

pollution must be determined and removed. I call upon the Government to fulfill its commitment immediately to constitute the Canadian Polar Research Commission and to commence circumpolar negotiations for an Arctic Pollution Treaty.³⁴

On 21 April 1989, Liberal Member Joseph Volpe pointed to the importance of initiating discussions with the Soviet Union on limiting military activities in the Arctic. Recalling Mr. Gorbachev's October 1987 call for an Arctic zone of peace, as well as more recent statements to that effect by "a Soviet official in charge of disarmament,"³⁵ Mr. Volpe suggested that Canada consider exploring the prospects for Arctic arms control "...[d]uring upcoming talks between the Soviet Union and other nations."³⁶ He remarked:

Since the Government was foolish enough to allow the testing of sophisticated American cruise missiles and is even contemplating the purchase of nuclear submarines, Canada would be well advised to take part in those talks. Otherwise, the Soviets would be forced to intensify their military presence in the Arctic, thereby increasing the number of cruise missiles and Soviet nuclear submarines in that area. During the upcoming talks between the Soviet Union and other nations, the Canadian Government should strive to conclude agreements on arms limitation and disarmament.³⁷

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³⁵ The official to whom Mr. Volpe was referring was Mr. Yevgeni Golovko, Soviet deputy disarmament negotiator. On 4 April 1989 at a seminar held at the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, Golovko indicated Moscow's willingness to include the subject of Soviet military installations on the Kola Peninsula in discussions on an Arctic peace treaty with Canada. See Jonathan Manthorpe, "Soviet Official Offers to Discuss Kola Bases in Arctic Peace Bid." *Toronto Star*, 5 April 1989, p.A18.

³⁶ *Commons Debates*, 21 April 1989, p. 785.

³⁷ *Ibid.*