

smile with shrewdness. I wonder whether you feel that there is going to be a price to pay for that; whether it is going to be more difficult for you-in the future-to bargain strongly with what the Americans say on an issue like the Arctic Gas Pipeline.

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: I-naturally-cannot speak for the Americans but, if I were an American, I would be extremely favorable to the unity of Canada. I would not want to see-- under any circumstances--the separation of an important part of Canada and the eventual breaking up of that Country north of the United States.

Once again, I think they are showing proper restraint in not interfering in our internal affairs, but from a purely political point of view, I think the worst that could happen to the United States would be a break-up of Canada.

And I don't think that we are doing them a favor by keeping it together. I think it must be in their very obvious interest as a Country -- as a Nation -- politically--that Canada remain united.

I could see that businessmen -- financial interests -- might have different approaches as, from the strict point of view of business, I suppose you can argue whether you can do business with anyone.

I am quite certain that, as a political judgement, it could only be bad for the stability of this Continent, if