



Alliance Quebec announces Office de la langue anglaise

Montreal, Nov. 17, 1996 -- Alliance Quebec would like to thank Madame Louise Beaudoin, the Societ  St-Jean-Baptiste and the Montreal-Centre branch of the Parti Quebecois for making its task much easier.

As a result of their recent statements and resolutions, our bilingual answering machine has been working around the clock processing information, advice and requests for help.

Among other things, there have been demands to meet the eight Quebec civil servants in a thousand who chose to speak English to their mothers so forcefully that they now impose rampant institutional bilingualism on the Quebec government.

There have been requests on how to procure English-language instructions for microwave ovens and questions about an elite task force of the reformed language police called la Surveillance et Inspectorat des Lacunes Linguistiques devant les Yeux (known as SILLY) as well as a variety of ruder suggestions.

As a result, Alliance Quebec is pleased to announce the creation of the Office de la Langue Anglaise with a special hotline -- Dial USLSS-1 --and is requesting an increase of 100 per cent in its provincial subsidy from Madame Beaudoin to handle the heavier workload.

If that doesn't work, any Quebec taxpayer who cannot get satisfactory service in English and any Quebec citizen of any origin who is harassed by any official for expressing themselves in public, in business or on the job in English can call the Alliance at 875-2771 or write to us at 630 Ren -Levesque O, suite 930. (Fax 875-2507).

Alliance Quebec will compile all pertinent information and then take the appropriate action. This could include publicity campaigns, boycotts or legal procedures.

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