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... The question that specialists like ourselves

hand to the Minister of National Defence as well. There are few policies that the Government can accomplish alone without the

This agreement has been approved by all ministers but British Columbia's. Rather than waiting for unanimity, which is not yet forthcoming, the ministers wisely decided to

spending initiatives (that is, additional

guarantee that each government will clearly

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**NATIONAL UNITY
AND PARADIGM SHIFTS**

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Author's Note: The text presented below has

I am successful in making a case here, it will give the phrase "Just say no" new meaning.

Before I begin, I should sketch briefly what a new era or a new national-unity paradigm might look like.

I am not talking just about the possibility -- with Jean Charest at the helm of the provincial Liberals -- of defecting the PQ in the next

Canadians - inside and outside Quebec - find

Quebec has not had in living memory a

What of the other catalytic agent? Here I am

We are all of us embedded in a deeply liberal,

matter that I have been asked to speak on namely the federal strategy.

My presentation is divided into two parts. The first will describe what the federal government has done on the national unity file since the 1995 referendum. The second part will provide some commentary on how it's working and the implications. I would note also that this presentation, given the time limitation, is mostly Quebec centric.

The first part will be a description of the

changes in constitutional jurisdiction for Quebec will only be made with the consent of Quebecers."

The next day, in his address to the nation, he restated his commitment saying: "And I repeat tonight what I said yesterday in Verdun. We must recognize that Quebec's language, its culture and institutions make it a distinct society. And no constitutional change that affects the powers of Quebec should ever be made without the consent of Quebecers".

The next day, in his address to the nation, he

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be held hostage by Quebec separatists who are

last referendum a meeting between a dozen

ultimately reduced to a simple thumbs-up or thumbs-down judgment ranging from a bumper sticker clip to a sound bite. Ministers are constantly facing a microphone. A scorecard of their successes and failures is kept on a daily basis.

As Brzezinski said "...I had an insufficient

sovereignty to the global economy, as they emerge from the straight jackets of deficit reduction, as new technologies change the communications landscape. The Quebec socio-economic profile has dramatically changed as Monique Forget noted recently: "There is now a French-speaking corporate elite in Quebec. Francophone

QUEBEC SECESSION REFERENCE

by
Daniel Soberman

We must remember that in 1981, the Supreme Court held that the Government of Canada of its own volition, *could* patriate our constitution by going to Westminster one last time, without

...without the secession of the

would have entrenched the Victoria formula – and at that time, Quebec alone dissented.

would give the National Assembly, legislature or government of Quebec the right to effect secession of Quebec from

American Civil War? I think... all... what is... this for decades and it is something of which we

expression of Quebec's will to secede, Ottawa or one or more provinces refuses to negotiate in good faith towards separation? *What if good faith negotiations simply reached an impasse*

to in advance. It is helpful here to quote further from her written response to question 4 posed by the Court:

37. ... it is wrong and unfounded in law to brandish the spectre of political im-

to the previous question. By definition,
such a doctrine applies only in exceptional,

Constitution Act, 1982. The Referendum
Act (S.C. 1992, c. 30) authorizes the

avoid a legal vacuum. *The contours of its*

referendum on any question relating to the

nonconformists. Will any student of Canada's constitutional history forget W.A.C. Bennett,

government of Quebec have to play in protecting the unique character of Quebec society; and the

~~equipped with more appropriate to the television~~

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support of a "united alternative" strategy (what

among them must be the current leadership in the



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