

work if there is a shared interest in success and a shared sense that burdens are being borne equally. Sometimes that means doing things which we would prefer to avoid if we lived in this world alone. It means acting as we speak, doing what we would have others do for us.

Look at trade. When we were negotiating the Free Trade Agreement, some in this country were arguing that we should forget free trade and look to the GATT. The GATT was the answer. Its rules should be strengthened, its authority should be expanded, its purview should be widened. But those same people -- people who pretend to be "internationalists" in the abstract -- are very different when it comes to real situations and real choices. In the past two years, the GATT has ruled against Canada on wine and beer and on salmon and herring. Those were hard rulings which had an impact on Canadian jobs and industry. Canadians had a choice then -- to accept the GATT or to abandon it.

The New Democratic Party -- a great believer in the GATT as a generality -- said we should reject those rulings because they were hard. That was the crowd pleaser, the easy answer. But it was the wrong answer.

Countries which trade as much as Canada does can't say they need trade rules and then turn around and ignore them when they don't like the results. We can't ask others to obey those rules and flaunt them ourselves. That would lead to retaliation. It would lead others to close their markets to Canada.

Righteous indignation is not trade policy. And it solves nothing. The same GATT that ruled against Canada on beer and wine and salmon and herring has just ruled in favour of Canada on pork exports to the U.S. That same GATT agreed with Canada in our case in favour of quality wheat exports. And that same GATT agreed with Canada when we opposed the American discriminatory tax on imported oil. If we want the GATT to support us there, we have to accept the GATT here.

We can't opt out of the GATT just as we can't opt out of the Gulf. We can't opt out of the world.

That's one responsibility we all have -- to face up to the fact that the world is not an optional extra, that it imposes demands and that it requires adherence to obligations. Another responsibility is to recognize what foreign policy has become and to use that foreign policy imaginatively for the advantage it can be.