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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

■ In 1981 while filming interviews for the National Film Board film series *War*, we did one in a Washington hotel room with Fritz Ermarth, then an independent strategic analyst and Sovietologist, who went on to fill various positions in the CIA and National Security Council. Alas, as so often happens in movie making the entire interview ended up on the cutting-room floor. I say alas, because he spoke well and convincingly about how the Soviets view the world in military terms.

While writing the piece inside on deterrence, one small moment of this interview came to mind again. When, inevitably, the subject of the Cuban Missile Crisis came around Ermarth spoke in almost wistful tones about the bygone days of American nuclear superiority. The fact that the US was able to push the Russian missiles out of Cuba without suffering some form of retaliation in a place where the Soviets had local military superiority on the ground – Berlin was his example – was proof of the usefulness of having a lot more nuclear weapons than the other side. What happened to the Russians in 1962, he went on

to say, is the answer to Henry Kissinger's question, "What in the name of God is strategic superiority? What is the significance of it, politically, militarily, operationally, at these levels of numbers? What do you do with it?"

If Ermarth's attitude is representative, then this "lesson" from Cuba has indeed been absorbed into the highest levels of military planning in the West. And more than a few commentators in recent years have seen implicit in the buildup of US nuclear forces a desire to return to the halcyon days when the West was way ahead in the bomb count. Just as many have ascribed the Soviet nuclear buildup since Cuba to their fierce determination never to let the Cuban "humiliation" happen again. The subject of *The Banality of Deterrence* is the nature of this lesson and the conclusions of some who think we all learned the wrong one.

The cover story this issue is by **Kevin McMahon**. McMahon travelled through the Canadian Arctic during the autumn of last year, interviewing northerners, mostly Inuit. Among the communities he visited were Iqaluit, Hall Beach, Resolute Bay, Cambridge Bay and Gjoa Haven.

**Gilles Paquin's** story is a cautionary one about the dangers of sending Canadian peacekeeping troops into Central America. Included is an excerpt from the first and final report of the short-lived Verification Commission; an international body that was charged with the difficult task of evaluating how well each of the Central American countries was living up to the peace agreement signed last year.

**Steve Godfrey** looks at the economic condition of the states that border on South Africa, and the vital role he believes Canada could play to help the Frontline states secure their frontiers.

The future of the Canadian peace movement in the post-cruise missile era is the subject of **Tony Rogers'** article. In his view, the peace movement needs to adjust its strategy if it is to rally Canadians and influence government policy.

And finally, **Shannon Selin** asks the question – then answers it in a personal essay – whether women could run the world better than men.

– Michael Bryans

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