

reductions in strategic weaponry can best be realized.<sup>10</sup>

Optimistic viewpoints were expressed in the House of Commons in the aftermath of the Moscow Summit. On 3 June, NDP Member Mike Cassidy paid tribute to the superpower leaders by stating:

...all Canadians, men and women, will want to congratulate President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev for this week's Summit in Moscow, not so much for specific successes as for the feeling that the two countries are learning to live together and beginning to reduce the arms race that threatens the whole world with nuclear destruction.<sup>11</sup>

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark responded to a question from Progressive Conservative Member Dave Nickerson by outlining the accomplishments of the Moscow Summit:

...a great deal was accomplished at the Summit between President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev. There has not been the conclusion of a START treaty yet. As the Hon. Member knows, that is the number one priority in the view of the Government of Canada.

However, significant progress was made on that question and on the signing of verification protocols that will allow the ratification of other important arms control agreements. We are continuing to make steady progress toward effective regimes of arms control. That has been highlighted and given real impetus by the meeting in Moscow between the President and Mr. Gorbachev.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid., p. 14158.

<sup>11</sup> Commons Debates, 3 June 1988, p. 16104.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., p. 16112.