



Two world wars have taught Canada that it cannot remain aloof from developments in Europe. In fact, the defence of that continent is the first line of defence for Canada. As a member of the Alliance, Canada's defensive capability is far greater than if Canada were "to go it alone".

As so much of Canada's national income is derived from foreign trade - 80 to 90% with our partners in NATO - we are interested in open trade routes and a stable world. Also, if the Soviet Union and the United States superpowers came to blows, Canada lies directly in the path of bombers and missiles - another reason to be concerned for the preservation of peace through adequate collective security.

Last, but not least, in political terms NATO is a valuable link with the United States and with Europe. NATO provides the environment for effective political interaction and the mapping out of concerted lines of conduct toward others, as witness the West's handling of its relations with the Warsaw Pact. No one member country could have done as well alone. NATO is needed. Canada needs NATO as NATO needs Canada ... as it did 30 years ago and as it will for a considerable time to come.

