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■ By the time this issue of *Peace&Security* finds its way into readers' hands, warships of the Canadian navy will have arrived in the waters of the Persian Gulf. As I write on 20 August, one of the few certainties about this crisis is that with the sending of battle-ready ships, and with some eight hundred Canadian citizens living in Iraq and Kuwait – all apparently subject to the whims of a government, which, putting aside all other complexities, is the only existing government, we must remember, known to have used nerve gas on its own unarmed citizens – Canada is directly involved. Another, is that the Gulf

confrontation threatens military action with levels of lethality and destruction not seen by Western countries since the Korean war.

■ Our cover story bears on the post-war period's singular international event – Eastern Europe and the demise of the Cold War. It is immediately evident from **Jacques Lévesque's** report that something else died in 1990, the very idea of a place called "Eastern Europe" – an eventuality bound to complicate the lives of journalists, academics, policy makers and citizens, because it will now be necessary to take into account seven places not one. The "Eastern Bloc" stands revealed not as a block at all, but rather as separate countries with different histories and aspirations, and as Lévesque underscores, very different futures.

We also present an address given at the Institute by **Shridath Ramphal**, the out-going Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. Sir Shridath reminds us of the sobering fact that even while East-West cooperation has increased, the North-South dialogue on the structure of the international economy, begun in the seventies, has stalled completely.

The reactivation of "meaningful, structured" talks between North and South on the world economy is exactly what is envisaged by **David Runnalls** in "Saving Earth's Atmosphere." The Third World now has considerable bargaining power with the West when it comes to deciding how to minimize and adapt to imminent global climate change. Runnalls sketches for us the agendas of and strategies behind these negotiations.

While the world watches the Persian Gulf and waits, another local conflict with terrifying implications plays itself out in the mountain valleys of Kashmir. **Selig Harrison** sorts through the complex of conflicting national, religious and tribal interests at the heart of this centuries-old dispute.

And from a new book on the foreign policies of Pierre Trudeau by **J.L. Granatstein** and **Robert Bothwell**, we present an excerpt on the 1983 "peace initiative." Regardless of one's judgement of this period, it is of considerable interest to this Institute since in a very important way, the legislation to create the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security grew directly from those diplomatic efforts.

– Michael Bryans

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