

*Government Orders*

Finally, in the conflict between the Chinese and Vietnamese governments since 1979, there is record of direct Canadian arms sales. This is evidence compiled by Project Ploughshares for the most current, comprehensive sources.

It is one thing to pass protocol. We will be co-operative in passing these protocols. It is another thing to work in the international community around the world for those things which will actually prevent the situation to which these protocols address themselves.

Unfortunately, as far we are concerned, the Canadian government's record in that respect is not one that Canadians should be as proud of as they sometimes are. There is no question that the average Canadian feels good about Canada's role in the world, and so they should, in many respects. They need to be reminded, not just from time to time, but consistently that our hands are indeed dirty with respect to a lot of these armed conflicts that are happening around the world.

It is about time we did our part to move the world toward a new concept of security that is not based on military arms, the kind of security which is sought by all the people to whom we now sell arms, but the kind of security that could come from a real attempt to build a just and sustainable international economic order. It is a concept of security in which environmental damage would come to an end, in which children would not be dying at the rate of one every two seconds, and which deals with many of the things the non-governmental organizations concerned with international development are concerned about.

They were here today to protest the possibility of further cuts in Canada's overseas development assistance. That is where matters of real security come in. Yet this government appears to be on the brink of pulling back even further from its responsibilities in that regard.

I believe there is a need for new strength and new concepts in international law to deal with human rights violations within countries and to deal with environmental violations. We need to find a way for the United Nations to escape from its captivity to the notion of national sovereignty so that nations which are abusing, torturing, murdering or committing genocide against elements of their population can no longer hide behind the notion of national sovereignty. We need to find a

way, as a world, to transcend that notion, because we have become that global village in which everyone's business is everyone else's business, whether we like it or not. It would be a simple world if that were not the case, and an easier world in many respects, but it is not that kind of world. What happens anywhere in the globe is indeed the business of everyone else on planet earth and it is about time we had international institutions which were trying to reflect that reality.

That is true with respect to human rights violations. It is also true with respect to the environment because, as we found out, it is not just in the context of human rights violations that we need to transcend notions of national sovereignty. It is in the reality of nature and transboundary pollution that we find the real limits to national sovereignty. Pollution does not know borders. It is a bit like money in that respect. Pollution can transcend national sovereignty in a way which is often very damaging, as we know only too well here in Canada as a result of transboundary air pollution coming from the United States in the form of acid rain.

We are becoming even more aware of it as a result of evidence that our oceans, particularly our east coast, it appears has been used as a toxic dumping ground by various and sundry ships, either by way of disposing of their own waste or perhaps even waste they deliberately intended to dump in Canadian waters.

We are not in a position to do anything about that nationally or internationally. We have not signed the Law of the Sea, and we are not pressing for tough environmental action. Nationally, we have a couple of tracker planes still operating out of Prince Edward Island. The government is not willing to guarantee their future.

The other night I saw on television that apparently we have a plane which keeps an eye on the Great Lakes for toxic dumping and recently it made a flight over Newfoundland. But this is something it can do only every once in a blue moon.

Are we about to become the garbage dump of the world or are we going to do something about this? We need to act in at least two different ways. We need stronger international laws with respect to the environment, and we need the self respect to have the capacity to monitor at the basic level at least what is going on in our own territory, particularly in our own waters. Yet