

AS THE SOLE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE RATHER THAN THE WORKING OR PRINCIPAL LANGUAGE. IT IS IRONIC THAT MORE WIDESPREAD BILINGUALISM IS AT BEST A MIXED BLESSING TO THOSE FRANCOPHONES WHO TAKE THIS DEFENSIVE APPROACH TO THEIR GOAL OF PROTECTION.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING CANADIANS MUST RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE RIGHT AND DETERMINATION OF THEIR FRENCH-SPEAKING FELLOW CITIZENS TO REMAIN A DISTINCTIVE GROUPING WITH THEIR RICH HERITAGE AND CULTURE INTACT AND ASSURED FOR THE FUTURE. THE ALTERNATIVE IS TO ACCEPT THE INEVITABLE BREAKUP OF CANADA, NOT MERELY THROUGH THE SEPARATION OF QUEBEC, BUT THROUGH THE MOUNTING DISCONTENT AND ALIENATION OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FRANCOPHONES WHO LIVE IN OTHER PARTS OF CANADA FOR WHOM QUEBEC'S SEPARATION OFFERS NO SOLUTION WHATEVER.

THE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

SINCE THIS CONCLUSION IS INESCAPABLE, PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS ARE NOT ONLY DESIRABLE; THEY ARE A NECESSITY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF CANADA. BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE ISSUE IS CENTRAL TO THE PROBLEM OF NATIONAL UNITY, IT FOLLOWS THAT WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL TO THE EXTENT WE DEVISE ACCOMMODATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.