

PREFACE

The Third Annual Workshop on "Arms Control in the North Pacific: The Role for Confidence Building and Verification" was held in Victoria, British Columbia from 25 to 27 February 1994 under the aegis of the Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Royal Roads Military College and the University of Victoria. The nineteen participants included academics, serving and retired foreign service officers, representatives from National Defence Headquarters and the Maritime Command Pacific, serving and retired military and naval personnel and private security analysts from Canada and Korea. In addition, Dr. M.K. Nam and Dr. Jin-Pyo Yoon from the Arms Control Research Centre at the Korean Institute for Defense Analysis in Seoul, took part.

Nine papers were presented at the workshop which was held in the Senate chamber of Hatley Castle at Royal Roads Military College. Those papers embodied a wide variety of themes. First and foremost was the importance of history; its didactic value and its power to legitimate. Dr. Bob Bedeski's analysis of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (which functioned on the peninsula in the aftermath of the Korean War) demonstrated the forces of historical continuity between the 1950s and the 1990s. His study revealed the similarities in North Korean negotiating culture in those two eras and the ways in which small scale violations, when left unchecked, aggregate toward the point of major crisis.

The lessons of the nuclear histories of Iraq, India and South Africa emerged from the workshop deliberations, but James MacIntosh cautioned the participants that critical distinctions had to be made between these various cases. MacIntosh's lucid, Newtonian schema, the product of ten years of reflection on complex phenomena, helped locate the Royal Roads discussions within a historical and theoretical framework. That framework highlighted the epistemological