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1 French Quebecers?

2 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, the surveys indicate
3 that the overwhelming view is against it but, at the
4 same time, the majority of the people are of the view
5 that if the people of Quebec were, in a democratic way,
6 to decide to leave, we should not use force to keep them with
7 Canada.

8 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Which would leave us where?

9 MINISTER LALONDE: It leaves us in the situation
10 where I am convinced that-both in Quebec and outside of
11 Quebec--the people are going to hope to stay together.

12 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: You cannot have just one
13 State -- one of the ten States -- just indefinite --

14 MR. FEICHTLBAUER: Is there any danger that
15 other Provinces might say, "All right. Let's be independent.
16 Let's go our own way. Let's break up."

17 MINISTER LALONDE: "Let's go our own way?"

18 No. There is no serious threat of that.

19 MR. FEICHTLBAUER: Will the Maritime areas be
20 able to survive like Alaska?

21 MINISTER LALONDE: That is a good comparison!

22 I only wish they would strike oil like Alaska. That
23 would help!

24 But the Maritime areas have been striking fish
25 lately. There is a good future in the Fishing Industry there--