

Calling people from Hong Kong, calling people from Europe and even getting American investors in here. I agree with you to an extent that we should not have a colossal rural area built up here with new steel mills. What we need is people to come in and say that this is a good place to set up a secondary industry, this is less polluting than a primary industry.

Sustainable growth.

Yes, sustainable growth and for God's sake don't copy. Have someone come up with an original idea, don't do something that they're already doing in England or the States because then you're in competition, do something that no one else is doing.

It's funny you should say that because I think that we could use recycling paper as an industry. All our paper is going out of BC...

P. WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO DO IN THIS REGION TO GET READY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE?

When you were talking about something original and not copying like in the entertainment industry for instance, we copy the Americans. If something sells in America then we do it here and then it's just a watered down version. I think we should do something original. We don't take chances but I think it's getting better.

I think you should sit up and take a look in the mirror and say I'm a Canadian. I've got as many brains up in my bonnet here as anybody else so let's use them, let's not sit back and let somebody tell us what we should or should not be doing.

Do you think that if we taught our kids in school to speak Japanese and Mandarin that it would have some good effect?

I don't know if it would be a direct benefit, it certainly wouldn't be a loss.

Well, that's one of the arguments. They're beginning to teach Japanese and Mandarin in some high schools and one of the arguments is that there is this enormous market in China, and Japan for the English language. We always send businessmen abroad expecting that they're going to speak English to us and of course they do but...

But aren't there going to be Asian people coming into Canada and setting their allegiance to Canada? They'll be working towards building a Canadian economy for Canadians.

I think so, this pertains to the whole issue of muticulturalism.

I think it's a good idea to teach young people any language that we associate with economically.

Q. WILL IT BE AN EASY OR DIFFICULT TRANSITION TO MAKE FOR CANADA?

The most difficult thing they've ever done, but we've got to do it if we're going to stay Canadian.

Our standard of living is going to have to go down.

It's got to go down, we've been living far beyond our means nationally.

If we treated our credit cards the way the government treats our economy, the bank would have called in our credit cards a long time ago.