

participated actively in the coalition effort that eventually drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. Canada dispatched three ships to the Gulf in late August; played an active role in the economic blockade; provided *CF-18* fighters, refuelling aircraft and ground support forces in the autumn; strengthened its contribution early in 1991; and then joined actively in the direct naval and air action against Iraq.

There may be further requirements for such forces in the future. If member states of the United Nations are to continue upholding world order, and to press on to the establishment of a new international society based more securely on justice and stability, then they will have to commit themselves to resisting, whenever necessary, the more blatant and threatening instances of aggression that arise. In some circumstances, there may be no alternative to the use of military force.

Canada's military contributions in such cases are likely to be similar to those in the Gulf -- limited contributions of highly-trained naval, air and ground forces that have particular expertise or specializations to offer. One or two squadrons of aircraft, two or three naval vessels, and one or two battalions of infantry or paratroops -- together with transport, logistics and other support -- will probably be the norm. Only up-to-date forces with the best, modern equipment should be sent on such operations, a requirement that should be possible to meet once the present naval building programme has brought on stream the two batches of new patrol frigates now on order.

Canada's contribution to such military operations could be very important. However, this country will not normally be expected to play a leading military role in any global coalition. The core roles will normally be played by the larger military powers, which have armed forces sufficiently large and well-endowed with a range of high-technology materiel to enable them to counter aggression by some sizeable, renegade state.

Canada should play its full part in the effort to maintain international peace and to uphold world order by military action when necessary. But this does not mean that this country should reply eagerly to every good opportunity that seems to come along to