Will Canada Be a UN Peacekeeper Again?

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Canadian Peacekeeping Tradition













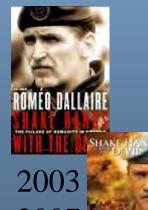














Canadian Association of Veterans in UN Peacekeeping (CAVUNP)



Nobel Speech 1957

"We made at least a beginning then. If, on that foundation, we do not build something more permanent and stronger, we will once again have ignored realities, rejected opportunities and betrayed out trust."



Lester B. PearsonNobel Prize acceptance speechOslo, Dec. 11, 1957

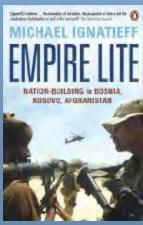
Ineffective UN Peacekeeping

peacekeeping is

"so flawed that it must be abandoned altogether."

"the Secretariat should stop running peacekeeping operations, and blue-beret forces should stop going where armed resistance can be expected."





"A Bungling U.N. Undermines Itself" by Michael Ignatieff, *NY Times*, 15 May 2000

Difficult Missions, 1993-95

Rwanda





Somalia



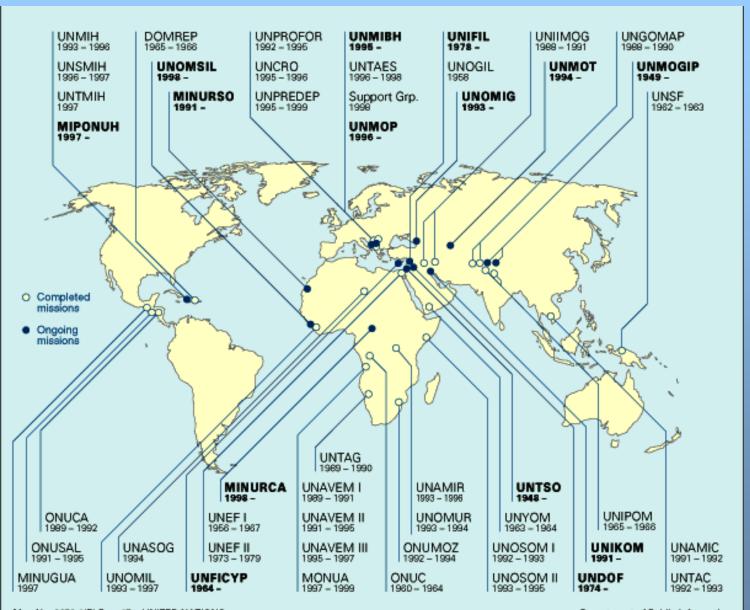






Bosnia

Peacekeeping: First 50 Years



Map No. 3852.1(E) Rev. 17 UNITED NATIONS March 1999 Department of Public Information Cartographic Section

Eastern Congo: Robust Peacekeeping (MONUC)

Mi-25 Combat Helicopters





Peacekeeping defined ...

the deployment of international military and civilian personnel to a conflict area, with the **consent** of the major parties to the conflict, acting **impartially** in order to:

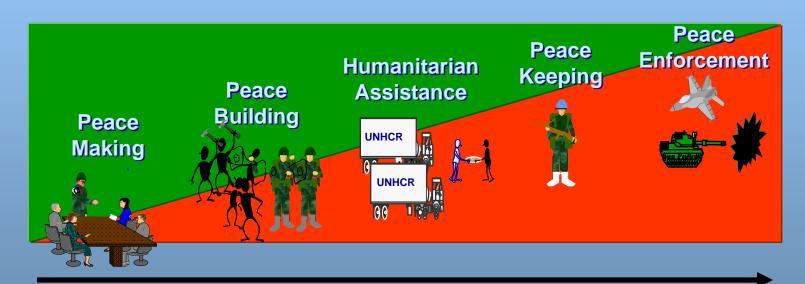
- stop or contain hostilities or
- supervise the carrying out of a peace agreement
- Build a sustainable peace.

Minimum use of force for selfdefence and <u>defence</u> of mission.



Source: modified from UN Website

Peace Support Operation (NATO doctrine)



Violence Potential

Increasing Force



Canada and the Evolution of Peacekeeping

Four Types/Generations

- 1 Observer
- 2 Interposition
- 3 Multidimensional
- 4 Transitional administration

Expanding functions

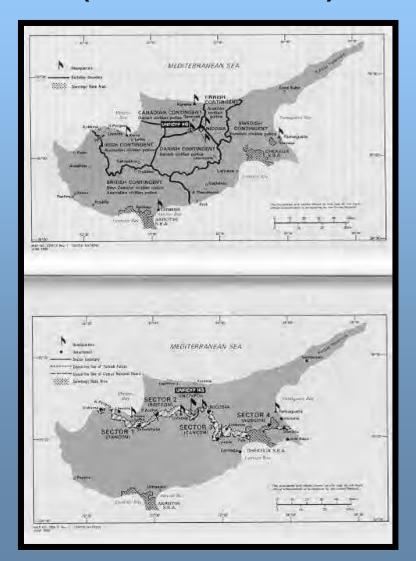




UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)



Paul Martin, Sr. Min. Ext. Affairs









Multidimensional Peacekeeping

Political

Military

Humanitarian

Police









Economic

Social

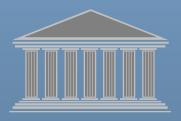
Reconstruction

Judicial









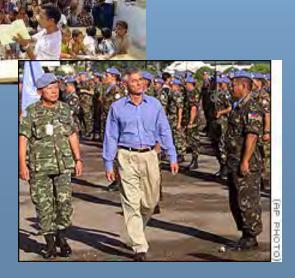
Civil-Military Coordination



East Timor: UNTAET







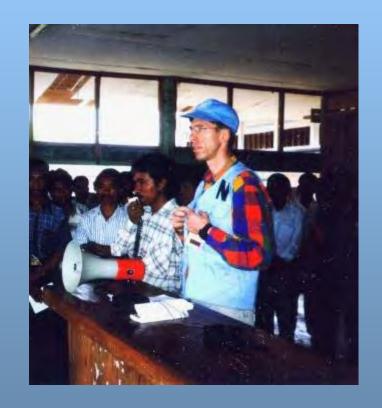


UN membership 8

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Electoral Officer, 1999

- Voter education
- Catholic Church compound in Suai
- Home of over 1,000
 IDPs (Internally
 Displaced People)



Peacekeeping Today





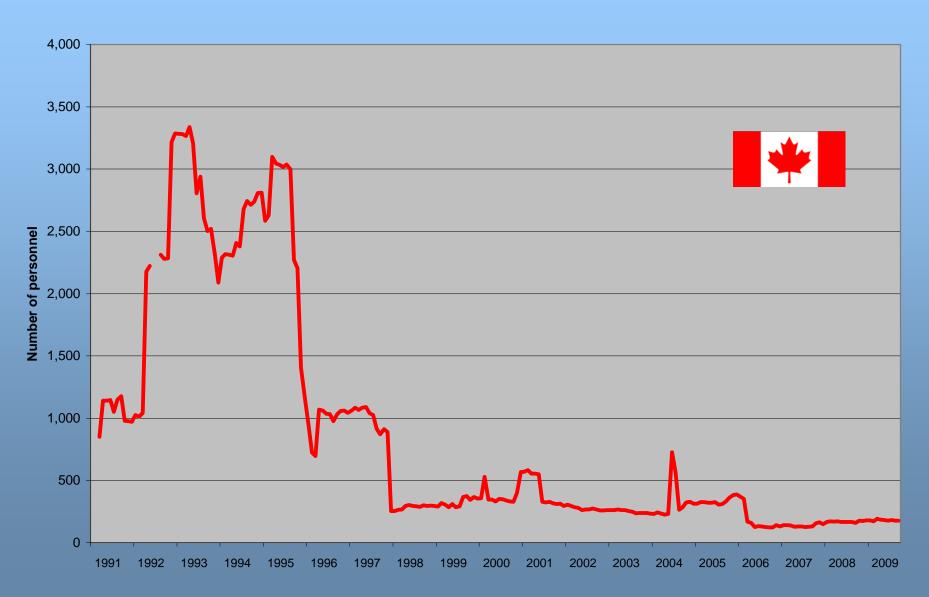
Uniformed UN Peacekeepers

(Military and Police, 1991-2009)



Canadian Uniformed Personnel in UN PKO

(Total Military and Police)

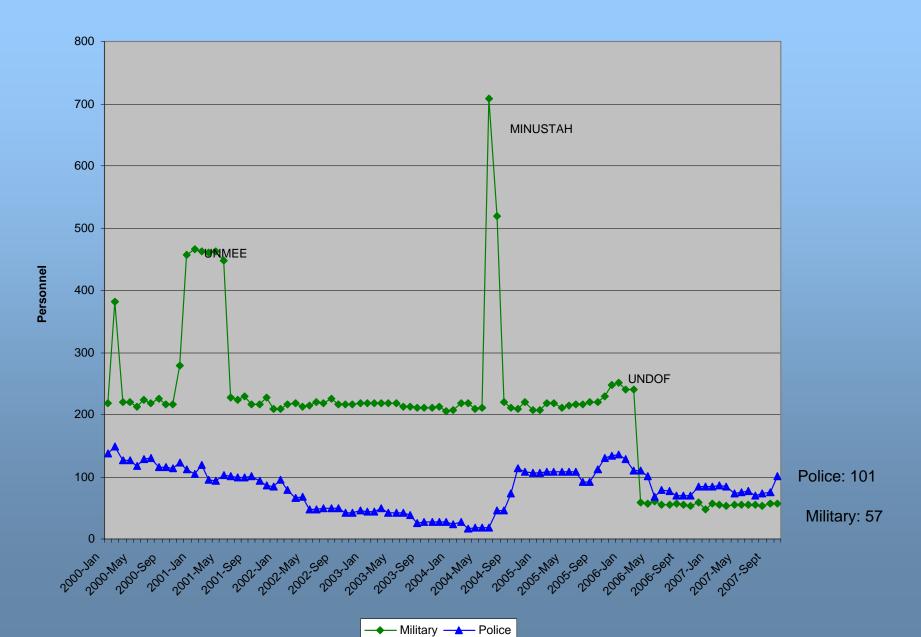


Canada's Rank Among UN Contributors

(by contribution of uniformed personnel to UN peacekeeping)



Canadian Uniformed Personnel in UN PKO



Canadian Contributions



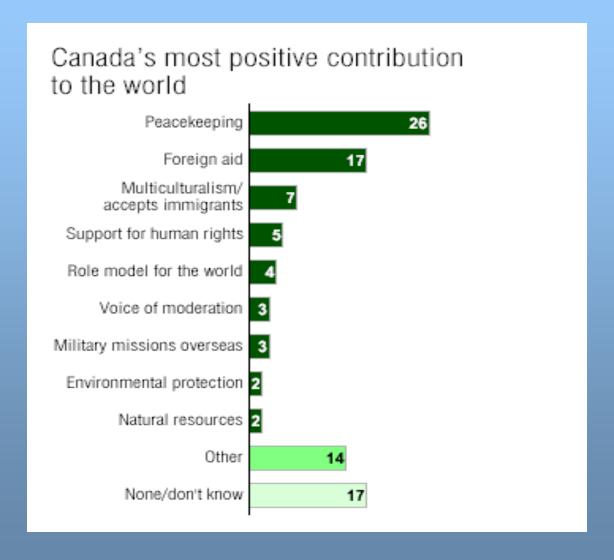
Closeout of Op Danaca, UNDOF (Golan Heights, 25 March 2006)

Currently:

- 55 soldiers
- 115 civilian police
- 250 civilians
- 56th rank in UN (Mil+CivPol)
- Cold War Cdn Contrib:
 10%
- Current: 0.01% (factor of 100)

(Figures for 31 December 2009)

Canadians View Peacekeeping as ...



THE CANADA'S WORLD POLL ENVIRONICS

January 2008

UN Mission in Haiti



- 5 Cdn soldiers
- 90 Cdn Police

Op Hestia

- -2,000 CF personnel
- DART
- HMCS Athabaskan
- HMCS Halifax



Map No. 4224 Ray, 15 UNITED NATIONS December 2006 (Colour)

Department of Peacokcoping Operation

What Canada has to Offer Peacekeeping

Canadian Forces

- Bilingual, multicultural armed force
- Well trained and educated
- Experienced
- Respectful of locals, not heavy handed
- Friendly, congenial military personnel
- Wide range of expertise, in areas desperately needed by UN
 - C2, intelligence, logistics, communications



What Canada has to Offer Peacekeeping

Canadian Nation

- Less "baggage" (not colonial power)
- Peaceful national example (pen not sword)
- Proponent of the rule of law and peace
 - Pearson's proposal for the first peacekeeping force
 - Ottawa convention on APM, human security, R2P
- Not selfish national interest
- Identified with peacekeeping



UN View

"I regret that Canada has so little involvement with peacekeeping.

"It would send a very strong and powerful signal if Canada showed it was going back into peacekeeping. In the credibility of peacekeeping, it would not go unnoticed, because of the historical role of Canada in the creation of peacekeeping, and because of what Canada represents today."

Jean-Marie Guéhenno,
 UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping

What <u>Peacekeeping</u> has to offer Canada

- Component of national identity
 - Doing good
 - Not selfish, self-centred nation
 - Population identifies with peacekeeping
- Meet both bilateralist and internationalist tendencies
- Role for Canadian Forces post-Afghanistan
- Role for Canada on world stage
 - Seat on SC
- Reimbursement (partial) of expenses



The world's peace is our peace.

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Political

- Domestic (Conservatives, Liberal, NDP, Bloc)
- International

Military

- Post-Afghanistan
- Leadership

Economic

Less costly

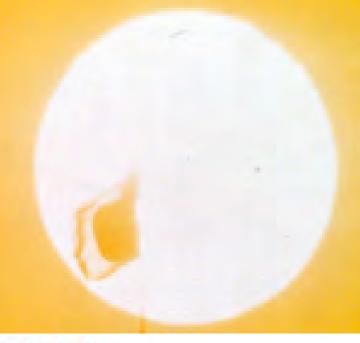
Social

- Cdn people

Problems/Criticisms

- Dealt with: Pkg myth, Ineffective, Afghan mission
- People are smarter than the strategists





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