

## **Arguments Against Canada Acquiring Nuclear Weapons:**

### *The Howard Green Camp*

Howard Green served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker and was the Minister who advocated most strongly against the nuclear agenda.

- The spread of nuclear weapons must be avoided and Canada must set that example
- Canada's reputation would be damaged by this hypocritical act
- This would reinforce the idea that Canada is an extension of the United States
- Tension over operational details (where they are stored, who authorizes use, etc.) is likely
- Weapons capable of causing this level of destruction should never be utilized
- The potential for an accident could have a disastrous effect on Canadians and the natural world
- Those Canadians opposed to nuclear weapons are very vocal and will vote their opinion
- There is significant cost associated with this technology which could be spent elsewhere
- Investing in more traditional and reliable defence technology may protect Canada better

Arguments my opponents have made

My responses