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MINISTER LALONDE: "Unadjusted," it was 11-1/2% last month. On an "adjusted" basis; I cannot remember, exactly. It would have been around 10%, I believe. So it is high; and Quebec is the only Province, last month, in Canada, which knew an increase in its adjusted rate of unemployment. All other regions of Canada have shown a decrease in their adjusted rate, last month.

There, again, there was some trend in terms of unemployment that has taken place in Quebec in the last year.

So I would not say -- to come back to your point -- I would not make, certainly, a direct relationship between the economic evolution of the situation in Canada over the last ten years -- or even in the last five years -- and the particular political developments.

I don't think this is correct.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Minister, did the policy of the Carter Administration toward this question seem to be more one of moral support at this point, without direct involvement? The business community, I am told, is in a static situation: waiting and seeing what is happening.

If the situation were to move closer towards an actual break, or a crisis, would your Government feel that this was an adequate response by both the Administration