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GOVERNMENT'S NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE U.S.

COLUMNISTS

Le Soleil Sept. 7/84
(by Jacques Dumais)

The election of Conservative Prime Minister Mulroney was welcomed in the U.S. The conciliatory attitude of Mulroney promises to end the confrontational relationship that characterized U.S. - Canadian relations under Trudeau. But Mulroney must remember that Canada is not for sale.

La Presse Sept. 22/84
(by Maurice Jannard)

The election of Brian Mulroney will mean closer U.S. - Canadian relations. Only eight days after being sworn in as Prime Minister, Mulroney is visiting Washington with his message that Canada is now open to foreign capital. Already United States has refused to impose quotas on Canadian steel, saving many Canadian jobs. It remains to be seen what Mulroney gives his host in exchange.

La Presse Sept. 27/84
(by Mario Fontaine)

Despite the fact that no tangible benefits resulted from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's visit to Washington, his first trip abroad as Canada's new Prime Minister can be considered a success. Mulroney established a friendly rapport with President Reagan.

Vancouver Sun Oct. 1/84
(by Richard Gwyn)

Gwyn focuses on the PM's interest in strengthening ties with the U.S. and expresses concern that in attracting American investment, he may create a "branch plant" economy in which Canada will be a "stunted outgrowth" of the U.S. economy. He also fears that Canada may be expected to keep silent on diplomatic issues involving the U.S. as the Reagan Administration. He urges Mulroney to develop a distinctively Canadian foreign policy and to not give up any of Canada's independence in order to get closer to the United States.

Regina Leader Post Oct. 5/84
(by Eric Nicol)

Nicol sarcastically focuses on the PM's meeting with Ronald Reagan, noting Mulroney's eagerness to conciliate American interests and warning that it may result in foreign investment policies which constitute "whisking our economic nationalism out of the senaglio, chaining her to the auction block and stripping off enough of her veils to catch the eye of any slave trader with enough cash to qualify as an honorary Canadian." He says "When Irish eyes are smiling, sure they'll steal your heart away. We could also lose our shirt."

Regina Leader Post Oct. 9/84
(by John Best)

Best expresses concern that Mulroney, although a welcome change from Trudeau who was "unnecessarily offensive" toward the U.S, is going "too far, too fast." He notes that the Reagan administration has