

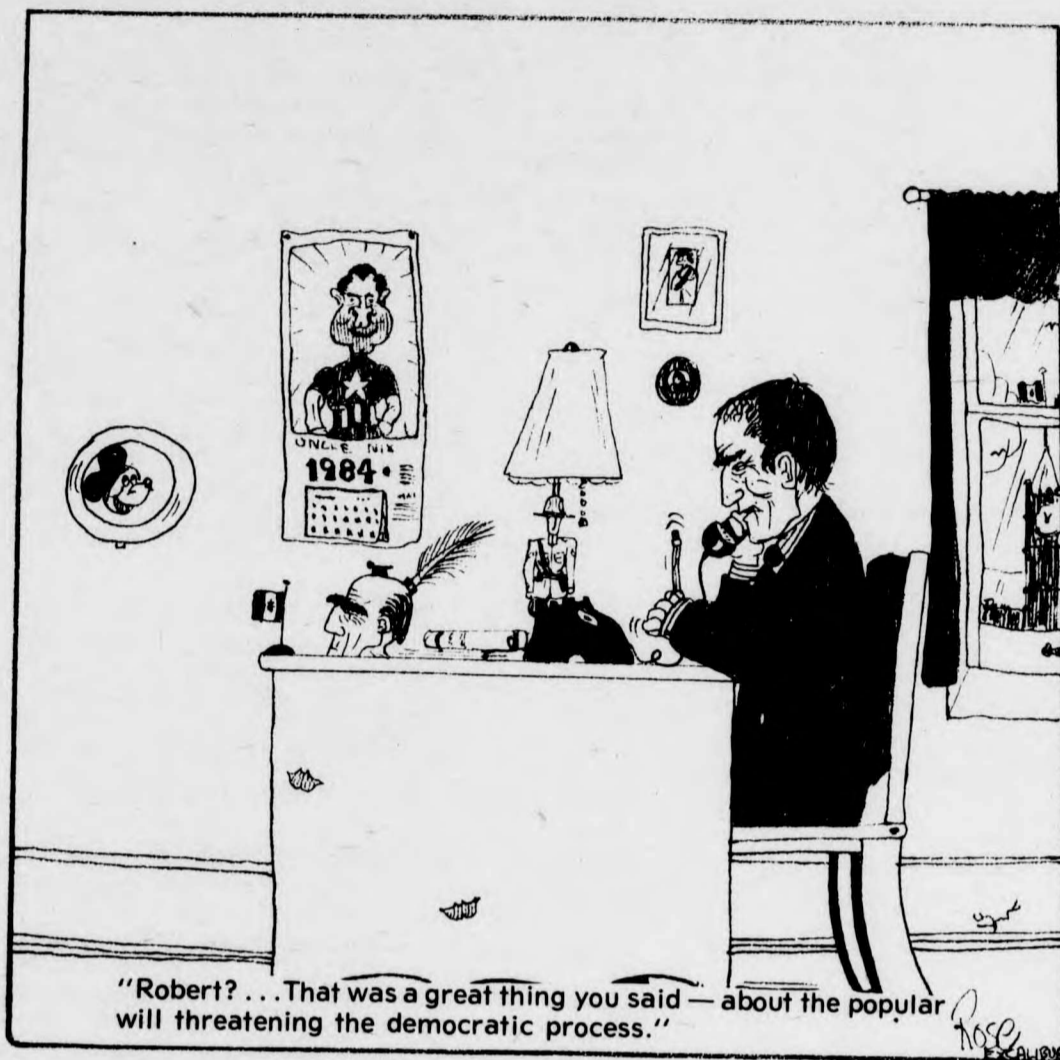
"But I asked for this intervention yesterday morning (Friday) because the risk of anarchy was taking a new dimension."
 "All kinds of demonstrations seemed to be in preparation, and I didn't want to run the risk of endangering the safety of the population when the police forces were already almost paralysed because they had to guard public buildings and the population."
 — Bourassa

The Combined Police and Anti-terrorist Squad, yesterday issued orders banning the distribution or possession of tracts or other "political documents".

The step was taken under the War Measures Act, invoked by PMT at 4 a.m., which gives police wide powers to make arrests and raids without warrant.

The order banning tracts instructs police to detain and bring to the nearest police station "anyone in possession of posters, stickers or pamphlets of a political nature".

— Star, Sat. Oct. 17



"Robert? ... That was a great thing you said — about the popular will threatening the democratic process."

Is the musak over?

"Ask what kind of world do you want to live in? What are you good at and want to work at to build that world? What do you need to know? Demand that your teachers teach you that." — Prince Kropotkin,

A Letter to the Young

The federal government has passed the War Measures Act and there are 5,000 troops and 10,000 policemen in Quebec. This has been done under the smoke screen of "terrorism and anarchy reign in Quebec", "a state of apprehended insurrection", etc., etc. Added to this is a "secret report" on the FLQ — that it numbers 3,000 people, that they have infiltrated all sectors of the government and into high decision-making positions in Quebec.

Under the War Measures Act, the federal government is crushing the grass roots organizations that have sprung up in opposition to established structures which failed to deal with the social and economic inequalities in Quebec. Members of these organizations — labor, community action groups, the CYC, the local workers and citizens committees, even some members of FRAP (Front D'Action Politique) who had 36 candidates for the 56 seats in the Montreal Council election to be held on Oct. 25, have been arrested. FRAP's print shop has been closed down. At least 36 members of the Parti Quebecois have been jailed, along with journalists, doctors, local radio announcers etc., etc.

In short, the legal opposition (now apparently illegal) is being systematically smashed to pieces; along with the hopes and desires of the Quebecois. In the short run their future is bleak — it will take a long time for the people to rebuild their organizations.

The kind of scare tactics referred to above have been used to create hysteria throughout Canada and allowed the Ottawa government to carry out these police-state policies. They have relied on the traditional Canadian ignorance of Quebec to crush the Quebecois.

The issue is not the FLQ, the issue is LES QUEBECOIS. Our civil rights will be restored soon, theirs will not. What can we do? In the short run, demand restoration of civil rights in both Canada and Quebec, and the freeing of all non-terrorist political prisoners arrested under the act. Of course, but while we all have much to do in the short run, it is the long run that will make the difference.

We must begin to understand Quebec, and place it within the larger structure of Canada and North America. We have to understand the problems we see and experience around us — housing, unemployment, poverty, racism, inflation.

These problems are most severe in Quebec — but they are also in Toronto. We must start with ourselves and our own experience — that is what in the long run will help us to understand Quebec, and will produce support for ourselves, the Quebecois, and all people trying to struggle against the daily reality which weights us down.

Will the musak of the smooth society return? We must begin to learn together, and to act together on what we know and what we feel. We must combat the musak.

— Name withheld

More than 300 arrested

The Globe and Mail Monday, Oct. 19

By MICHAEL VALPY

MONTREAL — Quebec police have arrested scores of separatist Parti Quebecois members, labor leaders, radical students and community organizers in their hunt for all suspected Front de Liberation du Quebec sympathizers.

A spokesman for the Quebec Provincial Police yesterday put the total number of arrests at 306 — 180 of them in Montreal — but would not reveal names or say whether any had been charged.

Police have swept through Quebec interrogating and detaining dozens of people who were either candidates or workers for the Parti Quebecois in the last provincial election.

Front de Liberation du Quebec

—Pierre Carrier, Maude Martin, Rejean Tremblay and Andre Lessard, all arrested because they had relations with the FLQ.

—Pierre Vallieres and Charles Gagnon both alleged to be one-time leaders of the FLQ.

—Pierre Cloutier, frequent counsel for the FLQ in Montreal, and Robert Lemieux, who for a short time was the FLQ's negotiator with the Quebec Government over the kidnapping demands.

Parti Quebecois

—Dr. Gerard Claveau, a PQ supporter in Chicoutimi; Dr. Serge Mongeau, director of the Montreal Family Planning Association and one of the founders of the Movement for the Defense of Quebec Political Prisoners.

Police say 13 have been arrested in the Chicoutimi area, more than half Parti Quebecois members. They include Dr. Claveau, journalist Jean Gagnon and grocer Rosaire Girard.

At Longueuil, hydro employee Roger Venne and his two sons, aged 17 and 13, were questioned by police and then released. Mr. Venne worked for the PQ in the last Quebec election.

—Marcel Lepot of St.-Hubert, a PQ member and an administrative official of United Aircraft of Canada Ltd., was arrested.

—Guy Joron, Parti Quebecois MLA for Gouin, and Pierre Bourgeault, magazine editor and PQ candidate who contested the Montreal riding of Mercier against Premier Robert Bourassa, were arrested as they ate dinner together in a restaurant near St. Jerome.

At Louisville, unsuccessful PQ candidate Giles Rocheleau, a garage operator, received the same treatment.

Front D'Action Politique

—Dr. Henry Bellemare, a Montreal civic election candidate for the left-wing Front d'Action Politique (FRAP).

—Jean Roy, a Montreal civic candidate for FRAP and former CYC volunteer and chairman of the Crown corporation's advisory council; along with five others he was arrested in the co-operative printshop he administers which prints FRAP campaign literature.

Labour

—Marcel Saint-Pierre, Florent Audette and Leo Veillette, all members of the Montreal Construction Union.

—Officials of the Confederation of National Trade Unions: Jean-Pierre Potvin, CNTU Laurentians central council; Michel Chartrand, chairman of the CNTU central council in Montreal; Cesar Rutigliano and Robert Bilodeau, both of CNTU's consumer protection bureau which is tied in with CYC activities.

—Theo Gagne, an official of the United Steelworkers of America.

—Other detained civil servants are Alonzo Leblanc, also an employee of the agency and an official of the Quebec Civil Servants' Union (CNTU) and Maurice Morin.

Citizens Groups

—Paul Gagnon, Louis Beaulieu and biochemistry professor Charles Prevost, all connected with the St. Henry workers com-

mittee which was developed as a CYC project.

—CYC volunteer Marcel Desjardins, 35, and several members of the citizens' committee with whom he was working in Trois-Rivieres.

—D'Arcy Archambault, son of the late Germain Archambault who was president of the militant left-wing Mouvement de Liberation du Taxi (MLT).

—Jacques Legace, counsel for a citizens' group in Quebec City.

Media and Entertainment

—Reporter Serge Pallascio and producer Real Casvant, both of Radio-Canada.

—Michel Belleau, a reporter with the daily newspaper Action of Quebec City, and Gerald Godin of Montreal's Quebec-Presse.

—Poets Michel Garneau and Gaston Miron, singer Pauline Julien and Professor Jean-Marie Da Silva.

—Film critic Patrick Straram, arrested at Cap Chat.

Miscellaneous Radicals

—Andre Ferretti, radical leader of the now-defunct Front de Liberation Populaire and one-time leader of the left wing of the Rassemblement pur l'Independance Nationale. Also Stanley Gray, president of the FLP, and the wife of Guy Pouliot, ex-president of the RIN.

—Arthur Young and Pennie Simpson of the Socialist Workers League (Trotskyite), Normand Roy and Denis Mailloux of the Intellectuals, Workers and Patriots of Quebec (Maoist).

—Andre Maheu of Les Chevaliers de l'Independance, the right-wing separatist organization founded by ex-boxer Reggie Chartrand.

—Claude Samson, who defended students and young demonstrators in Quebec City.

—Gatean Tremblay and Julien Tourigny, both officials of the provincial government's GPDA. Homes of other agency workers were searched.