

1 MR. DUKE: None-the-less, it is true that you do
2 have Economic problems. I want to ask you about a
3 statement you made in a recent speech in which you suggested
4 that one of Canada's difficulties is that it is viewed too
5 often as a 97-pound weakling.

6 What did you mean by that?

7 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, we have problems,
8 economically, but one of our problems -- inside Canada
9 even more than outside of Canada -- is that we tend to take a
10 rather despondent view of ourselves. There has been
11 a lack of confidence in the Canadian economy, inside,
12 among the Canadians, themselves; and a lack of confidence
13 about the future of our Country. Again, it is a self-
14 fulfilling wish. If you think you are weak, you will be
15 weak! If you think you are strong, you will be strong!

16 When I made that particular statement, I said,
17 "Look at the basic strength of the Canadian economy--
18 and the immense wealth that we have-not only in terms of
19 resources, but in terms of people, too."

20 There is no reason to be fearful about the future.

21 Gosh -- we are one of the most fortunate
22 Countries in the World!

23 MR. ANDERSON: One of the things that strikes
24 the eye down here is the Canadians sitting in their snow
25 drift up north of the Boundary, constantly complaining about