

1 supported by the people in Quebec any more than it was
2 ten years ago. The percentage of Quebeckers who will vote
3 for separation has varied between ten and twenty percent
4 over the last fifteen years. It has not been a consistent
5 upward trend. It has been cyclical. It has gone down as
6 low as 11%. It has gone up as high as 20%, and you could
7 fix it around 15% or 17%, at the present time. It is in
8 those figures -- in that range.

9 Now, seeing this, the Separatists have been
10 saying, "Well, what we want is not full separation. What
11 we want is a 'Sovereignty Association'" -- they call it --
12 which would mean kind of a political autonomy with political
13 union with the rest of Canada.

14 They have never defined what it means in practice.
15 Even Mr. Levesque, in his latest interview in Time Magazine,
16 is fudging it. But when you read what he says; at the end,
17 it is "independence by any other name", I would say.

18 But the people in general are rather confused
19 by those expressions, because you could argue that the
20 present Federal system is a "Sovereignty Association"
21 because any Federal system implies a division of sovereignty
22 between two levels of Government, which we have.

23 But, again, the support for this is below 40%,
24 even on that vague, fuzzy notion; so that the forecast
25 that independence is going to be taking place in Quebec, as