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Ottawa Citizen Dec. 8/84

(Column by George Grande)

Grande reviews possible rifts between U.S. Defence and State Departments in some policy areas. He cites U.S. Defence Secretary Weinberger as a proponent of the view U.S. forces should be used sparingly, but once committed U.S. should go all the way to ensure victory. State Department takes more cautious view. Grande argues that from a Canadian perspective both foreign and defence policy should be basic components of a larger national security policy.

Regina Leader Post Dec. 29/84

(Column by John Best)

Best says Canada is about to commit itself, for the first time, to paying a share of the bill to update the DEW line. This makes "exceptionally good sense" in terms of sovereignty, he says, because things are happening in the North American defence environment that vitally affect Canadian interests, but which could quickly leave us on the outside looking in if we fail to become involved.

Regina Leader Post Oct. 18/84

(Column by John Best)

Best is critical of the Mulroney government's incoherent approach to foreign and defence policy. He says Mulroney is sending out two strikingly different signals that his government intends to make good on its campaign promises to strengthen ties with the U.S. and increase contributions to Western security; and that, on the other hand, it is not controlled by hard-liners. This has resulted, he says, in "something resembling a kaleidoscope, with patterns and personalities tumbling around in a formless web." He adds that in trying to be all things to all people, the government is giving the impression that it doesn't know where it is going.

Edmonton Journal Dec. 8/84

(Column by Ron Collister)

If the government listens to protesters of arms sales in Canada it will mean the loss of defence contracts and jobs. In the current economic climate, according to Collister, that would be a dumb move.

Edmonton Journal Oct. 19/84

(Column by Charles Lynch)

Lynch writes that listening to Robert Coates on Canadian Defence is like going into a "time warp" and wonders if anyone in the government takes him seriously or even listens to him.

Edmonton Journal Oct. 22/84

(Column by Reg Silvester)

Canadians should have peace as their battle cry and not be wasting time trying to decide if the U.S. or USSR is the "bad guy." Any country with the bomb should be recognized as the bad guy.