

testing development and possible deployment of Star Wars. ...It has said that it has urged the United States not to breach treaties. It has urged it to go ahead with the Soviet Union on arms reductions. However, it has not given a clear message to the United States. It is not enough just to say that we adhere to arms control régimes. We must show that we adhere to them.... We must take the one element of all these matters which touches upon Canadians most directly,...- the testing of the air-launched cruise missile - and say that we will not any longer be complicitly involved in the dangers of the dismantling or potential dismantling of treaties.<sup>15</sup>

Liberal leader John Turner then proposed an amendment to the motion. He moved that: "...the motion be amended by changing the period at the end of the motion to a comma and adding the following: "in a manner consistent with Canada's NATO and bilateral obligations."<sup>16</sup> Mr. Turner stated that otherwise the motion was unacceptable to the Liberal party:

...[the motion] is not acceptable to us because it does strike at the heart of NATO's collective defence. It would commit us, we believe explicitly but certainly implicitly, to unilateral disarmament and neutralism for Canada, the course to which my Party cannot subscribe.... Mutual deterrence, however much we regret it, is the instrument by which both East and West are now currently maintaining peace....

We shall want to terminate cruise missile testing as a contribution to disarmament negotiations. Therefore, we clearly look forward to concrete results in the negotiations.... The timing of any such termination should further and enhance the pursuit of those negotiations.<sup>17</sup>

Debate then centered on the question of divisions within the Liberal Party on the issue. Ms. Jewett responded to Mr. Turner's criticisms of the motion by pointing out that Canada's agreement to test the cruise missile

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., pp. 3902-3.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., p. 3905.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., p. 3904.