

express my view that, to me, the Parti-Quebecois is a separatist party. And it, / ^{maybe} for tactical reasons, as it did on the referendum and the form of the question on the referendum, try to pretend that it is not, but I think some considerable number of years living in the Province of Quebec and acquaintance with many of the eminent leaders of the party make it obvious to me that the aim of that party is to take Quebec out of confederation, and I do not see why it should be rewarded at the polls by those who don't believe that Quebec should be taken out of ^{the} confederation.

As far as good government is concerned, I am every bit as convinced as Mr. Ryan is that he can provide better government than the Levesque-Pariseau team.

JOHN MACLEAN (Freelance): Prime Minister, my question has to do with the appointment of the next Justice of the Supreme Court. Since Mr. Justice Ronald Martland turned 74 a month ago, ~~is there~~ some speculation not only about whom you might appoint, but whether you might appoint a woman for the first time.

Do you have any views today on the desirability of that kind of appointment?

A. I do have views, because I remember before I made the last appointment I sought quite earnestly to get names of women who could -- and this was a Quebec appointment, and it is a province I know well -- who would be ready and qualified and able and willing to sit in the Supreme Court.

Some effort was made by Mr. Chretien, the Minister of Justice, and myself to find a positive answer to that. We failed. That is not saying we were right or that there weren't women who would have done it, but our judgement was