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1 MINISTER LALONDE: I don't think it has affected
2 immigration into Canada. Immigration in Canada has been
3 affected, mainly because of the general economic condition,
4 and the question should be whether the economic condition
5 has been affected by the political situation--to which
6 I would say, "Yes". "It has been, somewhat." It is hard to
7 put a figure on it but it has not been an indifferent factor.

8 I would say--in terms of direct impact on immigra-
9 tion--"No". It is related to the general economic situation.
10 People are going to migrate to Canada if they find they
11 can have a job, and a ready job. We are going to admit them
12 if there is a job available.

13 MEMBER OF THE PRESS. Do you have less French-speaking
14 people coming to Canada, and more other people, since there
15 is this kind of struggle?

16 MINISTER LALONDE: I could not tell you that
17 there has been any appreciable difference, one way or another.
18 This has not changed the balance of immigration in any
19 appreciable way. No.

20 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Sir, in light of the strong
21 economic relations between Canada and the U.S., the National
22 question of Quebec is, obviously, a question for the United
23 States Government, too.

24 Could you share with us your impression of the
25 American view of this situation as a possible consequence