

sembly," a gesture of reconciliation toward Ottawa and the rest of Canada.

Bourassa says he's confident that a way will be found to allow him to address a public session of the conference. He says problems in organizing the conference were to be expected, since it's the first

one to be held. And he says it's not easy to satisfy all of the more than 30 participating governments.

It may surprise some Canadians, but the conference's hosts probably feel a little apprehensive about the way their two guests have been carrying on.

The French don't want a quarrel between Quebec and Ottawa to distract attention from the conference or to harm its chances of success, especially since they're holding elections a month later. And trying to stir up trouble between Quebec and Ottawa hasn't been the style in Paris since the demise of the Gaullists.