

*Oral Questions*

is a close friend of the United States President, Ronald Reagan, and other Republicans in high places.

Today I have a copy of a newspaper article in hand from *The Press Democrat Empire News*—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member may wish to refer to some words in an article, but I ask that he not wave the newspaper around.

**Mr. Boudria:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to read an article from the newspaper which is very embarrassing to the Tories who are grunting across the way. The article is entitled, "Sen. Wilson lambastes Canada", and in part it states:

Wilson, the author of legislation attacking what he sees as overseas trade barriers, said "the next market we've really got to crack is the Canadians'. They are turning from being good neighbours to being absolute bastards."

On behalf of all Canadians I demand an apology from that United States Senator. I think that the Prime Minister should issue a letter of protest to President Reagan, and demand an apology on behalf of all Canadians for that insult to every single Canadian citizen.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### TRADE

#### CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—AUTO PACT

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, for the past two and a half years when we in the House have directed questions to the Prime Minister or members of his Government asking whether the Auto Pact was on the table in the free trade negotiations with the United States, we have been improperly accused by the Prime Minister and his Ministers, and I use some of the words, of "cheap shots, insults, sniping, scare tactics, fear mongering, continual harping, and scurrilous comments".

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Time and again the Government has said, Mr. Speaker, and I quote from *Hansard*: "The Auto Pact is not on the table".

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**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Now we learn, Mr. Speaker, no thanks to the Prime Minister, that the Auto Pact is on the table.

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** When will the Prime Minister tell Canadians why it is that he has been misleading this House and Canadians for the last two and a half years, or has he been incredibly naive throughout these negotiations?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it very clear to this House that the Auto Pact is not on the table. I can also assure the House that we have seen no proposals from the Americans.

I can only repeat what we have said many, many times in this House. The latest example would be June 22 when I told the House that Canada does not intend to put the Auto Pact on the table. We believe, as I have told the House, that it is working well. If the Americans wish to make any proposals, which they have not yet done, to increase employment, increase production and increase investment in Canada, we will look at them. That was the position then, and that is the position today.

#### REQUEST THAT CANADA WITHDRAW FROM NEGOTIATIONS

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, a Canadian Press story confirms—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** Confirms?

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):**—"U.S. negotiators have given official notice that they intend to discuss automotive issues in the free trade talks with the United States, a federal official confirmed today". That was confirmed by several of the Premiers last night and again this morning on television.

Let me say to the Prime Minister that the Americans have outnegotiated us during the course of these negotiations, on almost everything. We have given away an energy policy; we have given away a foreign investment review policy; we have given away book publishing, we have given away drug prices—

**Mr. Mazankowski:** What about the National Energy Program?

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):**—we have given away softwood lumber, we have given away potash—

**Mr. Mazankowski:** And what about the NEP?