the ramifications of the budget on the spending priorities in the 1987 White Paper, and the changing international security context.

■ **Yevgeni Golovko** and **Nikolai Smirnov** of the Soviet Foreign Ministry led a seminar at the Institute in April on Soviet views of arms control. Emphasizing the need for serious negotiations on

all aspects of arms control, they paid special attention to the START talks, the conventional forces negotiations in Vienna, a ban on chemical weapons and a comprehensive test ban. During the question period, Mr. Golovko said that all aspects of Arctic arms control, including the military bases in the Kola Peninsula, were open to discussion. Several weeks earlier, two Arctic specialists from the Soviet Union spoke at the Institute: **J. Kazmin** and **A. Granovski** led a discussion on arctic affairs and naval arms control.

■ **Johan Holst**, the Norwegian Minister of Defence, visited the Institute to exchange views with staff members. He spoke of the Canadian and Norwegian shared experience in peacekeeping and the need for more conceptual thinking about this "international growth industry." Mr. Holst raised the question of the role of nuclear weapons in the decades ahead, and of the necessity for a reexamination in the West of the configuration of ground forces in Europe. He spoke of the forthcoming review conference for the non-proliferation treaty, the link between proliferation of nuclear and chemical weapons and the problems associated with ballistic missiles for both. In terms of naval arms control, Mr. Holst supported restraints on attack submarines and submarine-launched cruise missiles; the latter, he said, were particularly destabilizing.

■ Together with the Institute for International Development and Cooperation at the University of Ottawa, CIIPS co-sponsored a public lecture by **Oscar Arias Sanchez**, President of Costa Rica, during his recent visit to Canada. President Arias spoke of the prospects for the Esquipulas II peace plan, and fielded a wide range of questions from the audience. He was moderately optimistic that the

plan would come into effect, and urged all governments to support the development of democratic regimes in Central America. With the exception of Costa Rica, he said, the tradition of democracy was under-developed in Latin America. **Georges Hénault** chaired the session, and **Bernard Wood** thanked the President. Following the meeting the two Institutes hosted a reception.

■ The United Nations Association in Canada and CIIPS co-sponsored a series of seminars in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax on the UN Security Council and the opportunities and challenges to Canada for the two-year term which began in January. Participants examined the importance of Security Council membership for Canada, and the implications for Canadian foreign policy of current and future issues facing the Council, such as the Middle East, Southern Africa and peacekeeping operations. Addressing the seminars were officials from the UN and the Canadian government, as well as former Canadian ambassadors.

■ Another in the series of workshops on the situation in Cyprus took place at the Institute in mid-April. The series will conclude with a seminar in the late spring or early summer organized by CIIPS Research Associate **Norma Salem**.

■ **Bernard Wood** and **Roy McMurtry**, former Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, were the Canadian participants at a recent Carnegie Conference in New York on the policies of democratic nations towards Southern Africa. Mr. Wood met in Ottawa with **Toivo ya Toivo**, Secretary General of SWAPO just prior to the launching of the independence plan for Namibia. In late May, he participated in a conference sponsored by the International Peace Academy on peace, development and

security in Central America, and attended special sessions of the Caribbean Studies Association.

■ **Fen Hampson** and **Katherine Laundy** gave presentations at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in London in March. Mr. Hampson also presented a paper on NATO at Forty to a conference in Liechtenstein organized by Princeton University. **Ron Purver** attended the ISA as well as conferences on NATO in Halifax and Winnipeg.

■ In late April the Conseil de développement du loisir scientifique, in cooperation with CIIPS and a number of other organizations, sponsored the Expo-sciences pan-québécoise 1989 in Rivière-du-Loup, where the winners of regional science fairs throughout Quebec exhibited their projects. The theme was science and peace. **Bernard Wood** addressed the opening ceremonies; **Roger Hill** was a judge and presented a number of prizes.

■ In early May CIIPS and Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education at Dalhousie University, sponsored a conference for teachers and students on peace and security education. Keynote speakers were **Shelley Berman**, President of Educators for Social Responsibility in the US, and **Maxime Faille**, one of four members of the Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour in 1986-87. **Nancy Gordon, Brad Feasey** and **Margaret Bourgeault** spoke and led workshops.

■ **Leon Bagramov** of the Institute of the USA and Canada in Moscow was a guest of CIIPS during May as part of the exchange agreement between the two Institutes. During the winter **Jacques Lévesque** of the University of Montréal, visited the Moscow Institute to undertake research on the nationalities questions in the Soviet Union. □