

Reporter: Do you think the United States draws false conclusions from the Canadian attitude and interprets it as anti-Americanism or a lack of cooperation?

Mr. Sharp: I don't think so. You know China is a good case. There was a great - there was a common interpretation in the United States that Canada had gone off on a China policy different to the United States. What did happen? No sooner had we entered into diplomatic relations with Peking then Mr. Nixon said "I feel the time has come for the United States to have some sort of relationship with that great country" with which it had no relationship. Well I don't think there is any difference fundamentally in policy. Similarly in our relations with the Soviet Union. We were criticized in Canada about what the reaction in the United States was. There were critics at home who said "Canada is having closer relations with Moscow just to spite the United States". Look what happened. Mr. Nixon said "I'm going to Moscow". I think it is important that we improve our relations with other great countries. So I think most of this rests upon a rather narrow vision and that in both countries we are beginning to understand that the world is bigger than just North America.

Reporter: Why are Canadians fearful of United States economic domination?

Mr. Sharp: Well because it is so great. You know there is no other country in the world with so much foreign ownership. There is no other country in the world that is like Canada, that reads the publications of the United States or listens to United States radio and sees United States television, reads United States magazines; and we are determined, if we can, to try to maintain a uniqueness. It isn't anti-American - it's just a desire to have a country which is our own, which has its own institutions and therefore we must resist the domination of the United States because otherwise we'll be overwhelmed. Some people think we're already down the slippery slope. I don't think so. I think we have retained certain values and certain integrity upon which to build. So I think it's as simple as that.

Reporter: Do many Canadians believe that there is an intention on the part of the United States to dominate Canada economically?

Mr. Sharp: I don't think so. Not an intention on the part of the United States government. But what they feel is that Canada is sometimes regarded as another state of the union for economic purposes, and that is what Canadians naturally resent. Canada is a different country and anyone who comes