

# Indepth presents: October 1970: UNB Professor remembers the FLQ Crisis

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# Ransom for kidnapped diplomat FLQ DEMANDS \$500,000 IN GOLD

October 1970  
By David Frank

I was up late on the night of 15 October 1970. That was the night the War Measures Act was proclaimed, during the famous October Crisis 26 years ago.

At the time I was the editor of the student newspaper at the University of Toronto. The *Varsity* as usual on Thursday nights, I was at a printing shop in the suburbs, working on the next day's edition.

It was close to 3 a.m. when the paper was finally put to bed and I went home. I always enjoyed that long quiet ride down through the pools of light on the Don Valley Parkway and into the darkness of the city.

It was in many ways an ordinary edition of the paper. The main headline was about a secret letter proposing cutbacks in the Faculty of Arts and Science. A photograph showed a crowd of students filling a course change forum at the computer centre. There was a report on a speech by James Jacobs attacking the Spadina Expressway, and another report on a labour demonstration at Queen's Park.

But there was also a front-page bulletin from a group called the Quebec Action Committee who claimed that Canada was facing "its biggest political and social crisis since 1837". And inside there was a three-page section reproducing a translation of the Manifesto of the notorious Front de Liberation du Quebec, complete with explanatory footnotes.

We didn't know it at the time, but around 4 a.m. on Friday 16 October, when the presses started to roll, the act of printing that document became a suspicious activity, possibly even a crime against the Canadian state.

Eleven days earlier James Cross, a British trade official in Montreal, had been kidnapped by terrorists. The provincial government refused all of their demands, except one, which was to allow a broadcast of the FLQ Manifesto. It ran for 13 minutes on 8 October. But this was not enough for the FLQ, and two days later they took a second hostage. This time it was an important cabinet minister, Pierre Laporte.

All this it was claimed, could be solved by direct action. And it would have to be an uprising of the people throughout Quebec. The FLQ was not going to be the "arabesque organization," "Messiah" or "Robin Hood" of the revolution. "Make the revolution yourselves, in your neighbourhoods, in your workplaces," declared the FLQ. "You alone can build a free society."



### Free prisoners, part of terms

By RONALD LEEDS  
MONTREAL — The Quebec Cabinet announced last night that it would agree to a set of new talking demands from the Front de Liberation du Quebec for the release of 1000 prisoners who have been held since the October Crisis.

### Health poor, Cross needs daily drugs

By CLARE BALCHER  
Ottawa — James Cross, the British trade official who was kidnapped in Montreal last week, is in poor health and needs to take daily drugs, a source close to the man said.

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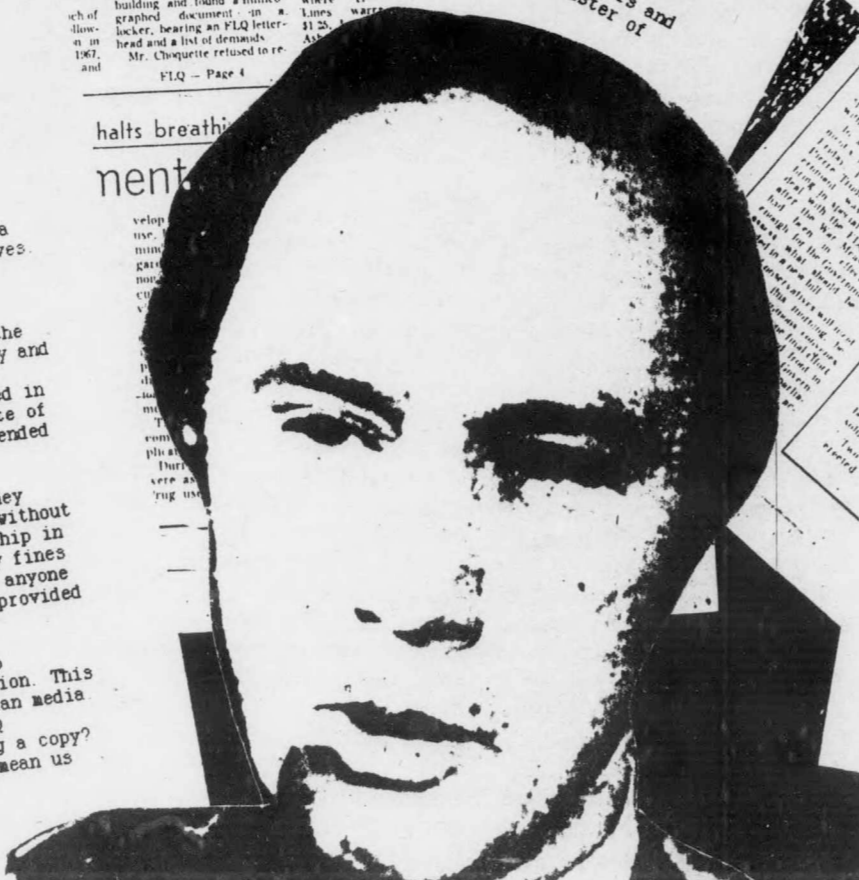
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