

attack and stated that he would convey his "deep concern" to US Secretary of State George Shultz in a letter and during future meetings with Mr. Shultz.⁴

Parliamentary Comment

In the debate on the Speech from the Throne, NDP leader Ed Broadbent responded to the Prime Minister's speech in Vancouver, endorsing and supporting its views. Mr. Broadbent then urged the Prime Minister to go further: "Having given support to the Contadora process I now urge the Government to follow the lead of [other] Governments...and embrace in principle the Contadora Treaty...."⁵

NDP member Dan Heap applauded Canada's vote at the UN on the World Court issue and asked the Prime Minister to make a specific request to the US President to stop funding to the contras. He also asked if the Prime Minister would "...warn El Salvador and Honduras that if they continue to allow their territories to be used for these attacks...Canada will cut off bilateral aid to them?"⁶ During an adjournment debate in January Dan Heap pursued this question again. He stated:

The largest single recipient of Canadian aid in Central America should not be the primary base for US terrorism in that region, which Honduras is. Instead we should direct Canadian aid...to a country...where it would do the most good....the very first step we should take, which would use only 10 per cent of what we are now wasting in Honduras, is to open an embassy in the capital of Nicaragua, Managua.⁷

⁴ Commons Debates, 1 June 1987, p. 6592.

⁵ Commons Debates, 3 Oct. 1986, p. 57.

⁶ Commons Debates, 6 Nov. 1986, p. 1145. See also: Commons Debates, 31 Oct. 1986, p. 943; 21 Nov. 1986, p. 1402; 11 Dec. 1986, p. 2018.

⁷ Commons Debates, 20 Jan. 1987, p. 2501. See also Commons Debates, 16 Mar. 1987, p. 4165.