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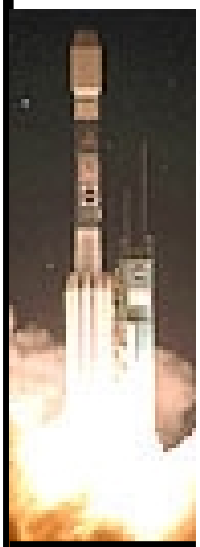
Canada's Role in the Militarisation of Space:

RADARSAT - The Warfighters' "Eye in the Sky" and its links to "Missile Defense"



RADARSAT-1 launch in 1995

RADARSAT dish SED Systems, Saskatoon.

Take the RADARSAT Quiz (answers on p.2):

	True	False	Don't Know
RADARSAT-1, the world's most advanced commercial satellite, started as a U.S.-Canada government project.	❑	❑	❑
Canadian taxpayers have paid about 85% of the estimated $1.145-billion pricetag of RADARSAT-1 and -2.	❑	❑	❑
These satellites were privatised to MacDonald, Dettwiler & Assoc. (MDA), then owned by a U.S. "missile defense" firm.	❑	❑	❑
David Emerson, former Liberal Industry Minister and new Tory International Trade Minister, was an MDA director.	❑	❑	❑
Privatisation contracts and a secret annex to a Canada-U.S. treaty on RADARSAT-2 cannot be examined by MPs.	❑	❑	❑
Control of RADARSAT-1 data sales in the U.S. was originally licensed to Lockheed Martin, the world's top war industry.	❑	❑	❑
Global and U.S. sales were later sold to ORBIMAGE, another subsidiary of MDA's parent firm, Orbital Sciences.	❑	❑	❑
Among ORBIMAGE's top executives are retired U.S. Air Force officers who pushed "missile defense" efforts.	❑	❑	❑
In exchange for NASA's launch of RADARSAT-1, the U.S. government controls 15% of RADARSAT-1's operations.	❑	❑	❑
Among RADARSAT-1's top users are the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army and various U.S. intelligence agencies.	❑	❑	❑
Portable U.S. military ground stations called "Eagle Vision" directly control RADARSAT operations and downlink its data.	❑	❑	❑
RADARSAT-1 images have been used in the US-led wars in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq.	❑	❑	❑
NATO has used RADARSAT-2 target data to practise first strike attacks during Theater Missile Defense (TMD) war games.	❑	❑	❑
RADARSAT-3, will "the most advanced space-borne land information and mapping mission ever conceived."	❑	❑	❑