

Americans don't like part of the agreement, they will just send in the marines and take what they want anyway".

If you think that is comical, let me tell you what Jerry Storey, another NDP MLA, said in Arbourg in my riding: "I would hate to see, because of this free trade agreement, a person in northern Manitoba freezing so that someone in Arizona can have their air conditioning on".

Now, before you buckle over in your Chair with laughter, Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the House and the constituents of Manitoba that it is Mr. Pawley and his Government, and in all likelihood this free trade agreement, that will allow the sale of Manitoba hydro to Arizona to run the air conditioners. Manitoba schoolchildren prefer Mother Goose and her stories to this NDP nonsense.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) can reply.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but I have other fish to fry.

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#### TRADE

##### CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF LIBERAL PARTY

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, Canadians want to know where the Liberal Party stands on the Mulroney-Reagan trade agreement. Back on October 26, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) wrapped himself up in the Canadian flag and proclaimed: "We will not live with it", and "We are going to tear the deal up".

After two years of wrangling on the issue, the people of Canada thought the Liberals had finally made a firm commitment on an issue which is of fundamental importance to the people of this country. But lo and behold, just last Monday the Leader of the Opposition told the newspaper *La Presse* that he was in favour of the principle of free trade and that he wished to improve some parts of the agreement.

Does the Leader of the Opposition believe that the Americans will make concessions to Canada once the deal is signed, sealed, and delivered? Does he believe a few superficial changes can dress up an agreement which is fundamentally bad for Canada?

Clearly, Canadians cannot depend on the Leader of the Official Opposition to provide serious and effective opposition to the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal. He is a leopard whose spots are continually changing. In fact one can now detect shades of red, white, and blue.

Only the New Democratic Party has consistently stood up for Canada and is in a position to oppose a trade agreement

which blatantly betrays Canadian interest and Canadian sovereignty.

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#### DAY CARE

##### GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Blackburn (Jonquière):** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the new national strategy on child care is to give Canadian parents a choice for child care services and ensure that there will be a greater number of more affordable and better child care services. The measures proposed in the new strategy aim at making the very legitimate choice of a woman to work at home or outside the home more valid, and at providing easier access to child care services for Canadian families. With this program, the Government will create 200,000 child care spaces and up to 40,000 new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, since 1984, over 500,000 women have found work in Canada and our new national child care strategy will benefit children, traditional families and single parents.

According to Statistics Canada, there were under two children per family in 1986. Our policy aims at increasing this number by helping Canadian families and providing more child care facilities. Investing in our children and families shows that we believe in the future of this country. This is what our Government has done and will continue to do.

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#### INDUSTRY

##### CLOSURE OF FORMER CANADIAN PORCELAIN COMPANY IN HAMILTON

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, last week we saw the final legacy of the former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens). In the city of Hamilton there is a company once called Canadian Porcelain which the City, the region, and the workers attempted to buy two years ago. The City, the region and the workers were refused by this Government which said it would prefer a takeover by an American company.

At that time I predicted that if the American company took over Canadian Porcelain it would not be long before the doors were shut and the jobs were eliminated. In fact, last Friday, the company, now called Lapp Insulators, announced it is closing its doors in the city of Hamilton. It is pulling out.