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Jehovah's Witnesses and Espionage Inquiry

Discussion certain to be on objections raised over method of espionage inquiry and re Quebec action Jehovah's Witnesses.

Espionage Inquiry -

- the power under which persons were apprehended, examined, etc. no longer exists.
- would not have existed but for the war.
- would not have been availed of but for knowledge government had of fifth column being established in Canada
- also violations of Official secrets Act has now been made evident by convictions against Rose, May and others which have disclosed how serious situation was

- even powers given under War Measures Act would not have been sanctioned had government any idea that such extreme measures would have been followed during inquiry - as had those adopted in some cases by R.C.M.P., e.g., having lights on at night, holding persons incommunicado, denied right of counsel, etc.