



Pete Souza, The White House

It seemed that the "fast track" process for the trade negotiations was about to be derailed. The twelve in opposition were moved by various reasons. Some wanted to stall the negotiations indefinitely unless the lumber dispute was first resolved. Many, however, wished only to make it clear to the White House that the Senate intended to play a more substantial role in all matters involving trade.

The Committee chairman, Bob Packwood, of Oregon, made that clear.

"There's no animosity about Canada at all. Canada is the unfortunate victim in a dis-

pute over trade views, all of which are unrelated to Canada."

The impasse was broken late on the afternoon of April 23, hours before the deadline for action, when Sen. Spark Matsunaga, of Hawaii, switched his position and supported the President.

The vote was a tie, ten to ten. It would have taken a negative majority to stop the machinery. The negotiations themselves, of course, still have a long way to go.)

The Prime Minister, however, found other signs of harmony. Senator Kassenbaum, of Kansas, wondered if the United

States and Canada might not get together to improve international market prospects for the wheat farmers in both countries. Senator Moynihan of New York said he hoped that the President would give the special envoys' report on acid rain his unqualified support, and Senator Terry, of Massachusetts, asked the Prime Minister to "continue to keep the heat on acid rain."

Bach, Tulips and Angel Hair Pasta

At 7:45 p.m. President and Mrs. Reagan came down the brilliantly lit front steps of the White House to greet the Prime Minister and Mila as they stepped out of their limousine.

Nancy wore a glittering gown of bronze and gold, Mila one of glowing purple, and the men were wearing tuxedos of unexceptional cut. Designer Mollie Parnis, one of the guests at the dinner, said that long gowns were just right. "I think the White House is one of the few places left in our world where floor-length gowns work. I don't really know people who wear them long. At the White House or at weddings it's O.K."

Opening the United States-Canadian borders will dramatically expand American exports, thereby creating thousands of new jobs. Failure to initiate these negotiations would adversely color the tone of our political and economic relationships with Canada for many years to come. Allowing such an opportunity to pass could jeopardize progress in liberalizing the U.S.-Canadian trading relationship Canada has been very supportive of U.S. international initiatives, particularly in combatting terrorism and maintaining a solid unity on major East-West and arms control issues.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

in a letter to the members of the Senate Finance Committee.