

control regime. However, it is not clear yet whether peacekeeping missions will have a major role to play in the future of Europe, and there are also questions about the numbers of military personnel who may be needed for verification purposes. Canada might not be required to provide more than, say, one or two hundred. An absolute maximum is probable five hundred. Doubtless such a presence would constitute a useful contribution to European security, but it might not be very visible or seen as a very significant *military* endeavour by the other Western allies.

Pulling Canadian land forces out of Europe entirely -- the other possibility -- means losing an important position in Europe. The limited cost of maintaining a small force there seems well worth the price, and can only strengthen Canada's hand in discussions about European security or in dealings with Germany and the other West European states on a range of political, economic, trade and other issues.

Another advantage of maintaining a battalion group in Germany is that it would provide a further, worthwhile task for Regular army forces which must, in any case, be kept in being by this country. Even if Canada was to withdraw its army units from Europe entirely, it would still have to keep a substantial number of troops available in this country in order to provide minimum levels of territorial defence as well as aid to the civil power when necessary. Some of these personnel must be Regulars, moreover, because of the high levels of training, discipline and objectivity required sometimes to handle civil disturbances.

Regarding the First Canadian Air Division, the second option mentioned earlier in the paper seems to be the best one i.e., keep one large squadron with twenty-four *CF-18s* in Europe as part of a multinational NATO air wing, but withdraw a similar number of *CF-18s* and about half of the personnel to Canada for North American defence duties. Some of these planes will be required here before long to make up for aircraft lost in attrition or undergoing midlife updates. In addition, the *CF-18s* in Europe and some of those in Canada could train, as a secondary duty, for possible enforcement actions with the United Nations.