I don't think that companies coming in here and setting up shop are taking away from our identity.

It depends at what level you are talking about.

What is the Canadian identity? You keep talking about this Canadian identity, what is it?

It's the government policy...

I think that a lot of people just think about the money coming in and as long as it comes here and is profitable, pays the taxes and all that sort of thing. Broadly speaking, modern Canada is French and English speaking. When you talk about the immigration of individuals as well as the coming in of companies buying out companies. If the Chinese became the major political group in the country, they'd take over the government, it's as simple as that.

What would be so terrible about that?

Well, the people who are in control and run things get the benefits.

I just think that as long as our governing force is Canadian then international trade doesn't make a difference.

Q. WHAT KINDS OF PRODUCTS FROM THIS REGION SHOULD WE BE FOCUSING ON AND WHICH MARKETS SHOULD WE BE LOOKING AT?

Simply stated the things we know and do best: technology; forestry; mining...

That's something that's got to change too. We have to stop cutting down our trees and shipping them off somewhere. We have to start doing something with them, a secondary industry and then ship those products.

P. SO WHAT PRODUCTS, WHAT MARKETS?

Tourism to the richer countries of the world.

Health care, we have a lot of technology to go out there and help the developing countries.

But they don't have any money to pay for it.

Well, they will have to get the technology from someplace.

We can reproduce our textiles into goods, fashion goods. We can develop the market on the west coast.

Develop our science and research. If we can educate our people, if we can have the top scientists and the top ideas then pretty soon people will come to us with money and they'll ask us for our opinion.

Who are you going to sell it to?

Everybody is going to want it.

Yeah, and if we have the facilities here then our scientists won't have to go running down to the States to find research facilities. They will be encouraged to stay here.