

We do have a lot of social advantages though. I would hate to get sick in the States.

I don't mind paying for that but I don't want to pay for it over and over.

You see that's one of the reasons we cannot go on a Canada-US free trade system.

Q. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THINGS INTERNATIONALLY IN TERMS OF THE ECONOMY, WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE GOING TO BE SOME OF THE ISSUES?

Economic blocs, trading blocs. We've got a trading bloc in Europe and have a centralized trading bloc in Canada, the United States and Mexico. We're going to see other unholy alliances setting up, polarized power and small businesses are not really going to exist. Wars are going to exist but only the ones that are allowed ... there are some scary things that are happening, because the world is being ruled by money. The world is going to be run by big power blocs.

I don't know about internationally but I'm thinking seriously about moving somewhere else. I'll live on my old age pension somewhere else because I don't think it's going to get any better, I think it's going to get worse.

I don't think I'll stay here either. I'll either go south or go back to Australia. I'm just getting taxed out here.

Q. HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TRADE?

It's fine as long as we don't get robbed. We have people who want to make us such wonderful targets for trade that they under-sell everything and then we have to over-buy to get anything into the country. Screw the peasants and let's pay out to the kings of the other countries.

I agree 100 percent with Nell. I still have ties with Europe, they smartened up a long time ago. They said, "We've got to open up the borders instead of having a country Germany, we're going to have a province Germany and there's only going to be one country called Europe". I think they're going to take a run on the Americans and the Americans are going to lose. We don't even have to talk about the Canadians because we hang on to the Americans.

P. HOW DO YOU THINK WE'D DO IF THAT SORT OF THING HAPPENS?

Right now we're being stripped of our natural resources and there's not that much replenishing going on. The controls are still pretty slack, we're losing our natural resources, our water, our timber and people are actually being educated against it in the media. I know there is some positive education in the media, the green awareness and whatever but there is a lot of negative attitudes too.

Q. IF I SAID TO YOU THAT CANADA WAS GOING GLOBAL, WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN, WHAT KIND OF IMAGE WOULD THAT CONJURE UP?

People fleeing to all corners of the earth to get away from us.

How can we go global when we can't clean our act up in our own country? We can't clean up Quebec and some other small issues that we've got here, how can we go global?

I think we are global right now, with all of the millions and billions we are giving away.

I don't know what to think. Do you mean being as important in the world as other countries? I don't think we ever will be, we're always looked down on. In the United States, they hardly know we exist.