

1 Would you address yourself to the question of
2 whether there would be Canadian support for--necessarily--
3 Military, or forceful means to keep Quebec in the
4 Canadian Federation?

5 MINISTER LALONDE: We have taken a very strong
6 stand in that respect: that we, as a Federal Government,
7 would not resort to force to keep Quebec in, if the people
8 of Quebec, in a substantial majority, were to decide that
9 they don't want to be in. We would certainly resign as
10 a Federal Government. I don't know what another Government
11 would do, but you know, for us, it would be a political
12 defeat of great substance and significance. It would mean
13 that everything we fought for we have not succeeded in; and
14 so, as a Government, we would certainly resign in a case
15 like this.

16 But our commitment is not to resort to the use
17 of force to keep Quebec in.

18 I don't know what another Government would do.
19 That is, again, speculating on the future. But, again,
20 this is speculating in the darkness of scenarios which I
21 don't believe will happen.

22 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Minister -- again,
23 on the economic issues: Could you comment on what steps
24 the Government can take to try to stem the movement of
25 capital and business out of Quebec; and out of Canada in