

PEACE

QUESTION to Candidates

*Will your party
significantly cut defence
spending to divert those
funds to more
economically and
socially useful spending?*

**Equality
is the
Bottom
Line**



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FACTS

- ♀ Despite the end of the Cold War, the Canadian government spends one tenth of its budget on the military (\$12 billion in 1990) and huge sums to subsidize military production.
- ♀ Only the military and mega-energy projects may be subsidized under NAFTA. Social benefits, including unemployment and health insurance, are restricted by this agreement.
- ♀ Only Department of Defence spending continues to mount in the 1993 federal budget. Cuts that have been announced are actually cuts to planned spending increases. Funding to advocacy groups was cut another 20% in the 1993 budget, while the defence budget continues to grow.
- ♀ Canadian domestic, defence and foreign policies include the ultimate use of force. Non-violent negotiations, peace-making and better living conditions would be more productive for peace.
- ♀ Fewer jobs are created per dollar spent in military production than in most socially useful work such as teaching, child care, and health services.
- ♀ The helicopter project, costing billions of dollars is yet another example of wildly extravagant military spending, while the rest of us are expected to tighten our belts.