

...rather than try and compete with other countries, develop something that we do very, very well, perhaps in the electronics field. I've got great confidence in the genius of Canadians that we can develop something that is quite unique and go ahead and become the major producer.

Wouldn't it be better instead of sending lumber to Japan to be loading the plywood instead of buying it back? The pulp and paper industry here, I know it is a high polluting industry but we should be developing the recycling of paper, the de-inking process and start producing the unbleached toilet paper. It's like running into sandpaper, but start producing it and selling it. Have the industries in BC say to the world that people want unbleached household paper.

I really see the trend going in that direction. I see my friends buying this stuff but I don't believe it, it's all too uniform a colour, the paper plates and that, I think it's dye added.

You are suspicious.

Q. WHAT CONSEQUENCES SHOULD WE PREPARE THIS REGION FOR IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT MORE PREPARED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE?

The first thing they have to realize very seriously is the reduction in their level of living. Their standard of living has got to come down, we're about the highest in the world and it's costing us.

The highest energy users in the world.

I think that is happening already with my age group because we are already unable to afford housing. We are unable to compete so to a certain extent that is happening already.

Q. WHEN WE GET OUR PLAN WORKED OUT WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND WHAT IS GOING TO BE THE ROLE OF BUSINESS OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING IT? WHO DOES WHAT?

The government has got to give incentives. It's got to give tax breaks to encourage investment and to stimulate new jobs. I think they have to take a more active role than they have done so far. I just don't seem to see the evidence that they are anticipating. The way things are going in the world as we were talking earlier in the European common market, you just don't hear very much talk about what Canada is doing to prepare for that and what it's doing to stop the drift of investments south.

Do you think in the political realm that there has to be more recognition of the inequalities in the geographical regions of the country?

Oh, yeah.

Some kind of development..

In the political sphere, we need to redistribute the representation in Parliament or change the Senate because we seem to be getting screwed constantly in the West. There is a consciousness even a political party devoted to making this change. We're kind of a geographical monstrosity.

P. DO YOU GUYS FEEL THIS IN VANCOUVER TOO?

Oh, very much so.

I do.