

18. The Committee therefore recommends:

- (a) That this Special Committee on Defence, which shall cease to exist at the end of the present session be reconstituted early in the next session and that, as far as possible, the present members of this Committee be reappointed thereto.
- (b) That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of this Committee be referred by the House to the Committee when it is reconstituted in the next session.
- (c) That upon the completion of the work by the above-mentioned Special Committee, the House of Commons set up a Standing Committee on Defence, of similar composition to the Special Committee.
- (d) That the proposed Standing Committee on Defence be provided with a technical secretariat.

## CHAPTER II—THE SERVICES

19. At the many meetings of the Committee, a number of questions were raised regarding Canadian armed services, some of which are referred to here and the others in succeeding chapters of this report.

20. The Minister and Associate Minister of National Defence, the Naval, Army and Air Force Chiefs of Staff, and the Chairman of Defence Research Board, provided detailed evidence concerning their respective services' military and civilian establishment and distribution. A summary as of date of evidence is as follows:

### NAVY

Service personnel	21,593
Civilian personnel	12,297

#### *Naval Strength*

- 1 aircraft carrier with a squadron of Tracker Aircraft and a squadron of helicopters
- 18 destroyer escorts (*St. Laurent, Restigouche* or *Mackenzie* classes)
- 8 Tribal class destroyer escorts
- 17 frigates
- 10 minesweepers
- 3 Royal Navy submarines (on loan)
- 1 submarine
- 1 fleet replenishment ship
- 2 maintenance repair ships
- 4 squadrons of aircraft (shore-based)

#### *Organization (East Coast)*

The Atlantic Command with headquarters in Halifax and operating under the Flag Officer is comprised of—

- Fleet establishments
- Support facilities

On the East Coast we have:

- 1 aircraft carrier with a squadron of Tracker Aircraft and a squadron of helicopters embarked
- 11 destroyer escorts of the *St. Laurent, Restigouche* and *Mackenzie* classes
- 8 Tribal class destroyer escorts
- 10 frigates