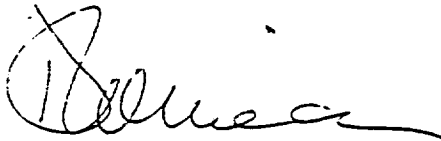


ES: The Council was formed last March to try to ensure Canadians keep control of our economy and culture. Last night's speakers included people from business, the arts, politics and universities. One of the more passionate speakers was Farley Mowat. He's the author who Americans refused to let into their country a few weeks ago. He says that incident destroys the illusion that our American neighbours really love us.

Mowat: They love our resources, our markets and our willingness to kowtow to them whenever they so demand.

ES: Last night's crowd was receptive. If anyone there was in favour of free trade with the U.S., they keep quiet. But one of the Council's founders, Mel Hertig, admits they still have work to do to convince the government that closer ties with the U.S. are not what Canadians want. Elaine Sheman, CBC News, Toronto.



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