

1 is a pity! This gives us more time to be concerned about
2 our own domestic problems.

3 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Minister, to follow up
4 on Bob Newman's question, earlier. From the Canadian point
5 of view, one of the more interesting side lights of this
6 whole thing is the enthusiastic courting of American public
7 opinion since the Parti Quebecois was elected.

8 The Prime Minister spoke to Congress. You are
9 here. I know that Mr. Levesque is planning a speaking
10 tour.

11 MINISTER LALONDE: Mind you, I am here at your
12 invitation!

13 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Levesque is planning
14 a speaking tour of the U.S.--to explain his position.

15 I am just wondering if you feel that all of
16 this is having a significant impact on what you call the
17 "tradition of ignorance", vis-a-vis Canada.

18 Do you think Americans better understand the
19 problems of Canada?

20 MINISTER LALONDE: They certainly know more
21 about it -- quite a lot more! And when you see the
22 National American Networks giving as much prominence to
23 Canadian news, and reports on the Canadian situation, and
24 when you see Time Magazine devoting eight pages to Canada
25 and Quebec in its current issue, I think this is a sign of