

NDP member Derek Blackburn made similar statements. He also advocated a navy based on a mix of conventional submarines, air patrols and fixed sensors as a way of protecting Canada's three coasts.

Mr. Blackburn emphasized the need to focus on arms control as a way of working to lessen the threat of nuclear attack and called upon the Government to do more in this area. In particular he suggested the Government refuse to participate in SDI and refuse to test the cruise missile. Mr. Blackburn also advocated developing a "sovereign defence for Canada" by pulling back CF-18 fighters from Europe for deployment in the Arctic and purchasing and operating AWACS.¹⁵

Liberal member Doug Frith continued questioning in the House of Commons. He asked the Acting Minister of Defence what Canadian submarines would do when they met foreign subs in Canadian Arctic waters. Mr. Andre responded:

...the whole idea of deterrents and the whole reason for our expenditure on them is to make it obvious to potential adversaries that we have the capability of knowing if they are in our waters and of doing something about it....¹⁶

Mr. Frith pursued the question again the next day and Bud Bradley, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, responded that when Canadian submarines discovered foreign submarines, "...they would log the location, the time, and the character of the submarine, which information might be utilized in international courts in disputes over waters."¹⁷

Mr. Frith also asked the Government for assurances that Canada would not

¹⁵ Ibid., p. 6782.

¹⁶ Commons Debates, 8 June 1987, p. 6834.

¹⁷ Commons Debates, 9 June 1987, p. 6891.