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That has been our position right along. Now that has not been the position of all the Communist parties in all countries. As I explained, the position of certain Communist parties living in countries where there are no democratic forms, where everything is of a totalitarian character, dictatorial, no elections, no free elections, no free means of organizing or meeting in order to find redress for the things they have no other alternative but to use what might be termed as illegal methods. I should like to, with your permission -- by the way, while we were in internment there a group of us have been doing a lot of studying of Canadian history. As a matter of fact most of our time has been taken up in this way. The University of Toronto has been good enough to provide us with books and materials and outlines and we have been doing a considerable amount of study of Canadian history, and I should like to read to you part of a resolution that was adopted during 1837 under the influence of --

MR. MARTIN: Rebellion.

WITNESS: Rebellion and Mr. Mackenzie. It says as follows -- the title of the book is "William Lyon Mackenzie" by Charles Lindsey.

"If the redress of our wrongs can be otherwise obtained, the people of Upper Canada have not a just cause to use force. But the highest obligation of a citizen being to preserve the community, and every other political duty being derived from and subordinate to it, every citizen is bound to defend his country against its enemies, both foreign and domestic. When a government is engaged in systematically oppressing a people, and destroying their securities against future oppression, it commits the same species of wrong to them which warrants an appeal to force against a foreign enemy.