

In a statement to the House, NDP member Jim Fulton called attention to the fact that a report from the Standing Committee on Environment and Forestry had recommended the Government halt the flights and make an assessment of their environmental impact.<sup>7</sup> NDP member Bill Blaikie echoed this request citing the interim recommendations of the Federal Environmental Assessment Review and called upon the Government to implement them.<sup>8</sup> NDP member Dan Heap protested the Government decision to allow the Netherlands to carry out low-level flying exercises at Goose Bay. He said that this showed contempt for the environmental assessment process which recommended the number of flights not be increased until the review was complete. Mr. Heap called "upon the Government to stop using environmental hearings as mere public relations gestures, [and] to take seriously the needs of the Inuit people...."<sup>9</sup>

Conservative Party member John Ostrom called upon the Government to continue lobbying for the establishment of the NATO base at Goose Bay. He said: "...it will provide this area with badly needed economic stimulation. this base will provide for more than 500 permanent jobs, and it will inject enormous amounts of capital into the local economy."<sup>10</sup>

Many statements and comments were made about the Liberal Party's position on NATO after resolutions debated at a Liberal Party meeting called for Canadian withdrawal from NATO.<sup>11</sup>

Responding to the Minister's statement on the White Paper, Liberal member Doug Frith stated:

<sup>7</sup> Commons Debates, 15 May 1987, p. 6133.

<sup>8</sup> Commons Debates, 12 Feb. 1987, p. 3365. The recommendations included: restrictions on minimum altitudes; maintaining the number of flights at the 1986 level.

<sup>9</sup> Commons Debates, 15 May 1987, p. 6133.

<sup>10</sup> Commons Debates, 8 Dec. 1986, p. 1872.

<sup>11</sup> See: Commons Debates, 21 Nov. 1986, p. 1402; 1 Dec., p. 1647; 2 Dec. p. 1692; 3 Dec., p. 1730; 26 Jan. 1987, p. 2681.