

whether "it is possible to devise a means of living distinct from but in harmony with the United States". This study, published last October in *International Perspectives*, revealed three broad paths or options open to us:

- (1) we could seek to maintain more or less our present relationship with the United States with a minimum of policy adjustments;
- (2) we could move deliberately toward closer integration with the United States; and
- (3) we could pursue a comprehensive, long-term strategy to develop and strengthen the Canadian economy and other aspects of our national life and in the process to reduce the present Canadian vulnerability.

The first option involves a minimum of deliberate policy change, maintaining more or less intact the present pattern of our economic and political relationship. However, this option assumes a static situation which does not exist.

The second option accepts the proposition that the intensifying relationships inherent in modern society and in economies of scale tend to generate a momentum for closer integration with the United States. However, to pursue such a course would be to ignore the enormous disparity in power between the United States and Canada. In our circumstances the process of economic harmonization, once in motion, is more likely to spill over and to dominate other areas of our national life.