

1 First of all, we can amend our Canadian Constitu-  
2 tion, substantially, in the areas which are under Federal  
3 responsibility. We cannot affect the distribution of powers,  
4 obviously. But in the areas coming under strictly the Federal  
5 authority, we can make a lot of changes; and we are working  
6 on this at the present time.

7 So that is one area where we can make changes.

8 The other area -- which is the whole question of  
9 the working of Federal Provincial Relations and the distri-  
10 bution of powers between the two levels of Government -- is one,  
11 obviously, that needs a lot of consultation with the Provinces --  
12 and a consensus with the Provinces.

13 The current Quebec Government has said that they  
14 are not interested in discussing a new Constitution except  
15 in the context of independence, or "Sovereignty Association".  
16 Well, there is no way we will buy that! Nor will we negotiate  
17 that! So, as long as the current Government is in Office in  
18 Quebec; and as long as it has not lost its forthcoming  
19 referendum, there is very little hope for a strictly new  
20 Constitution and a real serious discussion about the distri-  
21 bution of powers.

22 I don't think it will take place. There need to  
23 be at least two to discuss. So you have to vote for a  
24 [for]  
25 defeat of the referendum; and/a new Government, which will  
be a "Federalist" Government, in Quebec. And I hope that this