

the agreement—for example, cruise missile testing—at any time on one day's notice should imperative circumstances so warrant.... We have repeatedly stated our intention to carry on, and will do so, but this in no way precludes second thoughts should circumstances change.<sup>4</sup>

### Parliamentary Comment

On 1 December 1986 Liberal members John Nunziata and Warren Allmand called attention to resolutions made at a Liberal Party convention including a resolution to end cruise missile testing.<sup>5</sup>

In early February an access to information request made by Project Ploughshares uncovered the title of an internal DND memorandum which read: "Project Proposal for Captive Carry Tests of the AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missile." NDP member Pauline Jewett asked the Minister for National Defence, Perrin Beatty, whether Canadian had received a request from the United States to test the advanced cruise missile. She asked:

As the Minister knows, testing the Advanced Cruise Missile, which is the Cruise using what is called "stealth" technology, would give a major impetus to Canada's participation in the escalation of the nuclear arms race. Has the Pentagon asked Canada to test the Advanced Cruise missiles and, if so, when and what has been Canada's response?<sup>6</sup>

Mr. Beatty replied that "there is no request before Canada at the present time"<sup>7</sup> Ms. Jewett pursued the question the next day:

As the Minister is aware "project proposal" is the term used to denote a formal, detailed US request

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., p. 3918.

<sup>5</sup> Commons Debates, 1 Dec. 1986, pp. 1635, 1638.

<sup>6</sup> Commons Debates, 2 Feb. 1987, p. 2974.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.