

P. WHAT WOULD YOU DECIDE IF IT WAS YOUR DECISION?

I would go very nationalistic, sell Canada as a product. Tourism right now is our biggest asset, sell tourism as a product. Keep our products here, manufacture our products here, cut down on foreign investment, that's going to be really big soon. Canada has got to watch out for that, we have to do what the Americans did after the war - keep it Canadian.

P. DO YOU THINK AN INCREASED FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE WOULD MEAN MORE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CANADA, LESS FOREIGN INVESTMENT OR ARE THEY NOT CONNECTED?

I think there will be more foreign investment in Canada. The market is going to be open, people are going to see what's here and they're going to buy it up. Some people are starting to realize that Canada's got a lot of good things...

Wouldn't it be nice if Canadians figured that out.

I would be nice if Canadians made sure that all their governing leaders, all their prime ministers and premiers and what have you were born in this country or at least educated here.

Like the Bank of BC, we set that up as a Canadian institution. It was bought out by the Bank of Hong Kong, people are going to be misled, they're going to believe it's the Bank of BC...

I don't see how you could be misled. It says right underneath your cheques, the Bank of Hong Kong.

Business people today think that to be competitive they need foreign investment. I don't know if that's true.

When the Bank of BC was sold there was more than one bid on the market. There should be a law or a government policy that says, it can only be sold to a Canadian company.

Like the Expo lands.

Well, that was a big mistake..

But if there were some rules and regulations that kept some of what we own Canadian...There's five branches that the Bank of Hong Kong owns now straight through to Toronto, five of them.

The Bank of Hong Kong is just going to take over Lloyds Bank.

Yeah. It's going to be another branch of the Bank of Hong Kong.

Well, the Bank of BC is just about going down the drain.

Yes, we know that but there was bidding going on and instead of taking the highest bid why don't we keep it...

P. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MICHELLE'S IDEA OF HAVING A FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY, FIRA, LIKE WE USED TO HAVE, IS THAT A THING OF THE PAST OR IS THAT GOING TO BE A THING OF THE FUTURE?

When the Conservatives came in curiously they completely reversed the FIRA, instead of being a federal government body to control investment in Canada and to keep it Canadian they went almost the other way around. When it was the FIRA it was like pulling teeth to get a US