

rankings compared to other countries had deteriorated somewhat, but there remained a relatively complacent attitude about this deterioration. What seemed to be conditioning this complacency was the impression that while we would never be on an equal footing with the United States and Japan, neither would we ever be in a situation comparable to underdeveloped or developing nations. Participants seemed to find it difficult to make comparisons between Canada and EEC countries, apparently because they knew relatively little about how well those countries were faring.

Given this lack of ability to position Canada in the context of other industrialized countries, participants were unable to offer many impressions of what steps might be taken to address the deterioration and did not even display much fervor for addressing it at all.