

grams ranging from the environment to regional development to child care....Under the Free Trade Agreement Canadians will be able to sell their energy for whatever price the market determines, at home or in the United States....As for water, Canada's rivers and lakes are not for sale. Geography is not a commercial commodity under the GATT, the Free Trade Agreement, or any other agreement.... Improved access to the US market will lead to more investment, larger and more specialized enterprises, less protection, less harassment, lower consumer prices and higher wages and incomes.... We are proud of our distinctiveness as Canadians. We are determined to preserve and enrich those qualities which ensure a uniquely Canadian way of life.

John Turner: This debate is not simply about the future of our trading relationship with the United States. It is about the future of Canada....What the Government is telling us to do in this trade deal is to close our eyes, sign away our future as Canadians and the right to shape the destiny and direction of our country. It is telling us to give up that which is most vital to us, our sovereignty, our way of life, the way we do things....The price of this deal is just too high. The price is unacceptable. The price is our sovereignty, our freedom to make our own choices, to decide what is right for us, to go on building the kind of country we want. That freedom, that sovereignty, is our most valuable asset. When you strip away all the technical jargon of this deal, that is what the Government wants to give away, our freedom to be different, our freedom to be ourselves, to do things our own way, not the American way....The Americans put all their faith in market forces. Yes, we believe in enterprise and we believe in rewarding success, but as Canadians we have the ultimate goals of fairness and sharing. We feel that those purposes have been accomplished better in a mixed economy....The Agreement does affect our social programs, despite the Prime Minister's statements. It also affects our regional development programs, our agricultural support programs....We reject this deal because it turns us into little more than a colony of the United States and, on the international scene, into merely a junior partner.... The Liberal trade policy is a 5-point program which will give us that leverage by making Canada a strong, dynamic, and sovereign world trader. The five areas are the GATT, the world economy, Canada-US trade, export expansion and enhancement, and global competitiveness. We have never been a protectionist Party. We do not view the current situation, the current proposed agreement with the United States, with protectionist eyes. We will work to solve trade irritants and continue to work for lower tariffs around the world, particularly between Canada and the United States, within those international forums.

Ed Broadbent: What is involved in this deal goes to the root of what it means to be a nation. It touches upon internal policies particularly of Canada....I believe we have before us a deal which does not protect our water or our regional development programs, gives away control of our energy, puts in jeopardy over the next five to seven years and beyond our social programs, is indifferent to foreign ownership, and ignores the claims of Canadian culture precisely because these matters are totally subordinate to the claims of the market-place for the Conservative Government here in Ottawa and, regrettably, subordinate to the claims of the market-place for every Conservative Government anywhere in Canada today.... Rather than stand up for Canada, the present Prime Minister has handed over control of our future to the United States of America.... Our grain producers who rank among the most competitive and productive in the world want to retain the existing powers of their Wheat Board.... All Maritimers want their regional development programs to be maintained... Senior citizens want our health and social programs maintained and enhanced for future generations. The Trade Agreement jeopardizes these programs, threatens to gut them as those in the United States.... Our vision of Canada as a social democratic party is based on fairness for average Canadians and their families. We want a fair deal for the many, not a special deal for the few....Our approach combines three fundamentals that are key to enhancing fairness for average Canadians and for the future generations. They are new opportunities for Canadians at home, fair trade with the United States, and new global trading opportunities beyond this continent.... We obviously want to go on trading with the United States...but this should not be at the expense of our independence as a country.

Editorial Comment

The ancient cliché, "don't throw out the baby with the bath water", should be recalled in the debate on free trade, wrote the *Western Producer* on September 29. It added that those opposition parties which had teed off on the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement were correct in saying that there were worrisome clauses in the pact but they were in danger of doing this trading nation a disservice by giving the concept of freer trade a bad image among Canadian voters. It called on its readers to remember that 40 percent of Canadian farm income came from exports and the ratio was even higher for western Canadian farm income. The government too should not bind itself to the cause that it could not see the hazards contained therein. The *Calgary Sun* observed in its editorial on September 20 that in all the talk of free trade with the Americans, it was not to be forgotten that Canada did not even have free trade among the provinces. It quoted an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report which said "There is little justification for restrictions on interprovincial trade within Canada, and reform is urgently needed." The *Montreal Gazette* stated on