

there was among many questioners a deep and consistent concern for the "independence of Canada foreign policy."

A number of themes -- of national and international concern -- emerged repeatedly from coast to coast. They included:

- the perceived "militarisation" of the Atlantic region, opposition to the proposed NATO flight training centre at Goose Bay, rejection of any consideration of locating the Thyssen arms export plant in Cape Breton, opposition to the establishment of a Litton plant in PEI as part of the LLAD contract, opposition to the visit of nuclear-armed U.S. ships to Canada's eastern ports;
- opposition to Cruise Missile delivery system testing and to uranium mining and exports (which were seen to contribute to the U.S. nuclear weapons programme);
- opposition to the renewal of the NORAD agreement, concern over the continued use by the U.S. of the CFMETR Nanoose, opposition to visits by nuclear-armed U.S. ships to Canada's western ports.

There was general recognition and acceptance of the need for spending on defence and of the need for the Canadian Forces for sovereignty and peacekeeping purposes. However, many people still wondered whether there is indeed "a threat to Canada" and "who is the enemy?" Canada's position as a NATO and NORAD partner was by no means left unquestioned or unchallenged.

There was considerable questioning and concern expressed over the NORAD renewal, the absence of the ABM clause, the relationship between SDI and NWS, the implications of SDA 2000 and the real nature of Canada's involvement in SDI research despite the Government's decision not to participate formally on a government-to-government basis.

Other concerns/suggestions included: enhanced work for a CTB, serious consideration and response to the Gorbachev initiative (including the moratorium), support for a Nuclear freeze, Canadian membership in the Five Continent Peace Initiative, support for a U.N. Special Session on International Security, support for an arms transfer register, support and active lobbying for ISMA, the declaration of the Arctic as a NWFZ and the declaration of