Close Canada's Largest Weapons Fair: CANSEC 2003,

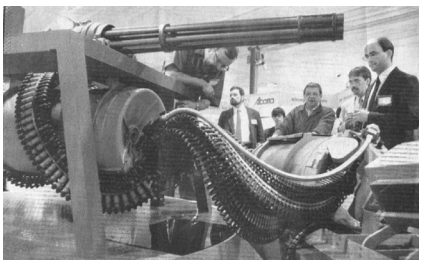
"One-stop shopping across the entire warfare spectrum."

Thursday, April 10, Ottawa Congress Centre, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

Join us for a series of nonviolent direct actions, including blockades, sit-ins, die-ins, attempts to conduct citizens' weapons inspections, and more.

For further details contact Homes not Bombs at tasc@web.ca or in Ottawa, at (613) 237-0730 ext. 1, in Toronto at (416) 651-5800, in Hamilton at (905) 627-2696 or 526-7982, in Montreal at (514) 521-5252, in Kitchener-Waterloo at (519) 745-9006, in Windsor at (519) 258-1555.

A southern Ontario bus will leave on the morning of Wednesday, April 9, returning the evening of Thursday, April 10. Return tickets $40 includes food and overnight accommodation (if you cannot attend but would like to subsidize a bus seat or two, cheques can be made out to Homes not Bombs and sent to PO Box 73620, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1C0)



At ARMX, the predecessor to CANSEC, weapons dealers salivate over the concept of "lowest cost per kill" weaponry, such as this GE machine gun (above) capable of firing 3,000 rounds per minute, or this tank (below), for all your home gardening needs. Public resistance closed ARMX in the 90s, and now public resistance is again needed to stop CANSEC.

WHAT IS CANSEC?

CANSEC is the largest annual exhibition of the weapons of war and repression in Canada, hosted at the Ottawa Congress Centre in "an informative and entertaining environment." CANSEC represents the extent to which Canada profits from war, domestic repression and inhuman border policies, and how this axis of evil is used to protect the interests of the wealthy few.

CANSEC exhibitors include the largest weapons firms in Canada's $5-billion-a-year war industry, including the branch plants of the U.S.' leading arms manufacturers, as well as companies devoted to producing ever more insidious technology of surveillance, infiltration, disruption and control.

Hence, CANSEC is intended for everyone from warriors intent on bombing other countries into market submission to those who would spy on people from Arabic and/or Middle Eastern background here in Canada, those who are intent on producing further intrusive border mechanisms to halt the flow of immigrants and refugees, and those who would use night vision equipment, for example, to repress First Nations at Burnt Church trying to exercise control over their waters.

Invitees include all **NATO** nations, as well as **CSIS**, the **RCMP**, **Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans**, **War Dept**. personnel and **Canadian Forces**, **Transport Canada**, **Immigration**, **Parliamentarians**, **Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade**, and **Trade Team** members who wish to sell weapons abroad.

CANSEC promises "one-stop shopping" for "The requirements of the Canadian Forces, across the entire warfare spectrum and in recognition of the evolving battle space," which includes space warfare, hi-tech command and control systems, and "interoperability" technology to become further embedded with U.S. forces. Iraq is the latest testing ground for new generations of weapons and weapons systems, such as Wescam's Predator targetting system, slated to be the "superstar" of the escalation. These weapons dealers will be eagerly watching what is taking place in Iraq as part of their sales campaigns for "the next one." Visit the website at www.cdia.ca and click on events for a complete list of companies involved at CANSEC and more details.

Homes not Bombs: ***Because Canada should build homes, not blow them up!***