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Dr Bernd Goetze, seated front, Secretary of the Atlantic Council and Director of NATO Ministerial Task Force, answers questions following his address to RUSI/NS members June 2.

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A Friendly Reminder

A reminder to those who have not yet paid their 2005 dues: Your cheque for \$35 would be much appreciated (mailed to above address or passed to a member of the executive). Any questions regarding membership can be directed to Len

RUSI/NS Secretary

The Board of Directors has separated the previous dual position of Secretary-Treasurer into Secretary and Treasurer positions. Bruce MacDonald has assumed the Treasurer's position. At this time, the Board invites interested members of RUSI/NS to apply for the position of Secretary.

The Secretary performs an important role in the day-to-day operation and long-term development of the Institute. Duties: The Secretary serves as custodian of the Institute's books, records and equipment; maintains correspondence, electronic and related distribution systems to support the timely dissemination of notices, minutes and other materials; conducts all correspondence, prepares agendas, advises members of meetings and keeps minutes of meetings; arranges meetings, tours and social functions; and assists the Webmaster with updating the RUSI/NS Web site. A monthly honorarium of \$200 is provided. To submit an application or for further information, contact: Lt(N)(Ret'd) Paul Phillips, President of RUSI/NS, PO Box 33100, Quinpool RPO, Halifax NS B3L 4T6, or Tel: 443-6632.

Coming Activities

- **June 16, 1400: Tour Emergency Measures Regional HQ, Dartmouth**
- **Sept 8 & 9: Atlantic Aerospace Defence and Security Exhibition Seminar Series, Halifax**

Check RUSI Web site for Activities Update and latest Dispatches

RUSI/NS Presentation To Senate Committee

Lt(N) (Ret'd) Paul Phillips, President of RUSI/NS made a presentation to members of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence during the committee's visit to Halifax in May.

In his remarks, Paul Phillips said, "...we were pleased with the release of the Defence Policy Statement as part of the International Policy Review. It was long overdue but welcomed nonetheless. However, we remain concerned about the current state of the Canadian Forces (CF)."

He continued: "The announced \$12.8 billion in new defence spending over five years is a significant investment but the bulk of that funding will not kick in until 2008-09 and later. The Forces cannot wait that long. There is a reported \$1 billion plus shortfall in today's operating budget. In simple terms the three services cannot do what the government has asked them to do with the resources the government has given them."

Other areas of concern include:

- **We do not have the training cadre to handle an influx of 8000 new recruits**
- **We lack ice-capable ships for Arctic sovereignty patrols**
- **There is no plan to build replacement ships for the 280 Class command & control ships**
- **There is an immediate need for a**

heavy airlift capability and a sealift capability

- **In Nova Scotia we have no Army unit to conduct coastal reconnaissance**
- **The insistence on "buy Canadian" in all defence procurement only hampers timely procurement**

"The CF along with the RCMP, Coast Guard and other security services are critical to the well being of Canadians. They deserve our full-hearted support in terms of resources to carry out their missions and multitude of tasks. These resources are needed today, not at some time in the future."

Chair of the Senate Committee is Senator Colin Kenny and vice chair is Senator Mike Forrestall.

Operation Renaissance

Alex Morrison, Chair of the Security Affairs Committee, provides the following update on Operation Renaissance:

"Murray Lee, John Boileau, Len Canfield and I are members of the Renaissance Committee. The committee was formed earlier this year to consider all aspects of RUSI/NS activities and to formulate recommendations for future action. The approach of the committee was to build on and enhance the previous good work of RUSI/NS.

"At the May meeting, the Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the Renaissance Committee in principle, subject to the RUSI membership agreeing with changes to the Institute's constitution. The draft constitution will soon be submitted, on a purely informative and consultative basis, to determine whether, if submitted officially, it would meet with approval of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies. Assuming the answer is yes, it is planned to have a meeting of the membership in September to ratify it. The main points recommended: adopting a mission statement, changing the

name of the Heritage Committee to Heritage and Honours Committee, simplifying wording and other editorial changes. The committee also recommends the formation of a trust fund (registered charity) to support the work of RUSI/NS.

“Other recommended actions to be implemented in due course: closer cooperation with other like-minded organizations, an intensive new member drive, preparing a one year schedule of meeting and speaker dates and venues, attracting a wider audience to speaker events, increased use of RUSI/NS Web site, self-financing of social events, and a proactive Security Affairs Committee able to respond to significant events and issues in a speedy and effective manner.

“If RUSI has three words to describe the scope of its activities, they are ‘Defence and Security’.”

Speakers Discuss Defence Policy and NATO Operations

Defence commentators Commander (ret'd) Peter Haydon and Dr Dan Middlemiss of Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies discussed the new Defence Policy at the April and May meetings of RUSI/NS. On June 2, Dr Bernd Goetze, Secretary of the North Atlantic Council and Director of the NATO International Ministerial Task Force briefed members on NATO operations.

“Defence policy lacks a bold vision...”

At the April meeting held in Cambridge Military Library, Peter Haydon said the defence policy “...lacks a bold vision and is a disappointment.”

He explained “...the paper places a heavy emphasis on intervention in failing states...

and it does not give sufficient recognition to the global economy and the importance of the free flow of commerce.”

With regard to the Navy, Haydon said “... although the naval concept outlined in the defence policy has a longer term view, it fails to address the all-important requirement of how to get from A to B. The policy envisages a very definite and expensive role for the Navy in the next 25 years. The cost could be enormous (\$30 billion) with a requirement for 24 warships (19 at present).

He described as ‘unrealistic’ the plan to recruit and train 8000 regular/ reserve members in short term.

Haydon also discussed the need for submarines and the challenges the Navy has encountered in acquiring and fitting the four Victoria Class subs.

“...time and lots of money”

Dan Middlemiss, addressing the May meeting on ‘New Directions in Canadian Defence? The 2005 Budget and the Defence Policy Statement’ said, “... the new defence policy is far from perfect but it is a good and badly needed starting point to save the Canadian Forces (CF).”

He explained the paper offers a clear vision for the CF, makes sense from a military point of view, offers a realistic assessment of the international situation and provides a 10-15 year focus for CF. And it defines the need for an integrated approach across the military (to provide a rapid response capability).

“However, the defence paper does not recognize the crisis situation the CF face today...and how the CF can survive for the next several years until the promised \$12.8 billion budget increase over five years kicks in,” he said. “We really need at least \$20 billion to cover what’s outlined in the paper.”

He reminded his audience that “...all these activities will take time and lots of money.”

“... combating international terrorism”

Dr Bernd Goetze, a retired CF brigadier general, discussed “The Globalization of Security: NATO’s Response and Assistance to Emerging Democracies.” He outlined NATO’s growing engagement of projecting security and stability beyond its traditional (Euro-Atlantic) territorial boundaries and its contribution to combating international terrorism.

Goetze said the 1991 Gulf War marked a major shift for NATO (member states provided a security zone in northern Iraq to protect Kurdish refugees). In 1995, NATO helped enforce UN-mandated no fly zone over Bosnia and a naval embargo in the Adriatic), and in 1998-99 deployed a NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kosovo. The next stage in NATO’s evolution came in 2002 with a commitment to play a more active role in the long-term struggle against global terrorism. Today, NATO is providing the bulk of the 9000-strong UN-mandated International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan and is assisting the Iraqi government with training its security forces. In addition, the 21000-strong NATO Response Force is expected to stand up in October 2006

He concluded, “I expect Canada to play an important role in all of these efforts.”

A Good Read

- ***Canadian Naval Review, Vol. 1, No 1, Spring 2005***, published by Dalhousie University’s Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. Inquiries: (902) 494-3769; e-mail: naval.review@dal.ca
- ***The Atlantic Soldier June 2005***, LFAA’s new electronic newsletter: http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/lfaa_hq/documents/atlantic_soldier_jun_05.htm