

Canada's trade with the Pacific Rim countries is greater than that now of Europe and there goes the third option which was talked about in 1970 in the Trudeau green paper, so we've come a long ways and we've gone in a slightly different direction. So I think we're going to see a lot of questions raised with a view to changing the perceptions of Canadians about where we're going in the world.

KIERANS: Well, isn't that what the MacDonald commission was supposed to be doing?

ATKIE: That's right, but they're a different group. They're an independant group. I don't think this is done in counterpoint to the MacDonald Commission at all. In fact I think this paper was to have been out some months ago and because a number of the bureaucrats continue to want to fine tune it it's been delayed a little bit. I think it will be a different type of document in the sense it will ask more questions than give answers. I think the MacDonald Commission will set up some answers which may or may not be music to the ears of Canadians. So you'll see an interesting debate focused just between the two documents, but I don't think it was deliberately planned that way.

KIERANS: But Ron, if all we do is discuss and discuss and navel gaze and navel gaze and when is somebody going to do something.

BARRETT: Goodness gracious, you know, and I'm being very polite, this is ridiculous, another paper, how stupid.