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WALDHEIM; CANADA'S DEFENCE WHITE PAPER

1. MAY 11 TORONTO STAR CARRIED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "SMALL  
MINDS FIGHT ARMS CONTROL DEALS" ON THE CURRENT ROUND OF  
ARMS CONTROL TALKS IN GENEVA. EXCERPTS INCLUDE:

2. ".... WE SEEM...TO BE AT A HISTORIC JUNCTURE WITH  
BOTH SUPERPOWERS ON THE VERGE OF AGREEING - FOR THE FIRST

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TIME - TO REDUCE THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS, NOT JUST SLOW THEIR GROWTH. BUT CERTAIN SMALL-MINDED PEOPLE SEEM DETERMINED TO SCUTTLE THESE PENDING DEALS. THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED IN THEIR EFFORTS. IN THE CASE OF THE MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES BASED IN EUROPE, SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS AND OUT-OF-OFFICE AMERICANS (NOTABLY RICHARD NIXON AND HENRY KISSINGER) HAVE ARGUED AGAINST THEIR ELIMINATION BECAUSE THAT WOULD LEAVE WESTERN EUROPE AT THE MERCY OF THE SOVIET ARMY, WHICH FAR OUTNUMBERS NATO'S CONVENTIONAL FORCES.

3. "THIS ARGUMENT IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SOVIETS WANT TO INVADE WESTERN EUROPE BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, THEY INVADED EASTERN EUROPE ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION. BUT...THE SOVIETS WERE HANDED EASTERN EUROPE BY THEIR ALLIES (THE U.S. AND BRITAIN) AT THE CLOSE OF WORLD WAR FURTHER. EVEN IF THEY DID, WESTERN EUROPE WOULD HARDLY BE NAKED IN THE FACE OF AGGRESSION. BRITAIN AND FRANCE WOULD RETAIN THEIR NUCLEAR ARMS, AND U.S. MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES COULD BE STATIONED OFF THE EUROPEAN COAST IN SUBMARINES OR, FOR THAT MATTER, LONG-RANGE MISSILES COULD STILL BE FIRED FROM THE CONTINENTAL U.S.

4. "AS FOR THOSE LONG-RANGE MISSILES - NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN GENEVA - THERE ARE OPINION-LEADERS IN THE U.S., NOTABLY DEFENCE SECRETARY CASPAR WEINBERGER, WHO ARE OPPOSED TO ANY DEAL LIMITING THEIR NUMBER AND ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO PREVENT IT.... THE CHIEF FLAK BEING THROWN UP IS STAR WARS, THE SPACE-BASED ANTI-MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEM THAT WEINBERGER SEEMS DETERMINED TO PURSUE AT ANY COST. THE SOVIETS, SENSIBLY, WANT STAR WARS CURTAILED AS A CONDITION OF A LONG-RANGE MISSILES TREATY.

5. "THE IRONY IS THAT, FOR STAR WARS TO WORK, THERE HAS TO BE A TREATY REDUCING OR AT LEAST LIMITING THE NUMBER OF LONG-RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILES AND WARHEADS. OTHERWISE, THE SOVIETS COULD COUNTER THE STAR WARS DEFENCE BY THROWING UP SUCH A CLOUD OF MISSILES THAT NO SYSTEM, NO MATTER HOW MAGNIFICENTLY DESIGNED, COULD HOPE TO KNOCK THEM ALL DOWN...."

6. ON AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM'S DECISION TO SUE THE HEAD OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS FOR SLANDER, THE MAY 11 OTTAWA CITIZEN HAD THIS TO SAY:

7. "WE WELCOME KURT WALDHEIM'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL SUE EDGAR BRONFMAN FOR SLANDER. LIKE BRONFMAN, WE HOPE THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT FINALLY HAS HIS DAY IN COURT - LOTS OF THEM.... EVEN BEFORE WALDHEIM'S ANNOUNCEMENT, BRONFMAN HAD SAID HE WOULD WELCOME LEGAL ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT. WE TOO WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE SORDID WALDHEIM STORY RETOLD, UNDER OATH, IN A COURT OF LAW.

8. "WALDHEIM HAS REPEATEDLY LIED ABOUT HIS YEARS IN HITLER'S ARMY, THOUGH HIS LIES HAVE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME. EVEN BEFORE HE BECAME UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN 1972, THE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF HIS PAST WAS

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ACCUMULATING.... THE EVIDENCE WAS ENOUGH TO PERSUADE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECENTLY TO VIRTUALLY BAR WALDHEIM FROM ENTERING THE U.S.... THAT U.S. ACTION WAS WRONG-HEADED, BECAUSE IT WAS BASED ON A PROVISION OF U.S. LAW THAT LETS THE ADMINISTRATION BAR ANY FOREIGNER ON THE FLIMSIEST PRETEXT....

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9. "WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS IS TO SEE ALL THE EVIDENCE IN A FAIR HEARING. PUTTING WALDHEIM ON TRIAL FOR WAR CRIMES? THAT, FOR VARIOUS REASONS - WHO? WHERE? UNDER WHAT LAW? - WILL NOT HAPPEN. A MORE PRACTICAL WAY IS FOR WALDHEIM TO PUT HIMSELF ON TRIAL - AS HE HAS BY PRESSING A SLANDER SUIT AGAINST BRONFMAN. FORMALLY, WALDHEIM WILL BE THE PLAINTIFF. IN REALITY, HE WILL BE IN THE DOCK HIMSELF, THE ACCUSED WAR CRIMINAL FORCED TO ANSWER FOR HIS LIES - AND POSSIBLY, AT LAST, FOR HIS CRIMES."

10. OTTAWA CITIZEN ALSO CARRIED EDITORIAL ON THE UPCOMING CANADIAN DEFENCE WHITE PAPER. "DEFENCE WISH-LIST" SAID IN PART:

11. ".... THE MOST HIGHLY VISIBLE QUESTION IS THAT RELATED TO THE DEFENCE OF THE CANADIAN ARCTIC. THE CANADIAN FORCES BELIEVE A FLEET OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES IS PART OF THE ANSWER. THAT CONCLUSION IS DIFFICULT TO FAULT.... TO REINFORCE CANADA'S CLAIM TO THE CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO - AND TO ADD CREDIBILITY TO OUR DETERRENT IN PEACETIME - REQUIRES MORE THAN AN UNMANNED STATIC DETECTION SYSTEM. SUBMARINES ARE THE OBVIOUS SOLUTION.... A COMBINED GAP DETECTION AND UNDER-ICE SUBMARINE SYSTEM DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF US WHO INSIST ON CANADA'S KNOWING AND CONTROLLING OUR ARCTIC WATERS - ALWAYS PROVIDED WE CAN PAY FOR IT. IF WE CANNOT AFFORD OUR ARCTIC, IT'S TIME THE GOVERNMENT ADMITTED IT AND TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

12. "CANADA IS ALREADY COMMITTED TO OPERATING THE NEW NORTH WARNING SYSTEM TO DETECT INCOMING SOVIET AIRCRAFT. BUT SINCE SPACE SURVEILLANCE WILL ULTIMATELY REPLACE GROUND RADAR DETECTION IN THE NORTH AND ELSEWHERE, AND IN VIEW OF THE NEW AIRBORNE SOVIET CRUISE MISSILE THREAT, THE WHITE PAPER SHOULD ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT CANADIAN RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SPACE. THIS IS NOT STAR WARS - DEFENCE AGAINST RUSSIAN BALLISTIC

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MISSILES - AND MUST NOT BE CONFUSED WITH IT. CANADA'S  
CRISIS COMMITMENT TO NORTHERN NORWAY MUST ALSO BE  
ADDRESSED. IF OUR RESOURCES WILL NOT ENABLE US TO CARRY  
THIS OUT CREDIBLY, ANY CHANGE MUST NOT DIMINISH OUR  
ALLY'S SECURITY...."

THURBER

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END OF MESSAGE

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