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PEJ News - It is truly shocking that all levels of Canadian government have apparently capitulated to the heavy pressure tactics of two bullying foreign governments by allowing the two-week terrorfest called Excercise Trident Fury ("War machines flock to Victoria," May 10)...

[Please read further for the full text of a handwritten and hand-delivered letter to the Editor of the Victoria News, first published under the headline "Citizens terrorized," on page 6 of the May 31, 2006 edition of that free weekly...]

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All 13 local governments in the metro Victoria area should have been consulted, but were not.

These elected councils should have protested with unanimous dissent before the province and feds made any decision to go ahead with the nonsense. Instead, the decision was made in secret NORAD warplanning rooms and we then read about it all in the Victoria News after it was too late to stop it.

Citizens are terrorized by the noisy, dangerous, polluting, wasteful, and unpopular "war games" with high tech jets screaming by at low altitude over our peaceful civilian neighbourhoods and waterways.

Our main civilian airport at Sidney should never be turned into a terrorist target by allowing it to be used as a staging ground for Anglo-American terrorist bombing tests. British Prime Minister Tony Blair and U. S. President George W. Bush have infected Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper with a very nasty agenda that is provocative, and not in Canada's best public interest.

These hawkish puppets of the military industrial complex have exported their paranoid reckless worldview to Canada. Thank God, a healthy majority of Canadians reject their agenda of warrantless domestic spying and aggressive pre-emptive attacks on Afghanistan, Iraq and, in the last year, even Iran, according to Seymour Hersh in a recent issue of The New Yorker.

Writing in the April 17, 2006 number of that prestigious American weekly, Mr. Hersh reported that "American Naval tactical aircraft, operating from carriers in the Arabian Sea, have been flying similar nuclear-weapons delivery missions - rapid ascending maneuvers known as 'over the shoulder' bombing, - since last summer, the former official said, within range of Iranian 'coastal radars."

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Before being sent to the Arabian Sea, these same giant American nuclear aircraft carriers and nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed submarines berth in Victoria.

This foolish activity is long overdue for cancellation by responsible local, provincial and federal governments.

Those resolutions should also clearly indicate that we object to the infringement of our sovereign Canadian waters and airspace to accommodate these warplanning rehearsals.

Our English-speaking friends with their deadly high tech toys should 'fly friendly' back to where they came from, and stay out of Canada once and for all.

No amount of supposed economic benefit is worth endangering innocent human life here to accommodate an insane never-ending so-called "war on terror."

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