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the people of Quebec, and the French Canadians, that we are flexible as a Federal Government and, secondly, that the Federal Government is willing to make accommodations.

Then there would be a second phase-once either, the Quebec Government has lost its referendum or, again, once they have lost Office and we have a Federalist Party and Office in Quebec.

Then we can try to negotiate a global deal on a new Constitutional Agreement.

It is a two-phase operation.

MR. FEICHTLBAUER: Do you think these rules would be enough to reduce the political clout of the Parti Quebecois?

MINISTER LALONDE: Not completely, at all, because, as
I indicated--I think at the beginning--the factors involved
are not purely Constitutional or legalistic, or even linguistic.
They are of a socio-economic nature; and these will take
a longer time to resolve.

It is a question of insuring the economic promotion of the French speaking community in the Private Sector, making sure that it feels that it has, really, equality of opportunity; not only that it has it-but it feels that it has it! And it will feel this only when it has had it for a good while.

Again, it takes time for people to perceive these things!