

keeping the troops in Europe, and agreement that the role should be re-considered.

The party that has shown the greatest consistency on the question of troops and roles for NATO has been the NDP, but the party position seems to have hardened since 1964-65. In January of 1967 in a speech at London, Ontario Mr. Brewin stated that Canada is "maintaining a defence against something that is non-existent" since conditions have changed to such an extent that our NATO forces are completely obsolete.⁵⁴ The Fourth Constitutional Convention meeting in July, 1967 came to substantially the same conclusion. Resolution 216 asked for the withdrawal of the Brigade Group and the Air Division, and the 1965 Brewin suggestion of a mobile brigade in Europe was not included.

Table No. 3 shows that despite disagreement over unification (now pretty well a dead issue) and the stationing of troops in Europe, there is substantial agreement over the need to re-negotiate the NATO role, and even - at least in the long-run - over what role should be adopted for Canada.

Table No. 3 - Political Parties and Support for NATO: 1964-67: ¹
Toward a New Consensus

<u>Issue</u>	could commitments be fulfilled with armed forces unification?	should troops remain in Europe?	should NATO role and commitments change?	should Canada remain in NATO?
<u>Party</u>				
Liberals	Yes	Yes (qualified)	Yes	Yes
Prog. Cons.	No (qualified)	Yes (qualified)	Yes (qualified)	Yes
New Democ Party	No	No	Yes	Yes (qualified)

1. Not shown in the table are two further issues which had all party agreement:
 - i) that Canada was wise not to get involved in the MLF. and
 - ii) that NATO should continue after the withdrawal of France from the integrated command structure.
2. A 'Yes, qualified' means support with reservations, and a 'No, qualified' means rejection in part.

The table indicates that the future may see a growing consensus concerning Canada's NATO role, and, as the following section shows all parties agree that NATO has a future. (This does not mean that any one of the parties will not change its position overnight.)