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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

This is, in all probability, the final issue of *Peace&Security* magazine which will be published by the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security. As reported inside, the Minister of Finance announced in his budget statement of 25 February that it was the intention of the Government to disband the Institute.

Peace&Security began life in the spring of 1986, and its intended readership was what we termed the "interested, but non-expert public" — readers who wanted to know about an international issue, but who had neither the time nor the inclination to read weighty tomes. Its design and illustration were intended to attract readers, to expand the numbers of people interested in the issues, to put superior international affairs writing and quality design into an intelligent and engaging bilingual magazine.

Peace & Security grew and changed during its six-year history. Originally twelve pages in each language, it became twenty-four. Our distribution list began in 1986 at 2,500; this issue will be mailed to 8,500 addresses.

From the very beginning the only preconceived notion the editors had about what constituted a good article for our readers was that it be intellectually honest, with a fair regard for the facts of an issue, and that it fit into the relatively limited space we had available. Neither we nor the Institute in general had an ideological axe to grind. We were tough on our writers and are convinced that this usually resulted in better writing for our readers.

Something else we tried from the very beginning was to publish quality original writing in both official languages. While editing and publishing in two languages simultaneously is expensive, and presents formidable editorial challenges, the magazine and, we believe, its readers, gained enormously from the increased range and quality of writing this enabled us to present. We made conscious effort to bring to our readers perspectives from outside Canada as well.

We are grateful to a number of people who provided advice and counsel during Peace & Security's brief life: Geoffrey Pearson, the Institute's first executive director, supported the development of the magazine; his successor, Bernard Wood, has been an enthusiastic participant in its growth. John Walker, Mary Taylor, David Cox, Roger Hill, Mark Heller, Hilary Mackenzie, Madeleine Poulin, Charlotte Gray and Jocelyn Coulon were all members of the editorial board at one time or another and contributed ideas, excellent articles, and much needed constructive criticism.

Staff members Dianne DeMille, Bradley Feasey, Eva Bild, Veronica Baruffati, Samantha Hayward, Dick Seldenthuis and Veronica Suarez played roles at various times. Staff of the Institute library, in particular Susan Connell and Katherine Laundy, provided timely and indispensable research support to the editors. Philip Lemieux and his staff supplied crucial administrative and budgetary help, not to mention well-

timed moral support. Our translators at Sogestran Inc., under the direction of **Denis Bastien**, were instrumental in helping us provide high quality, other-language versions of our stories. And, of course, we are grateful to members of the Institute's Board of Directors who over the years continued to underwrite what must have seemed at the beginning to have been an improbable venture.

Finally, **Jeannette Hanna** of Spencer Francey Peters, was present at the creation and has been the inspiration behind the design and "look" of the magazine and its evolution over the years. Jeannette and **Kathy Dyer**, responsible for electronic production, were indefatigable in their support for this slightly unusual enterprise. The magazine's printers from the start, Somerset Graphics in the person of **Ian Budge**, consistently gave us results of the highest quality.

This issue's cover story features a roundtable on Japan. *Peace&Security* magazine brought together four Japanese international affairs specialists and commentators in Tokyo to talk about how they saw their country's place in the community of nations. The resulting conversation provides some surprising insights into the much written about but little understood subject of how Japanese view themselves and the rest of the world.

As for the editors of *Peace& Security*, the only thing left for us to say is *sayonara*.

- Nancy Gordon, Michael Bryans and Hélène Samson

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New Institute Publications in the Last Quarter

International Peace and Security Database Factsheet, Information Services, Fall 1991.

Civilian Aspects of United Nations' Peacekeeping, by Robin Hay, Background Paper 38, October 1991, 8 pages.

Naval Arms Control, by Ron Purver, Background Paper 39, December 1991, 8 pages.

The Role of the Media in International Conflict, A Report On An International Conference, Ottawa, 12–13 September 1991, by Christopher Young, Working Paper 38, December 1991, 80 pages. Other Publications From the Institute include: Occasional Papers • Background Papers • Working Papers • Factsheets • Annual Guide to Canadian Policies • Director's Annual Review • Institute's Annual Report.

A Time of Hope and Fear: A New World Order and a New Canada, Director's Annual Statement, by Bernard Wood, January 1992, 40 pages.

Arms Export Controls to Limit Weapons Proliferation, Summary of An International Conference, Ottawa, 19–21 June 1991, by Jean-François Rioux, Working Paper 39, January 1992, 65 pages.

The CSCE and Future Security in Europe, A report of a two-day conference held in Prague, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, 4-5 December 1991, by Michael Bryans, Working Paper 40, March 1992, 95 pages.