

joint defence arrangements with the United States. Principal activities will include the operation of early warning systems and the development of space-based surveillance.

Air Command will also continue to have responsibility for airborne anti-submarine patrolling; military air transport; and tactical air support of the land forces. Its other important duties will include participation in search and rescue services (SAR).

Maritime operations will continue to include protection of NATO sea lines of communication in the Atlantic and maintaining a capability for tracking Soviet strategic nuclear submarines off the East and West coasts. The latter task will be affected by changing patterns of Soviet nuclear submarine deployments.

Surveillance and control of the national waters, including territorial seas, fisheries zones and pollution control zones, will also remain an important task for the armed forces. Maritime Command will continue to cooperate in these operations with other government agencies such as the Coast Guard and the Department of Fisheries. In the Arctic, Canada's national maritime presence is likely to remain limited, in this decade, to bottom-based hydrophones and occasional air and surface-ship patrols in summer. Hybrid submarines may eventually provide some under-ice capability, but they cannot be deployed on active service in this decade.

Canada also has a responsibility for the land defence of its own territory, as well as for participating in continental land defence arrangements jointly with the United States. The Special Service Force located mainly in Petawawa, together with parts of the brigade groups based in Calgary and Valcartier, have this as a specified task among their various responsibilities. Other Regular and Reserve units may be drawn on for this purpose as required.

A greater requirement may be that of providing internal security, including aid to the civil power. The Army, especially, has been called on to carry out these types of duty on a significant scale on half a dozen occasions in the last twenty-five years. The