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ARMAMENT (VMND)** is open to persons who have
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zations, and civil defence, and to close relatives of
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broad policy of VMND and makes whatever annual
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membership fee (and certainly no upper limit to
contributions!).

"We are now speeding inexorably toward a day when
even the ingenuity of our scientists may be unable
to save us from the consequences of a single rash act
or a lone reckless hand upon the switch of an uninter-
ceptible missile."

General of the US Army Omar Bradley, 1957

"Our national security, and that of our allies, is most
threatened by the grotesque size and continuing growth
of both nuclear arsenals."

**Hans Bethe, one of the creators of the atomic bomb,
1982**

"...the number and variety of [NATO and Warsaw
Pact] weapons systems is grossly in excess of what is
needed to provide deterrence, and additional indepen-
dent systems are superfluous."

Field Marshal Lord Carver (UK), 1982

"The West could afford to reduce its nuclear arsenal
unilaterally without weakening its deterrence.... 'If
we did that, I think we'd find that we could demonstrate
to the Soviets that both sides could stop the prolif-
eration of nuclear arms.' "

**Manchester Guardian, June 1983,
interview with Canadian Admiral
Robert Falls, then Chair of NATO's
Military Committee**

"Today, the accumulation...of weapons constitutes
more of a danger than a safeguard for the security of
nations...."

"Notwithstanding, the arms race is being stepped
up...."

"This pattern must be broken, to open the road for
the first steps towards disarmament."

World Veterans Federation, Rome, 1979

"Military honour now is in the avoidance of war."

**General Gert Bastian, West Germany,
former senior NATO Commander, 1982**

"At the end of our present path of unlimited military
confrontation lies no visible destination but failure
and horror. What is needed here is only the will — the
courage, the boldness, the affirmation of life — to
break the spell that the severed atom has cast upon us
all; to declare our independence of the nightmares of
nuclear danger; to turn our minds and hearts to better
things."

**George Kennan, former US Ambassador to the
Soviet Union**

August 1984

VETERANS for MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

"Our world stands on the brink of the final
abyss. Let us all resolve to take all possible
steps to ensure that we do not, through
our own folly, go over the edge."

**Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten
May 1979**

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GOALS. To increase Canada's security and to strengthen the hope that our children and grandchildren will have a future.

THE SITUATION. The United States and the Soviet Union already have nuclear weapons sufficient to destroy each other and all civilization many times over. The additions by both sides are completely irrational. It is impossible to overstate the danger.

For 35 years, our side has taken the lead in the nuclear arms race, and each new escalation has only increased our insecurity.

THE RESPONSE. No cause could justify nuclear war. To avoid that disaster, NATO and the Warsaw Pact must achieve a verifiable nuclear weapons freeze followed by nuclear disarmament. All the vast resources now directed to mutual overkill must be redirected to solving humanity's health and security problems.

Canada's Role. Canada can play a unique and very important part in the search for a peaceful future. We must

- promote communication between West and East blocks
- seek internationalization of satellite inspection of armaments
- end our own contribution to spreading nuclear weapons
- work to strengthen the UN and the World Court
- seek a ban on trade in nuclear weapons
- support the creation of demilitarized zones between hostile forces
- join with European peoples who have asked NATO to reject nuclear proliferation
- work for a NATO—Warsaw Pact agreement on a nuclear weapons freeze
- join with the majority of Americans, who are asking their government to negotiate an immediate nuclear weapons freeze
- build on the distinguished role of our military forces in UN peacekeeping by advocating and contributing to a global system of security

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament was founded in 1982. Operating "on a shoestring," we have

- **grown** from 4 to 300 supporters nationally and formed a branch in British Columbia
- **published a Statement of Position** endorsed by 90% of our supporters
- **received** over \$7,000 from individual donations and over \$1,000 from "in memoriam" gifts and from payment for a magazine article
- **spent** \$8,000 on two advertisements, printing, and postage
- **communicated with the public** through
 - advertisements
 - news releases
 - articles
 - talks to clubs
- **communicated with politicians** through
 - briefs
 - personal visits
 - correspondence
- **supported community disarmament education** through
 - speakers at courses, conferences, rallies
 - informal exchanges of views with disarmament groups
 - visibility at rallies
- **drawn the attention of the Royal Canadian Legion** to the need for multilateral nuclear disarmament
- **communicated with veterans' groups** in Western Europe and the United States that are working for multilateral nuclear disarmament
- **begun a dialogue with some recently retired Canadian senior military officers** and with some serving Canadian military personnel
- **produced an annotated bibliography** on the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament
- **studied**
 - the work of retired military leaders toward disarmament
 - the history and nature of the arms race
 - Canada's, NATO's, and the UN's recent actions on multilateral nuclear disarmament
 - the political and military situation in the USSR and the Warsaw Pact countries

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

1. **Form a "special names" advisory council** of distinguished ex-service people
2. **Initiate a gathering in Germany** in May 1985 commemorating the meeting there of Allied and Soviet armies 40 years ago — to include, if possible, veterans of WWII of all Allied forces, members of the underground resistance movements, and Soviet veterans, who fought together against Nazism
3. **Recruit vigorously**, across the country in both official languages, to (a) obtain as many endorsements as possible, so that we can speak for all veterans and ex-service people who share our views, (b) establish a long-range financial base, and (c) assist in the formation of local branches
4. **Increase media activities** in the popular and the veterans' press, radio, and television
5. **Offer** (in co-operation with other disarmament groups) **an educational programme** to service clubs, schools, universities, senior citizens' clubs, church groups, etc.
6. **Dialogue with all Canadian veterans' groups**
7. **Expand research and public statements on current issues** affecting national security and disarmament
8. **Increase our own knowledge** by conducting study sessions and conferences

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Informational materials available upon request: Statement of position of Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament; brief to the Right Honourable Joe Clark; texts of news conferences; annotated bibliography; cassette of speech on disarmament by US Maj. Gen. Kermit Johnson (Halifax, March 1984); statement of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten; article— "NATO's Security Requires Refusal of the Cruise."

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