

## Armaments industry assigns front group to blitz public opinion

*September meeting will plot 'strategic communications'*

OTTAWA — The arms industry is organizing a front group to manipulate public opinion.

Put on the defensive by wide-spread public opposition to ARMX '89, "senior management groups" of Canadian manufacturers of military technology have been meeting and networking to consolidate and advance their "strategic interests".

This September PIR Communications will sponsor a meeting to establish "... strategic communications programs to effectively" win public support.

PIR Communications, the international public relations firm hired by ARMX, circulated a letter dated May 23 to Canadian military manufacturers at ARMX '89.

In the letter, Keith Davies, a retired naval commander and past executive vice-president of SNA Canada Inc. (promoter of the French nuclear submarine) is tasked with rallying the military industrial complex of Canada to form a front group to counter public disapproval of the arms trade.

The letter begins:

"... you and your company probably share with us a growing concern over the urgent need to get objective information into the hands of the general public."

Then, decrying the fact that the arms industry "has never developed a broad-based constituency," Davies calls for the creation of an "effective organization to serve as the industry's instrument in this task."

The letter reflects:

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out effective communications programs and satisfied public concerns that at one time seriously threatened to limit or curtail completely their ongoing role in society."

This probably in reference to the Canadian Nuclear Association's multi-million-dollar propaganda campaign to barrage the public with pro-nuclear commercials.

The call to organize the Canadian Defence Industries Association (CDIA), to act as a public relations front organization representing the interests of arms companies, has met with much enthusiasm.

In the May 31 edition of *Defence News Bulletin*, publisher Mike O'Brien began with a commentary headlined *A Light in the Forest*.

His praise of Davies' call letter to form the CDIA was poetic.

He calls it "A plea for help, a quest for sanity, a light in the forest focussed on forming a united voice which could share objective information with the Canadian people ... This community should organize itself under one umbrella, one voice, and speak out on matters of its own concern."

O'Brien's commentary contrasts this "light in the forest" with the mood at ARMX '89:

"There was an atmosphere of turmoil. The defence industry is both stormy and confused" because of the budget and "stunned by the hypocrisy of ... local politicians (who) agreed with peace activists and gave ARMX an eviction notice for subsequent shows."

O'Brien deprecated the extent of opposition to ARMX:

"Outside the security fences a tiny handful of peace demonstrators were swollen in ranks by the tight framing of national news cameras."

He doesn't mention the rally of several thousands and the arrests of 145 persons for blocking the gates.

Interestingly, he does note that "ARMX was a meeting place for thousands, all with questions and few with answers. The show was attended by: hordes of security guards and uniformed Ottawa police; thousands of defence industry businessmen; *procurement officials* (our emphasis) from around the world; soldiers, sailors and airmen; CIA, DIA, CSIS, and East bloc agents and a handful of journalists."

PIR issued a news release July 13 to announce plans for a September meeting of a "national steering committee" to form the CDIA. It stated that the "impetus leading to the formation of CDIA stemmed from negative perceptions which developed at the industry's biannual trade show, ARMX '89 ... It became apparent that certain anti-defence groups attempted to manipulate negative public opinion."

In a recent letter to military industries, Davies reports that he has "received very strong encouragement from industry, the bureaucracy, the military and various levels of government" for the CDIA.

The plan is for this future organization to be "the active and articulate voice of the defence industry ... to identify issues ... affecting the industry in both the public and business sense."

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by the Coalition to Oppose the  
Arms Trade (COAT).

# COAT and how it grew

The campaign against ARMX '89 was successful in several ways:

- It raised the awareness of literally millions of Canadians about this country's participation in the international arms trade
- It made Canadians aware that there is strong dissent against the arms trade
- It sent a clear message to the federal government that their myth of "Canada the Peacemaker" is being exposed as hypocrisy
- It put ARMX organisers on the spot, forcing them into public debate on the arms trade
- It united a very broadly-based grass-roots coalition of concerned individuals and social change groups to oppose the arms trade
- It highlighted links between the Canadian arms trade and a wide range of inter-related global issues
- It resulted in Ottawa city council passing a motion April 19 against allowing future arms exhibitions on city property
- It provides us with a solid basis from which to build increased awareness, opposition and resistance to ARMX '91 and the Canadian arms trade in general.

Within a few months the opposition grew from a handful in a church basement to a dynamic, inter-city network of individuals, groups and coalitions, united against ARMX and the international arms trade.

The arms trade, and its effect on world peace, human rights, development, and the domestic economy, became a prominent issue which confronted people in the region, and later the whole country, with the reality of Canada's involvement in supplying the means for wars and repression worldwide.

Throughout the country, ARMX went from newspaper back pages to their front, and into the living room.

## Beginnings

It is useful to review the evolution of this campaign against ARMX. It may serve as a guide for people in whatever region hosts ARMX '91 and help others involved in ongoing opposition to manifestations of the arms trade.

ARMX '83 and '85 went by completely unnoticed by the peace movement and the general public.

These exhibits, on military bases, were hidden and secure from public scrutiny.

ARMX '87 participants met with a small, hastily organized demonstration of about 30 people with signs and banners, distributing

leaflets and listening to a puppet show about ARMX.

In 1987 Richard Sanders, an Ottawa peace activist and a member of the Alliance for Non-Violent Action (ANVA) visited ARMX viewing the exhibits and collecting glossy propaganda brochures on various kinds of weaponry. He met the ARMX coordinator, Wolfgang Schmidt of Baxter Publishing, which had just received the contract to organize ARMX '87 and interviewed him for about half-an-hour.

Realizing the potential of a campaign to oppose ARMX, Richard decided to dedicate all his efforts to this work.

During the summer of 1988, he prepared a report summarizing details about ARMX and why the peace movement should oppose it.

That autumn he began attending peace, development, and solidarity group meetings to present the case for a broad coalition to work together to expose and oppose ARMX — the word about ARMX was spread at the Ontario Peace Conference, at ANVA meetings, and through various other networks.

A pamphlet was distributed through Ottawa peace-and-development mailings to notify people about ARMX and to invite their participation in a campaign against it. On December 10 we had our first meeting. It was attended by about 20 activists representing a variety of Ottawa peace groups.

A letter was then written to more than 200 local social-change organizations inviting them to our January meeting.

This meeting drew about 60 persons and we decided on the name Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT). The name clarified our resolve to raise awareness and protest not only ARMX but the international arms trade which it represents.

We decided to focus our energies on organizing a massive peace rally and a public inquiry into the arms trade.

COAT work-groups were formed to organize the rally, the inquiry, media, publicity, Glebe (the Ottawa urban location where ARMX was to be held) community awareness, and finances.

Each of these work-groups began meeting separately between COAT meetings. A steering committee with representatives from each work-group was formed to direct the campaign although key decisions of the

Coalition were made at our monthly meetings.

Meanwhile in Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo and elsewhere, activists from the Alliance for Non-Violent Action (ANVA) were forming local ad hoc coalitions to raise awareness about the arms trade, to plan transportation to the rally and to organize civil resistance actions to blockade the gates of ARMX.

For several months the COAT organizational meetings were attended by about 80 persons of all ages, representing an incredibly diverse range of groups, from various sectors of society, with different issues, concerns, analyses and methodologies.

ANVA members from Kingston, Montreal and Toronto attended these meetings and were our links with opposition and resistance to ARMX in other regions.

The intense opposition to ARMX stirred up by COAT caused a virtual revitalization of the local peace movement. There were often important discussions about the appropriate means for COAT to oppose ARMX.

One of the issues raised by ANVA members at COAT meetings was whether the coalition should endorse the civil resistance blockade planned for May 23. The coalition eventually decided not to endorse ANVA's non-violent direct action at ARMX, though individuals and groups within the coalition were of course free to participate. *(This continues on page 3, column 1).*

## COAT Newsletter a key information link

We hope to publish a newsletter to link individuals and groups opposed to the arms trade and future Canadian arms exhibitions like ARMX.

The newsletter would also keep the COAT network up to date on developments in the Canadian arms trade, provide detailed company profiles, expose government contracts to military companies, donations to political parties from military companies, announce arms trade activities and Canada's part in it.

To continue this work we will need your help and support.

The prolonged and publicized preparations for the opposition to ARMX '89 and the contrast between the slick but contradictory statements of ARMX organizers had the effect of garnering opposition to ARMX from the news media and the public.

Numerous articles about ARMX and COAT were published in community papers, news-letters, progressive magazines and alternative media. CKCU (Ottawa's community radio station) was helpful and the mainstream media was kept informed of our meetings and events through press conferences and newsreleases. They thrived on conflicting statements from organizers of ARMX and COAT. Dozens of newspaper stories, radio and television interviews and debates brought ARMX out into the open for several months leading up to the exhibition's arrival in Ottawa. Some 60 pages of newspaper clippings from across the country are available for \$5 plus postage from COAT.

The controversy surrounding ARMX eventually lead to Joe Clark being grilled by opposition MPs in an External Affairs Committee meeting when he vehemently defended the right of oppressive regimes like South Africa to send delegates to ARMX (Toronto Star, May 12).

The New Democratic Party was very supportive in providing information and assistance in spreading the word about ARMX nationwide. Their efforts culminated in a Private Member's Bill and a lengthy Opposition Day debate in the House of Commons. (Ask your MP for copies of Hansard, May 19).

The peace demonstration May 22 was the largest and most diverse rally and march that the national capital has seen in years. About 3000 carrying colourful banners and singing songs walked from Confederation Park to Lansdowne Park, the site of ARMX 89.

Protestors filled Bank Street as they arrived at the ARMX site. Barred from entering the exhibition site, by a newly erected eight-foot fence, protestors gathered outside the gates on Bank Street for a series of entertaining and inspiring speakers.

The rally was on the front pages of virtually all major newspapers across the country and it was the lead story on many radio and television news programs, including The Journal.

The blockade of the entrance to ARMX May 23, organized by the Alliance for Non-Violent Action, brought ARMX to the front pages and the lead stories again the next day.

## Ottawa City Council moves to permanently bar ARMX from municipal property

**MOTION 11/28.** Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Smyth.

Whereas ARMX '89, a Canadian exhibition of military hardware and technology is scheduled to take place at Lansdowne Park from 23-25 May;

And whereas the arms trade has little or no consideration of moral or humanitarian issues in that weapons have been used against civilians;

And whereas exports of Canadian military equipment and components end up in countries which persistently violate human rights;

And whereas the international arms trade serves to increase militarization throughout the world and is inconsistent with arms limitations efforts;

And whereas ARMX '89 is a closed event and restricted to Canadian government officials, foreign government representatives, police and security forces and defence industry representatives;

And whereas Lansdowne Park is a publicly supported recreation and trade show facility;

Therefore be it resolved that Lansdowne Park and other city facilities not be leased to future ARMX exhibitions.

**MOTION 11/29:** Moved by Alderman Smith, Seconded by Alderman Smyth, that the Brown/Smyth motion (11/28.) be amended to insert the words "or other such arms exhibitions" so that the substantive clause reads as follows: "... that Lansdowne Park and other city facilities not be leased to ARMX or other such arms exhibitions". — Carried.

**MOTION (11/28.), as amended by Motion (11.29.), carried on the following division:** Yeas — Aldermen Kent, Kehoe, Smyth, McSweeney, Harris, Brown, Laviolette, O'Neill, Holmes, Smith and Maloney, — 11. Nays — Alderman Jones. — 1.

# ***Inquiry holds we are criminally responsible if we don't act against the arms trade***

## **Ottawa, provinces, municipalities must act to halt killing**

The Coalition-sponsored Public Inquiry was attended by about 100 persons on May 20, 1989 at Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The Inquiry examined the international arms trade, Canada's role (both public and private sector) and the consequent effects of the arms trade on peoples and individuals around the world, and served to focus public protest of ARMX '89, the largest arms and weapons exhibition ever held in Canada.

The panel (a people's jury) asked questions of experts, victims and corroborating witnesses about the workings and impact of the international arms trade. The audience also formed public juries to consider evidence and prepare recommendations.

Experts: The Nuremberg Principles (from the Nuremberg War Tribunals at the end of World War 2) were reviewed by Margaret Gouin, National President, Lawyers for Social Responsibility. Ms Gouin described events from 1933-45 which led to formation of International Laws governing moral and ethical behaviour toward human beings. We were informed that failing to take action to prevent and stop certain practices makes us criminally responsible according to the Nuremberg Principles of International Law.

John Foster of Oxfam Canada described the effects of the Arms Trade on human rights. The role of the military was seen as 'absolutely pervasive' as was the effect of arms development on our economy and those of other countries - affecting not only researchers and engineers in the arms industry, but also universities and governments and weakening the civilian role in the economy by use of subsidies and guaranteed profits to arms manufacturers. Some 20% of third world debt is due to the arms trade.

The rapid growth rate of both the Canadian and International Arms Trade were detailed by Ernie Regehr of Project Ploughshares. Canada is moving toward a unified 'defense' cum industrial strategy. Canadian 'guidelines' on arms export are informal — not laws! An Arms Trade Register could be a very important step toward reducing sales to human rights abusers — especially in the third world.

Witnesses: Peter Monet described how

some \$500 million has been extracted from East Timor in minerals and rain forest timber with Canadian companies being the 3rd largest investors there after the US and Japanese and how Pratt and Whitney engines and General Motors' tanks are used by the army in suppressing peoples' rights.

Veronica Sanchez, told how she and her mother were personally affected in El Salvador where more than 70,000 have become 'disappeared' and 3,000 tons of bombs have been used against her people.

U.S. support of \$2 1/2 million a day is used for weapons and military advice in El Salvador.

Father George Zabelka told how he recognized his own complicity in the atom bombing of Hiroshima only 20 years after, and called for abolishing all arms trade and stated that all religions must get together to abolish war.

### **Torture is rape of the intellect**

Sister Hélène LeBrun and Sister Theresa Moher, two nuns who worked in Peru, described the effect of that government's spending on weapons while people were poor and undernourished. \$14 million was spent on war planes when Peru was not at war except on its own people who need seeds and fertilizer and schools — not guns. We were told that 'the enemy is hunger'!

Tariq Ahsan told of his arrest, interrogation including torture, and imprisonment in Pakistan after a crackdown (during military rule) on people associated with distributing a newspaper called *Democratic Pakistan*. 'Torture is rape of the intellect' we were told.

### **Members of the Panel**

- George Brown, Alderman, Riverside Ward, Ottawa
- Alison Carpenter, Participant, Mile Zero, The Sage Tour
- Marion Dewar, former Mayor of Ottawa, MP for Hamilton Mountain, NDP President
- Jacqui MacDonald, Member, Survival of the Planet Committee, National Action Committee on the Status of Women
- Elizabeth Pollonetsky, Canadian Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War.

### **Nuremberg obligations prompt program for life**

The public panel/peoples' jury issued the following statement.

"Before today we could plead ignorance on certain subjects. However, knowing what we now know, not taking action to prevent and stop certain practices makes us criminally responsible according to the Nuremberg Principles of International Law. If we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem.

"We heard from a variety of witnesses and experts and we accept that we are criminally responsible if we do not act, under Nuremberg obligations.

"Therefore we on the panel urge the Government of Canada:

- to take a leadership role in the current United Nations attempt to establish an international arms-trade register.
- to actively work towards the banning of both the export and import of arms and arms components to and from Canada.
- to equip the Canadian forces from domestic, publicly-accountable manufacturers and stop commercial military sales in Canada.
- to give priority to the planning for conversion of industry from military to civilian uses.

"We urge the Government of Ontario:

- to immediately halt the export of tritium by Ontario Hydro.

"We urge the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Government:

- to disband the Defense Committee of the Ottawa Carleton Economic Development Corporation.
- to establish a register of all local exports of arms and arms components.

"As individuals, we must educate ourselves, our children, our students and empower them to tackle the problems that they will face as responsible adults.

"We do not inherit this earth ... we borrow it from our children."

# Military chaplain to crew dropping first A-bomb tells of painful conversion to vision of peace

To give spiritual support to COAT an inter-faith peace service was held May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at First United Church, 397 Kent Street, Ottawa.

Following calls to worship from four corners of the church, representatives from the Moslem, Jewish, Bahai, Christian and Native spiritual traditions shared their surprisingly common beliefs and knit the large assembly into a united family through prayers, songs and peace readings.

Father George Zabelka, retired military chaplain to the crew who dropped the bomb on Hiroshima forty-four years ago, spoke of

the need to be united in our common goal for peace.

## Christ's message

Admitting being a former believer in militarism, he described his painful and prolonged conversion to a new vision and hope for peace through accepting and living Christ's message on non-violence.

Referring to himself as *The Reluctant Prophet*, he inspired the participants through his exemplary dedication to peace and non-violence during many years — i.e. walking more than 6,000 miles through the U.S., Eu-

rope, and Russia to Bethlehem raising the consciousness of many to the urgency of peace.

Non-violent participation with Martin Luther King helping migrant workers in the Southern U.S. and Blacks in Detroit are other examples of his testimony to and dream of peace and freedom.

We can no longer justify war in a nuclear age, he stated, and we must find alternative non-violent ways to peace even though it may cost us our lives.

— Theresa Moher, S.P.

## Tools, information, action combine to maintain pressure to end arms trade

The Public Inquiry held May 20 was recorded on video tape. We are planning to make this available in the original English or with the French translation.

The original recording is in stereo sound with English on one channel and French on the other. This would be suitable only if you have a stereo VCR and TV available and have both French and English members who wish to see it.

We haven't yet worked out any inexpensive process to make copies of the video. It seems that we would need to charge about \$28 plus shipping to break even.

We also have audio tapes of the Inquiry on three full 90-minute tapes plus half of one side of a 90-minute tape. Since the fourth tape consists of the panel recommendations which are included in written form herewith, it seems that only three tapes are needed which will cost about \$4 each plus postage.

We think that these video or audio tapes would be useful for other groups in presenting the facts about the arms race and how our behaviour should be governed by the inclusion of the Nuremberg Principles into Canadian law by the passage of Bill C-71 in 1987.

One could present the information in four parts (three experts and one set of victims or witnesses) with some discussion after each part.

We provided written information at the

Inquiry including the set of pamphlets from Oxfam Canada which tells how the arms trade and the use of arms affects specific countries.

This set is very informative and useful in providing the facts to back up correspondence to politicians.

The same applies to the pamphlet *UNICEF facts and figures 1988*, which is packed with information about how children are suffering and dying because we neglect them in favour of expenditures of money and resources on arms.

## Comments appreciated

Your comments on past and future efforts of the Coalition would be appreciated.

We are considering write-ups on each of the hundreds of firms in Canada which manufacture arms or components for armaments systems.

First-hand information about companies operating in your area, plus protests, would be useful.

If you have information on final destinations of weapons or their victims, please send it. In the absence of open reports on all international arms shipments in a register such as one being advocated in the United Nations, we must depend on such non-systematic sources.

When adequate information is available,

we could use the information to picket factories and propose the manufacture of alternate non-destructive products.

Your ideas for alternative occupations for armed service personnel of closed National Defence bases would be useful.

## Meeting

### Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade

September 12, 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Church  
154 Somerset West  
(at Elgin)

Please join us  
in the continuing work  
of exposing  
and opposing  
the arms trade

## Hard work, careful spending produces 'a million dollars of publicity'

To finance COAT's activities we relied on a variety of sources including collections at our monthly meetings.

Contributions were gratefully received from:

- Peacefund Canada
  - Oxfam Canada
  - Hans Blumenfeld Peace Fund
  - Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Ottawa
  - The Ontario Federation of Labour
- ... and from many individuals.

Buckets passed at the May 22 rally brought in more than \$900.

In all about \$7,000 was received during the campaign.

We still have more than \$2,000 left to pay outstanding expenses and to carry on with the struggle.

Our treasurer says we got a million dollars worth of publicity on a shoe-string budget.

But this was accomplished because we spent carefully, had many donations of copying facilities, and because Richard Sanders, who was chosen as Coordinator by the Coalition, worked full-time for nine months, receiving an honorarium of only \$1,500.

New donations are needed to support upcoming campaigns and to make it possible to give a bit more to Richard for his past and future efforts.

We would like to hear from you and your group about the response of those in your area to the information and publicity relating to ARMX.

What is your evaluation of the ARMX campaign?

Will you keep the pressure on your local military companies and politicians?

The recommendations by the Panel of Inquiry Into the Arms Trade which may be found on page five may be of some use in providing guidance in further developing our campaign now and in the future.

### COAT Newsletter Contributions from:

Nick Aplin  
Carl Doer  
Christine Marlin  
Theresa Moher  
Leroy Sanders  
Richard Sanders

### *Merchants of Death and the letter in question*

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The letter reads in part:

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Decrying the fact that the arms industry "has never developed a broad-based constituency of support," a call is made for the formation of an "effective organization to serve as the industry's instrument in this task ... Other industries in Canada have managed to respond effectively to the challenge of meeting the need for public education. And many of these same industries have carried out effective communications programs and satisfied public concerns that at one time seriously threatened to limit or curtail completely their ongoing role in society ... This is the time at which responsible members of Canada's defence industry must take a proactive approach to deal with the issues that directly affect it."

Again, as noted on page one, this front organization which has just formed to spread propaganda for Canadian arms industries is called the *Canadian Defence Industries Association*.

Other associations which promote the Canadian arms trade are:

- The Defence Associations Network
- The Business Council on National Issues
- The Canadian Defence Preparedness Association
- The Conference of Defence Associations
- The Aerospace Industries Association
- The Canadian Maritime Industries Association

**Canada's good name and proper conduct  
among nations require that the above  
be recognized as a national disgrace**



## ARMX '89: An obscene manifestation of Canada's role in the arms trade

The first ARMX, which took place in 1983 at Mobile Command Headquarters, St. Hubert Quebec, had "65 exhibitors from eight countries... with more than 3,000 military and civilian visitors" (ARMX 89 Preview, April 1989, p. 20). From these limited beginnings, ARMX has continued to increase in size and importance.

ARMX 89 was a massive exhibition of military technology which far surpassed previous trade shows. This year there were "464 exhibitors from sixteen countries, and with in excess of 15,000 military and civilian visitors" (Canadian Defence Quarterly, June 1989, p. 35). About one third of the exhibiting companies were Canadian. The other fifteen countries exhibiting military equipment were: US, UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Australia, Denmark, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Austria, Switzerland and Israel.

One of the most offensive dimensions of ARMX is the fact that it is a forum in which representatives from nations known for violent repression were in attendance. ARMX organizer, Wolfgang Schmidt, admitted that representatives from all embassies listed in the Ottawa phone book, except the Warsaw Pact countries, were invited to attend ARMX 89. This list of about 60 countries sending

delegates to ARMX includes some of the worst violators of human rights known. Research carried out by Project Ploughshares confirms that, over the past few years, Canada has sold military technology to many of these violent regimes including: Chile, El Salvador, Honduras, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan (Ernie Regehr, Arms Canada: The Deadly Business of Military Exports, 1987).

Another aspect of ARMX which peace and disarmament organizations found repugnant was the fact that among the exhibitors at ARMX 89 were the largest nuclear weapons contractors in the world. The top 4 contractors of nuclear weapons, and their delivery systems, attended ARMX 89, namely: Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics and General Electric. These companies each received between 2.9 and 4.5 billion dollars from the US Departments of Defence and Energy in "prime contract awards" for nuclear weapons production (The New Abolitionist: Newsletter of Nuclear Free America, Vol. 6, No. 2).

One of the acknowledged purposes of ARMX is to allow Canadian companies to pick up subcontracts from the larger US firms. As Wolfgang Schmidt says: "Small Canadian companies have found themselves

rubbing shoulders with the large international corporations without having to go overseas... Many have received business from the booth next to them" (ARMX 89 Preview, p. 22).

Canada's growing connection with the US military industrial complex was certainly evident at ARMX 89. Not only were there almost twice as many US military companies at ARMX 1989 than there are at ARMX 89, ARMX 89 received the official seal of approval from the United States Department of Commerce, under its Trade Fair Certification Program.

Another new development at ARMX 89 was the creation of a new category of visitor encouraged to attend the show, namely police. Police from Canada and abroad were in attendance to view the exhibits of weapons and other military technology.

ARMX 89 greatly increased in size and scope over previous shows. As stated in the Canadian Defence Quarterly (June 1989): "Plans are already well underway for ARMX 91". Let us assure the organizers of ARMX that the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade will continue to organize against this most blatant manifestation of Canada's role in the international arms trade.

## Upcoming Military Exhibitions and Conferences

### October 17-19

#### Canadian High Technology Show: Toronto, Ontario

ARMX Preview calls it: the largest general electronics trade show in Canada and the second largest in North America... More than 1,100 exhibitors in the component, microelectronics, CAD/CAM, packaging, testing, measurement and instrumentation fields are expected...

Location: CNE Exhibition Hall. <Mailing address:> Connelly Exhibitions, 2487 Kaladar Avenue, Ottawa K1V 8B9

### October 25-26

#### The Canadian Defence Industry: Defence Production and Trade in a Changing Global Market: Westin Hotel, Ottawa

The speaker's list is a who's who of the military industrial complex in Canada with representatives from the US and UK as well. Speakers include: J.J. Blais, former Minister of Defence, Michael Moodie, Senior Fellow and Special Advisor to the President, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, the chief executive

officers of major arms manufacturers like Litton, Thomson-CSF, Allied-Signal, Oerlikon Buehrle Holding, The Aerospace Industries Association and the Atlantic Council of Canada. Representatives of definitive military journals such as Jane's Defence Data, Jane's Soviet Intelligence Review and Aerospace and Defence Technology.

The program of this Conference includes sections on: "Key Issues for the 90's, Global Competitiveness: New Players, New Markets - French Initiatives in Third World Countries" and "Procurement Practises in the New Marketplace".

This is an annual conference organized by The Financial Post, in cooperation with Aerospace and Defence Technology and Jane's Information Group.

### April 4-5, 1990

The AFCEA Canada 90 is the Air Force Communications and Electronics Association's annual meeting. The theme of the conference this year is Information

Technology Security. It will be held at the Congress Centre, Ottawa. Conference Manager: Nola Wade, 251 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 201, Ottawa K1P 5J6

### May 21-23, 1991

The location given for ARMX 91 in an advertisement in the ARMX 89 Catalogue, is Ottawa! ARMX organizers are determined to hold the event again here in Ottawa even after all of the furore raised around ARMX 89. The Ottawa region is ideal for its proximity to government departments such as "National Defence" (sic), Supply and Services, and External Affairs and to foreign embassies whose procurement officials are an important element of ARMX.

The theme of all the ARMX shows since 1983 has been "Training and Simulation". In 1991 the theme will be amazingly enough: "Training for Peace: Defence Technology of the Future" (!). (Reminiscent of Orwell's Newspeak in 1984 "Ignorance is Strength! War is Peace!")

# PARTIAL LIST OF DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES FROM

1969 - 1983 DIPP GRANTS	CANADIAN MILITARY INDUSTRIES	1985 DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES		1986 DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES		1987 DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES		1988 DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES	
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219 214	Alta Precision Inc.....		200		140.00				
	Amtek Management Inc.....			135.52				300	
56 636 566	Atlantis Flight Research Inc.....			150.00	150.00	150.00	101.60	2000	650
213 185	Bell Helicopter Textron Cda.....			167.74		283.70			
27 321 381 *	Bombardier.....	15625	2004.80	21187.75	7740.29	28316.54	21246.61	29172.34	21300
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	CAE Industries Ltd.....	137		705.08		3000.00		8000	8000
2 854 951	Canadian Aircraft Products Ltd.....	106.31		587.00		632.00			
5 559	Canadian General Electric Co Ltd.....	9897.04	9580	7677.40	7544.70		2704.80		
98 656	Canron Inc.....	126.42		1587.44					
765 023	Canadian Wire and Cable.....			936.48		1528.40			
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35 375	Coldstream Products of Canada.....				250.00				
17 130 501 *	Computing Devices.....			300.00		150.00			
1 194 068	Cominco Ltd.....	813.10		436.00	1130.00	1000.00		26730.60	10000
	Comterm Inc.....	175	1000	493.82	1000.00	171.42		186.74	
8530 056	Control Data Cda. Ltd.....			405.22					
1 000 851 *	Devtek Corp.....	574.32	416	352.74			245.48	475.46	510.60
	DEW Engineering and Development Ltd.....	1200		485.52		679.50		500	
1 296 910	Diamond Tool Inc.....	6163.32	1608	1541.79	2161.89	1277.78	1700.00	4637.53	485.71
1 107	Dorothea Knitting Mills Ltd.....			192.30			245.48	458.09	200
416 170	Eastern Precision Casting Inc.....			119.30			115.49		
1 614 877 *	EBCO Industries Ltd.....	813.10	175	1330.00		3004.46		7730.60	3757.84
1 088 469	Ernst Leitz Cda. Ltd.....			283.28					
1 693 853	Exco Technologies.....			500.00					
227 179	Expro Chemical Products.....			1762.70					
4 424	Fabricon Ltd.....			500.00				1215.04	
145 342	Fisher Gauge.....			150.00		772.80		350	
14 625 094 *	Garrett Cda.....			1000.60		5647.88		1354.56	1000
860 035	Global Thermoelectric Power Systems.....			150.00		200.00			
	Grid Systems Cda.....			1000.00		1000.00		1000	
82 018 112 *	Hawker Siddeley Cda.....		6000	6000.00	6000.00	4000.00	4000.00	15000	15000
	Honeywell Ltd.....	672.84	416	2514.70	1000.00	1614.04	1000.00	6792.76	2000
986 519	I.M.W. Industries Ltd.....			424.92		150.00		693.36	
11 459 312 *	Indal Technologies.....			432.80				377.24	
	Indal Ltd.....	5000	5000	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	10000	10000
1 953 042	Joly Engineering Ltd.....	300	150	200.00					
	Lavalin Inc.....	8536.20	1324.82	15202.93	27549.81	5809.75		23376.43	72135.50
	Lavalin International.....	212.62		1300.00		429.88		296.12	
	Lavalin International.....			1345.60				1300	
48 119 448 *	Leigh Instruments.....	6000	4000	6000.00	4000.00	6179.50		6797.34	9291.32
5 125 714	Linamar Machines.....	200		200.00		319.72		444.12	
1 704 507	Lister Biot and Chain Ltd.....	200		500.00		1423.62	439.04	900	400
70 736 442 *	Litton Systems Cda.....	1829.88	832	3553.78	250.00	2641.00	750.00	4347.96	1812.32
	Mac-Cam powerline Cont.....			2000.00		2000.00			
4 554 597	Macdonald Dettweiler and Assoc.....			412.50		1500.00	397.92	5796.12	1378.92
3 084 666 *	Magna International Cda. Inc.....	1880.80	3776	3228.60	31412.91	3872.06	42454.80	2983.40	25921.32
	MDS Health Group Ltd.....	4000	4000	3168.18		4000.00	4000.00	7242.64	
2 678 104	Microtel Ltd.....			998.00	1120.00		521.05	1480.60	179
41 792	Mitchell Robert Co. Inc.....		307.56	1000.00	261.12				
	Monenco Consultants.....		114	167.74	2730.00		2205.55	1969.54	2500
	Mustang Industries Inc.....	175		250.00				250	
85 127 157	Northern Telecom Ltd.....	31000	31000	32000.00	37000.00	32000.00	32000.00	52000	32000
	Oerlikon Aerospace.....			678.37		1528.40		8852.12	810.72
	Oerlikon Aerospace.....			2381.46					
275 125 425	Pratt and Whitney Cda. Ltd.....	6452.33	5236.42	5000.00	5831.18	846.84	5546.55	20814.18	16080.96
278 458	Puls Master Winch Co.....	200		200.00				950	
878 766	Raytheon Canada Ltd.....			500.00		360.40		365.60	
455 896	Rio Algom Ltd.....			150.00		10200.00		25000	12000
470 179	Scepter Manufacturing Co. Ltd.....	1435.80		1514.70	1920.00	5610.68		175.46	
101 700	Seeburn Metal Products Ltd.....			266.24					
92 500	Sherritt Gordon Mines Ltd.....	1000	500	1000.00				5215.04	270.24
29 128	Sider-Tech Ltee.....			250.00		50.00			
825 447 933 *	Spar Aerospace.....	25000	15080	22629.82	21780.51	15710.36	22692.84	33408.66	22915
	Spar Aerospace.....	3341.80		155.74		121.22		797.34	
	TES Contract Services Ltd.....	476.79		182.19		179.50		423.56	
	Tandem Management Ltd.....	500		1287.48					
	Targetair Ltd.....	200	500	500.00				750	900
	Tech-Rep Electronics Ltd.....			787.64					
587 000	Torontor Industries Ltd.....	200		200.00			500.00	1100	500
3 379 143	Westinghouse Cda. Inc.....	1435.80	1520	287.64	700.33	1825.40	1725.37	400.14	8693.84
	Westinghouse Cda. Inc.....			1514.70				400.44	
	Westinghouse Cda. Inc.....			234.12				10483.40	
	W.R. Davis Engineering Co.....	1000		135.52				11480.60	1000

APPROX. TOTAL (NEAREST THOUSAND)

147,000 102,000 180,000 179,000 182,000 148,000 370,000 316,000

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\* INDICATES COMBINED TOTAL RECEIVED BY BRANCH PLANTS

X INDICATES COMPANIES KNOWN TO HAVE PRODUCED PARTS FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS

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