

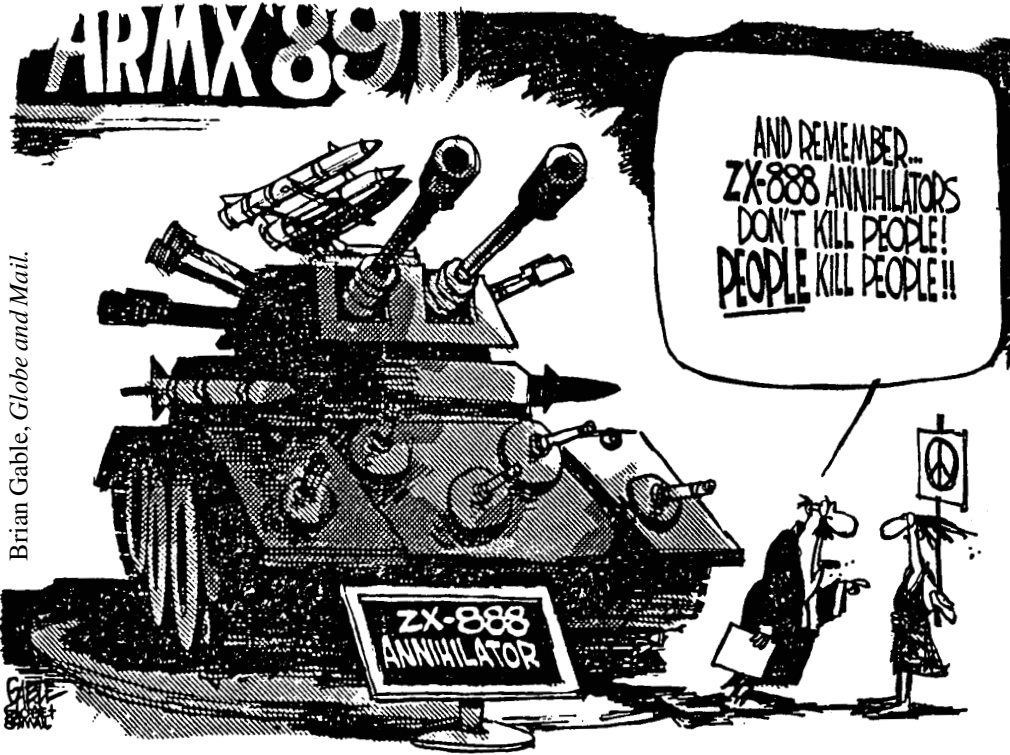
# Where have all the cartoons gone?

These two anti-arms trade cartoons appeared in mainstream corporate newspapers in 1989. They lampooned war industries and the ARMX weapons bazaar in particular. ARMX was the Government of Canada's own military trade show that had been privatised for \$1 in 1987.

These cartoons were prompted by a groundswell of peace efforts against Canada's largest arms export event of that time. The opposition to ARMX—initiated by the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade—led to the City of Ottawa's official ban on leasing municipal property to all such war industry extravaganzas.



Vance Rodewalt, Calgary Herald.



Brian Gable, Globe and Mail.

The long-defunct ARMX was replaced by an equally-offensive arms show called CANSEC. It is organized by an 800-member organization of war-related exporters euphemistically called the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries.

This year, the 20-year ban on hosting arms shows was overturned by Ottawa Council which opened its arms to welcome CANSEC into the same publicly-funded, municipal facility that had hosted ARMX in 1989. **Shame on Ottawa Council!**

CANSEC will be back in Ottawa's downtown fairgrounds at Lansdowne Park, June 2-3, 2010. *Hope to see you there at the gates of CANSEC!*

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