



Along with the International Forum on Globalization and the Polaris Institute, the Council hosts a global teach-in on economic globalization and corporate rule, featuring prominent activists from around the world, including Owens Wiwa, Elizabeth May, Susan George and John Cavanagh.

#### 1998

A new global investment treaty of unprecedented power sets off a firestorm of protest, much of it led by the Council. When negotiations for the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) break down, the Council launches a coast-to-coast inquiry into what values and policies Canadians want their government to put forward in international negotiations.

With four of Canada's biggest banks set to merge, and with the loss of thousands of jobs and the closure of hundreds of local branches at stake, the Council launches a well-publicized cross-country campaign to convince

Finance Minister Paul Martin to reject their plans. By December, Martin rules against the mergers.

#### 1999

The Council, along with its partners in the Common Front on the WTO, launches a national education and action campaign to confront the World Trade Organization's "Millennium Round" negotiations. The outbreak of democracy on the streets during the "Battle in Seattle" leads to the complete collapse of the WTO talks.

#### 2000

The Council challenges attempts by the world's biggest water corporations to