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2 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: We are dealing with Quebec,  
3 I suppose.

4 MINISTER LALONDE: Yes. In Quebec, you have 85%  
5 French and 15% English speaking. You have 5 million French  
6 and about 1 million English speaking people.

7 In Montreal, the proportion is about 20% English  
8 and 80% French. I suppose there is some kind of similarity  
9 -- or is it the reverse? I should say, rather, that the  
10 English speaking minority has a very prominent role and  
11 function in the business field. They are the minority.

12 But in Brussels, it is the 80% French, you see.

13 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Yes.

14 MINISTER LALONDE: But the Flemish are not the ones  
15 having the big jobs.

16 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Yes. They have.

17 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, then, it is much more  
18 similar than I thought!

19 There are lots of similarities, in the sense that  
20 you have two very different linguistic groups having to live  
21 together and find a way of co-existing.

22 In our case -- in the case of Quebec -- what had to  
23 happen is that the majority of the people felt that they  
24 were being put down by the minority who were occupying a  
25 much larger role -- as I said -- in the areas of business and