
I intend to cover this part of my talk in three phases. First we'll look at Canada and our requirements at home, next Europe and the NATO picture, and finally our peacekeeping responsibilities.

Canada

First, our Canadian navy. I see no major changes in our navy. It will continue to have its headquarters at Halifax, with a subordinate HQ at Esquimalt. At present, we are developing a 20-year ship-replacement program based upon the requirements for the tasks we have now as well as those tasks we anticipate having in the future. Of course, the size, weight and speed of our replacement ships will be affected by our analysis of these tasks. There will, of course, continue to be combat ships, which will contribute to collective defence.

The Canadian air force

Air Command HQ will remain in Winnipeg.

I see no major changes in the air-transport, maritime-air or air-training activity.

On the air-defence side, we must maintain the integrity of Canadian air-space but, as the Minister announced, we are no longer concerned about providing protection against massive bomber attacks, although we must have a complete capability to deal with air probes. Accordingly, we shall be maintaining our radar-surveillance and fighter-interceptor capability so as to prevent a "free ride" from intruders.

On the fighter side, I believe that we can fulfil national requirements from two major bases, one in the East at Bagotville and the other in the West at Cold Lake. Inherent in the proposal is the necessity for a modern fighter aircraft with sufficient range, combat manoeuvrability, and weapons-payload capacity to do the job. In my opinion, there are new aircraft capable of meeting this requirement that are available now, that could be bought "off the shelf", and for which production-sharing arrangements could be concluded. As an example, one simply has to look at the F14, the F15 or the F16.

I should prefer not to go into any further detail on aircraft at this time, since we have only just begun to refine our new fighter aircraft requirements.

Of course, in addition to the two main fighter-bases, I should need some dispersal bases for these aircraft, one of which should be in
