

In the context of the discussion of Thyssen, Litton, as well as the proposed Tactical Fighter Training Centre in Goose Bay and Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental Testing Range, Nanoose, the question of conversion provisions for the industries concerned was raised. As well, the extreme underdevelopment of native peoples, their concerns -- in particular land claims -- were raised repeatedly.

Whilst the importance of the global picture was widely acknowledged, there was a general feeling that, in order for Canada to lead as strongly as it should on these questions of Disarmament and Development, it had to lead by example and first "put our own house in order." It was suggested that Canada's ability to provide international leadership was in direct proportion to Canada's own domestic policies in these areas. A trend toward increased emphasis on the military/defence sector was seen as being a new and unwelcome departure from Canada's traditional policies.

The need to focus on security as the central point in the Disarmament/Development relationship was raised by several people in somewhat different but related ways.

Security was defined not exclusively in military terms. There was recognition of the broad concept of security. Some suggested that security should no longer be looked at solely in terms of the nation state. Rather, the task of providing security should be increasingly transferred to international organizations. In the Disarmament and Development relationship, it was suggested that more study needed to be given to the linkage between security and development and security and disarmament. It was hoped that Canada would undertake such work and provide something of a lead in encouraging a new concept of security which might encompass a new role for armed forces. A distinction had to be made between armed forces for defence and armed forces for intervention.

It was also suggested that Canada should build a security policy based on a peace-making premise i.e. to undertake creative policies to actively build and make peace. "Security" was also seen in terms of international order. Therefore, Canadian security policy should focus on the importance of building, enhancing and promoting international order. It was also suggested that Canada examine what could be done at the local levels to promote cooperative ways of dealing with issues and thereby enhance security.