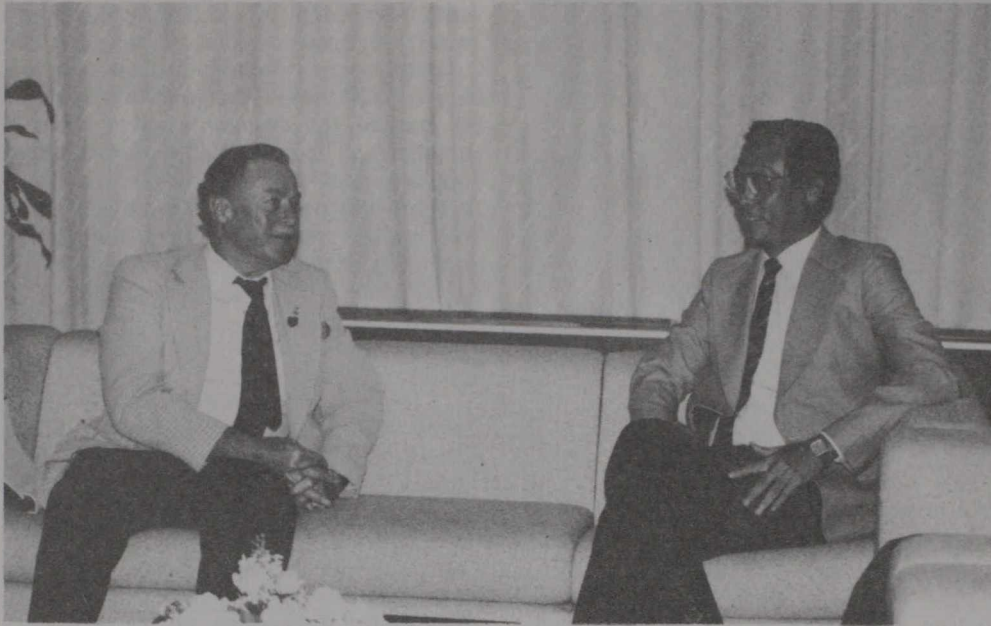


# Canadian Parliamentarians Meet Singapore Counterparts



*The Honourable Lloyd Crouse confers with First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Goh Chok Tong*

A five-member Canadian parliamentary delegation visited Singapore February 16-19 to create a new awareness of possibilities and potential for increased relations between the two countries. The team comprised of members of the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

The leader of the delegation, the Honourable Lloyd Crouse, commented on the importance of strengthening bilateral relations in discussions with First Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and Foreign Minister, S Dhanabalan. The Canadian team also visited Parliament House to exchange views on the role of members of Parliament with local Parliamentarians. A dinner hosted by the Speaker, Dr Yeoh Ghim Seng, who is President of the Singapore Branch of the CPA, provided a further occasion to renew contacts or to make new acquaintances.

During the course of the visit, the Parliamentarians met Mr Lim Chin Beng, Chairman of Singapore Tourist Promotion Board and Commissioner General for Singapore at EXPO 86, which opens in Vancouver in May and Mr K Mahbubani, Singapore High Commissioner to Canada.

The party also had an opportunity to tour Jurong Town Corporation and the Tuas Industrial estate.

## De Havilland Opens Regional Parts Facility

De Havilland has set up its first Far East spare parts facility. The aircraft manufacturer has projected a yearly turnover of \$5 million.

Field Aviation Singapore, with 930 sq metres of warehouse space in Paya Lebar, signed a contract for the sole agency in October last year and has been chalking up sales of US\$100,000 a month since.

"About 25 percent of this region's De Havilland customers still turn to Canada for their spares," said a spokesman, but they are expected to come round to buying from Field Aviation eventually.

Field Aviation, whose main line of business is aircraft spares, stocks more than 4,500 De Havilland items valued at more than \$3 million. "We have spares from rings and seals to cable assemblies and landing gears," said the spokesman.

The Singapore spare parts facility aims to serve De Havilland customers in the IATA III region, covering 25 countries in the Pacific Basin and Australasia.

There are an estimated 200 De Havilland aircraft operating in the region.

With the new spares base, delivery time is expected to be cut from five days to 24 hours or less.

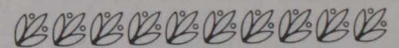
Those airlines operating in and out of Singapore will also stand to save on freight and insurance.

De Havilland studies show that IATA Region III customers in the past had to stock extra spare parts because of the distance from spares sources.

The local warehouse allows them to cut down cost and storage of spares. Each of the three IATA regions now have a spares distribution facility.

The company's Toronto headquarters, along with its Chicago and Atlanta spare parts depots, service IATA I customers while its Amsterdam base serves IATA II.

Its activities in the Far East have accelerated over the past year. The company opened an office in Hong Kong last October.



*George W. Seymour, Canadian High Commissioner welcomes Brig-Gen Lee Hsien Loong, Acting Minister of Trade and Industry to the Canadian stand at the Asian Aerospace 86 show. Canada had exhibitors from 20 companies including a Canadian Challenger aircraft which was on open display for the three day show.*