

## **CDA Institute Fourth Annual Seminar, 1988**

### ***In Defence of Canada's Oceans***

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#### **A Maritime Response in Three Oceans**

##### **Vice-Admiral C.M. Thomas**

"We trade by ocean transport -- in everything that does not go to the United States, and even some things that do. The sea lines of communication(SLOCs) have at their distant termini the opportunities for the greatest growth in trade. And it is, to a large extent, our own efforts in establishing oceanic security and defence capabilities that determine our dependability as a trading nation."

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#### **From Sea unto Sea...unto Sea**

##### **Dr. W, Harriet Critchly**

"From a defence perspective, we generally think of the Arctic in terms of air defence and the early warning of ICBM attack. We think of the Pacific as a large, American controlled lake where Canada has minor coastal defence interests. The Atlantic is where the maritime action has been, is and will be. I would like to challenge this traditional view by tracing some recent geopolitical trends that should have a major impact on our thinking about Canada's defence and security."

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#### **Maritime Defence Policy -- A New Democrat's Perspective**

##### **Derek Blackburn**

"I started from the position that Canada is a maritime nation with the world's longest coastline. It is my position that we must extend our maritime capabilities to exercise our sovereignty in three oceans. This will require an adequate mix of surface, sub-surface and aerial surveillance craft. Our current surface fleet is too old to meet the challenge of a three-ocean policy."

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#### **The United States' Maritime Strategy: Should Canada be Concerned?**

##### **Rear-Admiral F.W. Crickard**

"The new US maritime strategy has been hailed as the focus of the naval profession, the essence of maritime power in the Nuclear Age, and a pillar of deterrence. Concurrently, it has been condemned as aggressive and provocative, as proof positive of a hidden agenda for Pentagon pre-emptive, or even premeditated, war-fighting strategy, as a cynical budget gambit by the US Navy, and as a costly boondoggle that won't survive in a fight."

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## **Problems of Maritime Defence to the North of the American Continent**

**Rear-Admiral A.P. Gay(French Navy)**

"It is quite normal, quite natural, for Canada to be, within the alliance[NATO], responsible for operations in the Arctic Ocean. And it must have the means to assume this responsibility."