

1 dropped, more or less, and then the others -- the French
2 speaking people in other Provinces -- will be more integrated
3 inside the English community?

4 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, I don't believe that
5 Quebec will ever want to be independent, or separate, from
6 the rest of Canada. But, assuming that what you say is right:
7 you would have, really, one English State and one French
8 State, period!

9 You know, first of all, there would be no Federal
10 Parliament left, as far as Quebec is concerned, so that if there
11 is one left, it would be only for the other Provinces; and
12 one could not expect the continuation of a Federal bi-lingual
13 system for only the other Provinces. I think this would be
14 completely unrealistic!

15 I would like to pick up what you said at the
16 beginning, however.

17 Our policy has never been to provide Federal
18 services in the two languages all over Canada--whether
19 they are French speaking people or not. This policy has been
20 misrepresented and misunderstood by a lot of people in
21 English speaking Canada.

22 Our policy has always been to, in effect, preserve
23 the right of Canadians -- either English or French --
24 to remain uni-lingual if they wanted to, in the sense that
25 they were entitled to get from their Federal Government,
service in their own language from Ottawa, all the time;