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In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the **Freedom Party of Ontario** is hosting a \$50 a plate dinner event featuring two distinguished speakers on the subjects of international defence and terrorism: UWO Professor Emeritus **Kenneth H.W. Hilborn** and Mackenzie Institute Executive Director **John C. Thompson**.

**Members of the media are cordially invited to attend this event**, which will be held on:

**Saturday, November 24, 2001**

at the

Seven Dwarfs Restaurant

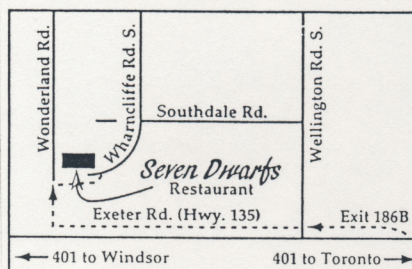
1659 Wharncliffe Rd. S.,

LONDON, Ontario

(Dinner served at approx 7pm,  
speakers to follow at **approx 8pm**)

We are privileged and honoured to be able to present two knowledgeable individuals who have been studying international events and terrorist activities on an on-going basis long before the fateful September 11 attacks. For more information on their expertise and backgrounds, please refer to the bios accompanying this media release on pages 2 and 3 following.

**For further details or information**, please **contact** event organizer, **Robert Metz**, at: (519) **681-3999** or by using any of the other contact information provided with this release.







## KENNETH H.W. HILBORN

**Kenneth H.W. Hilborn** is Professor Emeritus of History at the *University of Western Ontario* in London. He took early retirement in 1997, at the age of 62, after 36 years on the faculty. His primary field of specialization was 20th Century international relations (with an emphasis on the impact of ideologies, such as Marxism and liberalism), though he also taught courses on National Socialist (Nazi) and Communist totalitarianism. In 1972-74 and 1976-79 he was chairman of the History Department's graduate-studies program. Professor Hilborn, who was born in Toronto, graduated from Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, with an Honours B.A. in History and Politics. After completing his M.A. in History at Queen's in 1957, he held an Imperial Oil

Graduate Research Fellowship at England's University of Oxford (Balliol College), where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.) in 1960. Both his M.A. thesis and his doctoral dissertation dealt with aspects of British foreign policy.

From 1993 until his retirement, Dr. Hilborn represented the Faculty of Social Science as an elected member of the University Senate. In 1994, he was also elected to the executive of the Faculty Association, on which he served for three years. In all the elections he received support from the London chapter of the *Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship* (SAFS), which opposes race and sex preferences in universities as well as efforts to limit academic freedom in the interests of "political correctness."

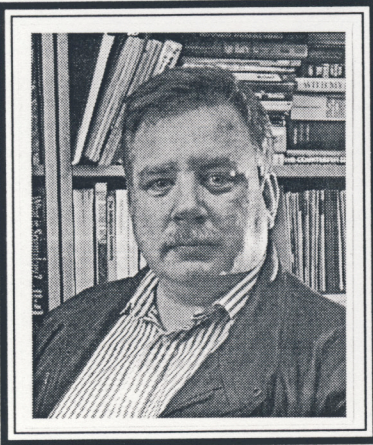
From May 1998 to May 2000, he served on SAFS' national Board of Directors. He is also a member of the **Freedom Party of Ontario**, the *Fraser Institute*, and the *National Citizens' Coalition*.

During the Cold War, Professor Hilborn wrote extensively on international issues for newspapers and anti-Communist periodicals. He reported from Australia, Berlin, Cyprus, Nationalist China (Taiwan and Quemoy), southern Africa and Southeast Asia (including South Vietnam). For several years his book reviews appeared from coast to coast in Canadian newspapers of the Thomson chain. His booklet, **THREATS TO WESTERN VALUES**, was published in 1988 by the Mackenzie Institute. Professor Hilborn is the author of six booklets in the Canadian Issues Series, published by *Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform* (C-FAR). The most recent is **SINS OF THE "LIBERAL" LEFT: A STUDY OF MYTHS, MISDEEDS AND MISCONCEPTIONS**, published in 1998.

For our November 24 event, Professor Hilborn will be speaking on the United States, Canada, and Anti-Missile Defence:

"The fundamental duties of the state are maintenance of public order, suppression of crime, administration of justice, and defence of the people and their interests against foreign enemies," says Hilborn. "The modern welfare state, however, has taken on so many additional functions that politicians are habitually distracted from their primary responsibilities. Before the disasters of September 11, Washington was preoccupied with debating such issues as the level of federal spending on education, long-term threats to Social Security entitlements, and the extent to which dissatisfied customers should be able to bring lawsuits against medical insurance companies. Despite intense hostility to the United States in various quarters overseas, far too little attention was paid to defending the country against possible terrorist attacks. In the new circumstances now prevailing, a comparable danger arises; the country is so preoccupied with the struggle against terrorism that it may well forget about other external perils, such as ones arising from the spread of ballistic-missile technology. I intend to explain the reasons why it is vital that anti-missile defence NOT be neglected, and thus why Canada should support those political leaders in Washington who want to press forward with a major anti-missile program."





## JOHN C. THOMPSON

**John C. Thompson** has been the Executive Director of the **Mackenzie Institute** since 1990. The Institute is widely known for its research into issues relating to domestic and international political instability and organized violence, including terrorism, organized crime, political conflicts, causes of instability and political extremism. The research group prides itself on its objective and independent forays into some of the most contentious issues of the day, and its work often becomes a catalyst for informed debate and major change.

As the main spokesman for the Institute, John has conducted over 3000 media interviews, lectures and public appearances.

Many of you may have seen John being interviewed on *TV Ontario* or on the *History Channel* when the film or movie being shown related to his area of expertise. He personally led the fieldwork in Canada and abroad for explorations of the Canadian black markets in tobacco, firearms and alcohol, on terrorist groups, and on other hazardous situations. Some of his published reports include: *Sin-Tax Failure: The Market in Contraband Tobacco* and *Public Safety, and Misfire: The Black Market and Gun Control*.

In 1998, John was the lead witness to the *Committee on Terrorism and Public Safety*, where he testified to the US Congress and the Canadian Senate. He has also acted as an expert witness in several court cases.

As the main writer for the *Mackenzie Institute's* studies, his subject material has varied enormously, but has tended to center on specific terrorist and criminal groups, weapons of mass destruction and conventional arms, commentary on conflicts and internal security operations, on police and military procedures, black markets, and on Canadian and foreign militaries.

Prior to his involvement with the *Mackenzie Institute*, John acted as the Research and Information Officer of the *Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies* (1985-1990) where, amongst many other things, he acted as the Escort and Protocol officer for Canada's first delegation of senior Chinese military officials on a tour to explore possibilities for transplanting NATO/European arms-control and security regimes to the Pacific Ocean nations. In a world television exclusive, John conducted an initial technical analysis of a sunken Soviet nuclear attack submarine.

Born in 1959 in a Canadian military hospital in Zweibrücken, West Germany, John completed his formal education at the University of Toronto (history) and later served in the Canadian Armed Forces (Reserves) from 1977 to 1990 where he began as a gunner in the 30th Field Artillery.

With events and circumstances following the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States changing daily, the specific message that John has to impart on these horrific events has yet to be determined, but it will no doubt be an up-to-date report on the status of the situation as it will be on November 24. A skilled writer and speaker, John Thompson is also an astute observer with a well-honed talent for seeing what many other people overlook. He is sensitive to cultural nuances, having the benefit of a broad cosmopolitan experience.

## FREEDOM vs TERRORISM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2001

*Seven Dwarfs Restaurant - 1659 Wharncliffe Rd. S., London, Ontario - Doors open at 6:30*

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