

friendly distance " on the world stage." The paper noted that the Conservative government planned changes in foreign investment review policy and in the National Energy Program. The government should be careful, the Gazette warned, " problems inherent in high levels of foreign ownership of the Canadian economy provided the original impetus for nationalist economic policies..."

Winnipeg Free Press Sept. 27/84

The Free Press praised the new government of Brian Mulroney for making a " sound and sensible" start to its relationship with the United States. There were dangers in the approach, however, some of Mr. Mulroney's public statements could be interpreted to imply that he planned to be a " smiling patsy" in Washington, so eager to please Mr. Reagan that he would allow no disagreements and either go along with any U.S. policy or at least keep silent about it. The paper felt that perhaps the most useful result of the Canadian prime minister's visit to Washington was the agreement to expand the network of regular meetings to other departments from the ones already scheduled between the External Affairs Minister and the U.S. Secretary of State

Toronto Star Sept. 28/84

The Star noted that past history taught that the United States and Canada could disagree sharply on policy questions, but still retain their special relationship. The paper reminded readers that the Pearson government had incurred a strong reaction from Washington on the Vietnam war and on Canadian government moves to slow the trend toward more U.S. domination of the Canadian economy.

La Presse Dec. 12/84

La Presse said the Mulroney visits to the U.S. had helped create a new climate of friendship between the two countries. Jean-Guy Dubuc in the editorial expressed the hope that this new era of collaboration would be to Canada's benefit rather than to damage Canada's independence.