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QUEBEC MINISTRY STILL PROMOTES FLUORIDATION

The following statement was issued in February 1981 by the Fluoridation Officer of the Canadian Dental Association:

"Rumours that Quebec bans fluoridation have proved to be false. In a letter to the Canadian Dental Association dated February 11, 1981, an official of the Quebec Ministry of Social Affairs stated that the law concerning fluoridation had not been rescinded; however, the ministry does not apply sanctions to recalcitrant municipalities that had fluoridated voluntarily.

"The Quebec Assembly had adopted mandatory fluoridation in June 1975. However, strong opposition developed, including that of Mayor Drapeau of Montreal. An advisory committee presented a report to the Minister of the Environment which condemned fluoridation and got extensive coverage from the media.

"In spite of this, the Ministry of Social Affairs still believes in fluoridation and considers that it should be the basis for all dental public health programs. It continues the offer to pay the total cost of purchase and installation of fluoridation systems."

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