

tion of at least minimum rules of international law and international relations. Good humoured jokes about President Bush's alleged references to "this new world order thing" are in fact symptomatic of an inarticulate and confused approach to international and world order which we all share.

It is time for Canadians, and others, to take stock of the state of thinking and action at this historic crossroads of peace, war, law and order. We should also try to outline an agenda of issues that will have to be confronted in winding down the Cold War, in dealing seriously with conflict and arms races outside the East-West arena, and in seeking a more coherent definition and ideal of international and world order. That agenda will have to include ways of using and strengthening the existing institutions of international order, particularly the United Nations system, which has come closer to centre stage from the wings, where it stood in wait for decades.