

1 keep Canada united, obviously and, as a Federal Country.
2 I don't think anybody is seriously considering changing
3 Canada into a unitary State.

4 The most serious threat, at the present time,
5 obviously, is coming from the Separatist movement in
6 Quebec. The present Government in Quebec has been
7 elected, not on a Separatist platform, but a platform of
8 good Government. But, nonetheless, that particular party
9 has separation as its goal. They have now watered it
10 down to have a "Sovereignty Association"--as they call it--
11 which appears to be a mixture of political independence
12 with economic association with the rest of Canada.

13 Separation has no large support amongst the people
14 of Quebec. The highest poll I have/seen in the last 15 years
15 was 20%; and it has fluctuated between 10% and 20%, almost,
16 pretty consistently over the last 10 years.

17 But, quite clearly, there is a desire for
18 changes, and the renewing of our Federal System. I think that
19 is quite clearly the case.

20 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. LaLonde, in the dialogue that
21 is going on now between the Federal Government in Ottawa
22 and the people of Quebec, we have the impression down here
23 -- watching it from a distance -- that the Federal Government
24 is doing a fairly successful job of defending the status quo
25 and trying to persuade people -- voters -- in Quebec that