

Everyone I talk to knows about the Canada Arm. When I watched the launch and saw the Arm go out, I felt a little sense of pride even though I had nothing to do with it. It's Canadian.

What about the camera that can be put under water from Richmond. They are getting demand from overseas now because it was the first ever developed and it's been patented...quality product again.

Q. ...WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND OF BUSINESS IN IMPLEMENTING OUR PLANS, WHO DOES WHAT?

The government already has that in effect...innovations, anybody with a unique idea can go to the government to get a grant to help develop it. It has to be approved, meet certain criteria and has to be self-sufficient within a given amount of years. That has been around for a few years and I think you will see more money being pumped through that channel to generate more unique things that are truly Canadian.

The government should be able to liaison between the people with the product. They should be able to see where there might be a market and make the contacts.

They're doing that with Russia right now. There was a contingent of businessmen who went there with some minister and they were going to tell the Russians what products they can sell - to promote Canadian products.

I think this probably all ties in with market targeting--finding out where the markets are for the products that we're good at producing.

I think an important role that the government will play is guiding the younger people into the job fields. The role of business will be to take these people and train them for the operations of the business. You look in the paper and they want somebody who's twenty years old with fifteen years experience, they should be willing to train people.

There is something right now given by economic services and it's job futures in the nineties. It's showing the trends, where people are going, what students should go in to. There's also the labour market services that go to the companies and discuss the retraining of their employees because it's no longer viable to follow something...go there for plant closure of the big mines and retrain them...so something is being done already.

P. WHAT OTHER THINGS ARE BEING DONE RIGHT NOW, WHAT OTHER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES?

Isn't the Minister of Trade taking, or isn't it an open-ended invitation for all manufacturers to go on a one time tour of the country. I think we need more of that, we have to approach every manufacturing firm and apprise them of what they need...you know help every business while they can.

Trade shows, I guess.

Yeah, that's becoming more of a factor now in Canada.

Who hosted the environment conference?

P. ARE THEY SUBSIDIZING THINGS?

Yes.