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The Citizens' Commission Of Inquiry Into The War Measures Act

Why It Was Founded

Founded in Waterloo, Ontario, by a group of concerned university professors in December, 1970, the purpose of the Citizens' Commission of Inquiry is to investigate the reasons for the invocation of the War Measures Act and the subsequent Public Order Act and the alleged abuses following in their wake. Evidence will be gathered by researchers across the country for examination at open public hearings of the Commission. All parties, including the federal and Quebec governments, will be invited to testify before the Commission.

How It Is Organized

Support committees of concerned citizens have formed across the country. They are linked by a coordinating committee based in Toronto. Each local committee, among other things, solicits support for the Commission, publicizes its existence, finances and organizes local hearings, and engages in selected research. Local committees are open to anyone, regardless of political opinion or their views on the October crisis.

When It Will Hear Evidence

The Commission will begin public hearings in Montreal on October 12, 13 and 14 — the week of the first anniversary of the War Measures Act — and then fan out in three-member teams across Canada, gathering evidence and hearing witnesses in those centres affected by the War Measures Act, including Montreal, Quebec City, Hull-Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver, Moncton, Halifax and Charlottetown. Organizations and individuals will be asked to present both written and oral testimony.

The Commission will produce a published report based on evidence gathered through research and hearings at the conclusion of the Inquiry.

How You Can Help

- Help the local support committee in your city. In the Citizens' Commission can be reached at
- Funds are urgently needed. Please clip out and mail the form below.
- Lend your name, when approached, as a sponsor of the Commission.

Return To:

Citizens' Commission of Inquiry
into the War Measures Act,
12 Hart House Circle,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario,
Telephone: (416) 924-3979.

- Enclosed is my donation to help finance the Commission.
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Canadians Want To Know:

- Why was the War Measures Act invoked in peacetime?
- What abuses of civil liberties, if any, went beyond the scope of the Act?
- What are the roots of the crisis in Quebec and Canada?
- How did the Act and subsequent legislation affect the current state of civil liberties?
- What was the relationship of Canadian federalism to the War Measures Act?
- Should the Act be repealed?

The Citizens' Commission Intends To Find Out!

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"I would like to love my country—and still love justice. . ."

—Albert Camus

What Really Happened



Last October?