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Foreign Policy Attitudes.

At the annual meeting of the CIIA in June, 1967 a short questionnaire was handed out to delegates in order to ascertain foreign policy attitudes toward NATO, NORAD and peacekeeping. Of the 132 registered delegates 79 respondents filled out the questionnaire for a 59.8% return. At the time the questionnaire was circulated approximately 100 delegates were in attendance. While the results are by no means representative of the general public, they are probably representative of a good section of the CIIA as an attentive public group.

One of the difficulties encountered in coding the results was the classification of delegates by occupational groups. A substantial number of academics were among the respondents and no classification problem was encountered with this group; but in order to obtain occupational groups of statistically significant size some occupations had to be grouped together. Engineers, lawyers, CA's, military personnel, economists, scientists, etc., were classified in one category as professionals. Interested citizens was another group which included housewives, school teachers, librarians, secretaries, retired individuals, etc. The civil servants and communication media people were classified as a separate group.

The questions in the survey which were directly related to the study have been included in the body of the report, and will not be repeated in the appendix. (See Tables No. 7, 16, 19 and 20). The remainder of the questions are of interest as they help to give a more complete picture of the attitudes of the CIIA delegates as an attentive public group whose main interest is international politics and foreign policy.

The CIIA attitudes toward NATO in Table No. 7 are concerned solely with attitudes at a specific point in time. What is needed now is some indication of attitude change over time. This was attempted in the survey by asking the respondents if their attitude toward "Canada's participation in NATO" had changed. The results to this question are contained in the following table, and

Table No. 22: Attitude Change Toward NATO by delegates to the Annual CIIA Meeting - June, 1967 (Expressed in percentages)

Question: Has your opinion concerning Canada's participation in NATO changed?

				Occupations		
Tot		ex F	Academics	Professionals	Interested Citizens	Others [@]
Yes 45	6.6 45.0	44.4	45.8	48.1	52.9	20.0
200	5.8 50.0	38.9	45.5	48.1	35.3	70.0
(1.6 5.0	16.7	9.1	3.7	11.8	10.0
Totals 100		100.0 (18)	99.9 (22)	99.9 (27)	100.0 (17)	100.0 (10)

Note: @ - includes six civil servants, and four members of the communication media.