

Letters

Quebec misunderstood but is definitely distinct society

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first language and their culture which has evolved from their original French heritage should no longer be treated as equals and that the Quebec society should not be recognized as distinct from the rest of the country is ludicrous. distinct does not mean better or more privileged.

Just after the referendum *The Tribune* received comments from a number of Stouffville residents and one commented that the leaders of the separatist parties should be arrested and tried for treason. (or words to that effect). This is rather harsh (thinking however, I would be inclined to agree. It concerns me however to

think that they are any more traitors to Canada than people who think like Mr. Somerville or Mr. Wells, who obviously do not understand the Quebecois or do not wish to because if we all do not learn to understand the Quebecois and recognize Quebec as being a distinct society within the Canadian framework, Quebec will recognize itself as distinct as a separate nation and Canada as we know it will become two or more countries instead of one.

Canada, as we know it, was settled by two founding nations English and French and although many other peoples have contributed to the growth and development of this great land we do have two official lan-

guages. Quebec does have a distinct culture and we have to make it work by understanding each other on next time around (probably 1997) we will find ourselves a splintered country. I further believe that we cannot and should not try to tie the concerns of the aboriginal peoples (which may be quite legitimate) and all our other national problems to any solu-

tions to the Quebec issue, common sense dictates that it is far too complicated. Let's resolve one at a time starting undoubtedly with Quebec and trust that the others will fall in line. We have a great country and are all Canadians. "Let's wake up and smell the roses"

E.V. Sanders
Stouffville

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