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I guess you might have expected this response to your program on Meech Lake.

Gilbert Chartrand - first half of 0500^{hr} program - lined up to the call from the lady from GFA who called him a "blatant liar." He circumvented the question on language in Quebec. Immigrants to PQ are required to enroll their children in French schools; all signs posted outdoors in P.Q. have to be in French. Quebec is the only Province in Canada which is not bilingual by law (bill 101). Such are the facts,

It is true you cannot go into a post office in a small town in BC, Alta. or Sask. & expect a clerk to speak French. But in Quebec you can expect them to refuse to speak English.

In a recent interview with a member of the Legislative Assembly in Nfld. he found that most weren't interested in Meech L. One, quoted often on CBC & CTV, said, "Meech Lake doesn't matter - if PQ wants to secede it will, if not, it won't."

My second prediction to you - the first was that Mulroney would get a first ministers conference. Now that Meech has failed, Quebec will not leave the confederation, the proposals by Wells of Nfld. & Manitoba will cause the downfall of the PC government: not Canada.

I thought yesterday that Cretien had cooked his goose by not saying much about Meech. Now that Meech has failed, it may do him well at the Liberal Convention in Calgary today. now!!!