

Not very far.

I think we're going far on a long, fast slide.

Q. A WHILE AGO WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE DIFFERENT, WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY GETTING TOGETHER. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME INCREASED TRADING GOING ON, WHAT DO YOU THINK OUR POLICY SHOULD BE IF FREE TRADE WAS BAD AND TOOK AWAY ALL OUR JOBS. WHAT DO YOU THINK CANADA SHOULD DO FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, DO YOU THINK CANADA SHOULD WORK ON BEING SELF-SUFFICIENT AND CLOSING IT'S BORDERS UP AND NOT IMPORTING OR EXPORTING ANYTHING AND JUST MAKE EVERYTHING FOR OURSELVES OR SHOULD WE WORK ON GETTING INTO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING GAME AND WORK ON BEING A STRONGER TRADER?

We don't have the skills or the expertise, that's being proven by the free trade talks. We don't have the skills or the expertise, look at Japan, they closed ranks and then started some careful importing and exporting and now they're an economic power house...

P. WE'D NEED MORE SKILLS AND MORE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT?

In order to do that, yes. I mean look at Japan, a country that doesn't even have it's own natural resources. We need to get the expertise and the economic backbone to do anything...to do that we need a strong central government, I think it's too late now.

Yeah, I think it is too.

P. DOROTHY WHAT DIRECTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTRY GO IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

I just don't like this agreement with the United States. I don't like being a part of OAS with the South American countries. Then they come up with this Mexican thing. I think that if we just had free trade with the United States it would be fine, but I think this was in the books all the time and we were never told about it.

P. ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE SHOULD BE MORE AND MORE PROTECTIONIST AND LESS AND LESS TRADING?

No, I'm not saying that. I'm saying I think we could have done it on our own.

I would agree.

If we had gone a different route a few years ago, I can remember thinking when I was growing up, this is going to be the country of the next century. Now we've just sold ourselves right down the river.

I think we can do it though, there's this thing about learned helplessness. We really don't know how to negotiate business deals so we give them the money to buy our companies like the big pulp mill in Saskatchewan. They gave them the money to buy it then they gave it to them at a reduced rate and then they said they didn't have to pay taxes on it. It was the people that let them do that.

I think what we have to do is look at what we've got that other people want. We've got grain, there's lots of countries in the world that want grain and there's lots of starving countries in