

Of the 65 persons presently in custody, 43 have been held beyond seven days. The breakdown is as follows: 30 in Montreal and 13 in other parts of the province.

With respect to the question, how many persons were arrested, released and then arrested again, the answer is one, and that person is still in custody. The number of persons still being sought is 43. I expect, from my conversations with the office of the Attorney General of Quebec, that further charges will be laid today, tomorrow and on Friday.

WAR MEASURES ACT—CHARGES AGAINST THOSE DETAINED OF BEING MEMBERS OF FLQ

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** In view of the statements made in the House by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to the effect that there are about 3,000 FLQ members in vital posts in the province of Quebec, can the Minister of Justice say how many of the 65 who are still detained have been charged under the War Measures Act regulations with being members of the FLQ?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, none to date.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask how many will be charged?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

REPORTED REDUCTION OF RCMP PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPERS AND MURDERERS

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Solicitor General a question regarding reports from the Montreal police that 150 men of the RCMP Intelligence and Security Division have been withdrawn. Can he tell the House why this number of men has been withdrawn from the search for persons who are alleged to be responsible for kidnapping and murder?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot possibly accept the premise on which the hon. member bases his question.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister then whether he will confirm the statement by Montreal police sources to the effect that the number of RCMP members attached to the Intelligence and Security Division who are at present engaged in the search for the persons being sought has been reduced from 200 to 50?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, I will not confirm any such rumour or statement, nor will I deny it. If the hon. member is prepared to ask a substantive question, I will immediately try to obtain the information as to what, if any, number has been withdrawn from that work.

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*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask a substantive question. Has there been any reduction in the number of RCMP personnel engaged in the search for the persons responsible for the crimes of kidnapping and murder in the Montreal area?

**Mr. McIlraith:** I believe not, Mr. Speaker, but I will verify that before the end of the question period.

[Translation]

WAR MEASURES ACT—PRESENCE OF CYC MEMBERS AMONG THOSE ARRESTED

**Mr. Roland Godin (Porineuf):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice.

Could he tell the House if any former or present members of the Company of Young Canadians were among the persons arrested under the War Measures Act?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** I do not have that information, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

CHARGES UNDER WAR MEASURES ACT AND CRIMINAL CODE

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** In order that the House may continue proper surveillance over the powers granted under the War Measures Act, will the minister indicate, whenever he can, how many charges under the Criminal Code will be laid, with respect to the people detained, how many will be charged in respect of alleged infractions against the regulations under the War Measures Act and, possibly, how many confessions were made while these people were being detained in jail?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to furnish the hon. member and the House with the details of the charges as, if and when they are laid. The discretion as to whether they are to be laid rests with the Attorney General of Quebec.

WAR MEASURES ACT—REASONS FOR DELAY IN INTERROGATION OF THOSE DETAINED

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Justice a question. Since a great many of those arrested were kept in jail for quite a number of days and in many cases were not interviewed until the second last day of their stay in jail, on the sixth, twelfth or fourteenth days, and so on, and were then interviewed for a very short time, ten to fifteen minutes, may I ask the minister whether he has discussed with the Attorney General of Quebec the reasons for the delays in interrogation while persons were kept in prison incommunicado? If he has not done so, is he prepared to discuss it with him?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I am not going to accept the various preambles, allegations and insinuations in that question.

[Translation]