

civilian/commercial projects. In sensitizing business to the issue of disarmament and development and to the question of conversion, it was suggested that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce could be briefed on the subject and that this information would filter down to the local level. It was believed necessary to involve the business community in "peace" issues broadly defined. It was noted that, given an approach tailored to the private sector, there would probably be a receptive response by industry. It was stressed that the business sector would need to be approached in terms they could relate to in order to bring them gradually into the peace community.

In addressing the theme of the peace movement in more general terms, it was suggested that it could be viewed as a sort of "loyal opposition" ie. it would grudgingly recognize the good work of the government but was primarily interested in criticising in order to maintain the pressure for forward movement and progressive policies.

In concluding the discussion, it was suggested that there was both a national and international "failure of imagination" in terms of dealing with global issues. For example, as in the case of the U.S. raid on Libya, it was considered that there were other more peaceful ways of dealing with the issues and problems. An appropriate focus in IYP would be to inform Canadians that there were other alternatives to the concepts of peace and war -- constructive, peaceful alternatives to existing methods of conducting foreign policy.

There was hope expressed for the future given the generally higher level of education and the increased awareness of people. It was agreed that these components -- education, awareness, communication -- were an integral part of moving forward.

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