

1 Third, you seemed to have endorsed the complaint
2 of the Péquiste that an English dominated business
3 community in Quebec is not responsive to the French
4 Canadian concerns and evolution.

5 Does that appear to be a fair summary?

6 MINISTER LALONDE: I don't think it is quite fair--
7 in terms of the inability to get support of English
8 speaking Canada. You know, we have been re-elected three
9 times since, and I know that people vote for a government
10 for all kinds of reasons; but our policy on language is a
11 basic tenet of our political philosophy. And it has been
12 endorsed -- with some difficulty -- in 1972, and again
13 in 1974; and I think it has known ups and downs in terms
14 of public support.

15 I recognize that there is still resistance-in
16 large areas of English speaking Canada-to it but to say
17 that we have been unable to win their support, I think, is an
18 overstatement of the situation.

19 As far as the second point: -- I missed it.

20 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: The second point was that
21 language has been the cutting edge of Trudeau policy in
22 this area; and not any more than that!

23 MINISTER LALONDE: In this particular area, I
24 think it is more than "language". It is effective participa-
25 tion and representation.