

1 MINISTER LALONDE: There is no House of Lords
2 on these any more.

3 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: If you were framing questions
4 to be put to the people of Quebec in a Federally sponsored
5 referendum, how would you put those questions?

6 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, again, that is a little
7 premature as a question. But I think if you were to ask about
8 the choice, it should be a clear choice between independence
9 and the Federal system, or Federalists. We don't believe
10 -- and I am glad to see that more and more Separatists are
11 recognizing this -- I think even Mr. Levesque said,
12 recently in an interview, "There is no half-way-house
13 between Federalism and independence."

14 You are living under a Federal system, or you
15 are not; and, in that sense, our question -- if you were
16 to ask one -- should be a fair choice in that respect.
17 We would not want to fudget the way P.Q. is trying to fudget
18 now with some of the associations in which people are
19 projecting all kinds of interpretations which they
20 have not defined themselves.

21 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: If you want to go off the
22 record on this, I would still like to have your answer.

23 What is your guess on how Levesque is going to
24 play this?

25 He is not an unintelligent man--as all of those