

Just What The E.M.A. Means To You

— Following is the text of the War Measures Act which was invoked Friday by Prime Minister Trudeau against Quebec Terrorists:

An Act to confer certain powers upon the Governor in Council in the event of War, Invasion, or Insurrection.

SHORT TITLE

1. This Act may be cited as the War Measures Act. R.S., c. 206, s. 1.

EVIDENCE OF WAR

2. The issue of a proclamation by Her Majesty, or under the authority of the Governor in Council shall be conclusive evidence that war, invasion, or

insurrection, real or apprehended, exists and has existed for any period of time therein stated, and of its continuance, until by the issue of a further proclamation it is declared that the war, invasion or insurrection no longer exists. R.S., c. 206, s.p. 2.

Powers Of Governor In Council

3. (1) The Governor in Council may do and authorize such acts and things, and make from time to time such orders and regulations, as he may by reason of the existence of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection deem necessary or advisable for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada; and for greater certainty, but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing terms, it is hereby declared that the pow-

ers of the Governor in Council shall extend to all matters coming within the classes of subjects hereinafter enumerated, that is to say:

- (a) censorship and the control and suppression of publications, writings, maps, plans, photographs, communications and means of communication;
- (b) arrest, detention, exclusion and deportation;
- (c) control of the harbors, ports and territorial waters of Canada and the movements of vessels;
- (d) transportation by land, air, or water and the control of the transport of persons and things;
- (e) trading, exportation, importation, production and manufacture;
- (f) appropriation, control, forfeiture and disposition of property and of the use thereof.

(2) All orders and regulations made under this section shall have the force of law, and shall be enforced in such manner and by such courts, officers and authorities as the Governor-in-Council may prescribe, and may be varied, extended or revoked by any subsequent order or regulation; but if any order or regulation is varied, extended or revoked, neither the previous operation thereof nor anything duly done thereunder, shall be affected thereby, nor shall any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued, accruing or incurred thereunder be affected by such variation, extension or revocation. R.S., c. 206, s. 3.

4. The Governor-in-Council may prescribe the penalties that may be imposed for violations of orders and regulations made under this act, and may also prescribe whether such penalties shall be imposed upon summary conviction or upon indictment, but no such penalty shall exceed a fine of five thousand dollars or imprisonment for any term not exceeding five years, or both fine and imprisonment. R.S., c. 206, s. 4.

5. No person who is held for deportation under this act or under any regulation made thereunder, or is under arrest or detention as an alien enemy, or upon suspicion that he is an alien enemy, or to prevent his departure from Canada, shall be released upon bail or otherwise discharged or tried without the

consent of the minister of justice. R.S., c. 206, s. 6.

6. The provisions of the three sections last preceding shall only be in force during war, invasion, or insurrection, real or apprehended. R.S., c. 206, s. 6.

Procedure

7. Whenever any property or the use thereof has been appropriated by Her Majesty under the provisions of this act, or any order-in-council, order or regulation made thereunder, and compensation is to be made therefor and has not been agreed upon, the claim shall be referred by the minister of justice to the Exchequer Court, or to a superior or county court of the province within which the claim arises, or to a judge of any such court. R.S., c. 206, s. 7.

8. Any ship or vessel used or moved, or any goods, wares or merchandise dealt with, contrary to any order or regulation made under this act, may be seized and detained and shall be liable to forfeiture, at the instance of the minister of justice, upon proceedings in the Exchequer Court of Canada or in any superior court. R.S., c. 206, s. 8.

9. Every court mentioned in the two sections last preceding may make rules governing the procedure upon any reference made to, or proceedings taken before, such court or a judge thereof under the said sections. R.S., c. 206, s. 9.

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MISGUIDED RADICALS

It is shameful to see the Prime Minister and members of his cabinet rise and issue political platitudes concerning the state of democracy in this country. The Prime Minister stated that everyone in this country has the opportunity, through the ballot, to change our society. One wonders how an intelligent man can have such a short memory. Was Pierre Trudeau content to cast a ballot every five years and trust the democratically elected leaders after that. If so who was that young lawyer who advocated extra-parliamentary political action in the '50's, and so decried the inadequacy of the ballot in effecting social change?

What says the brilliant former labour leader Jean Marchand who participated in the

violent asbestos strike in Quebec and fought Maurice Duplessis tooth and nail? He of course says that Quebecers should change their society through their elected representatives. Yet who are these representatives, how are they nominated. Who participates in the selection of party leaders and who formulates the laws that all the people have to obey.

Canadian society is becoming more and more a stereotype of American society. We read their magazines, watch their television shows, import their professors, and beg for their money. We sell our souls for the buck, we neglect our ethnic groups our poor, our young and old. We value economic growth over the relief for those who need it and destroy the natural beauty of

land through pollution. We are told by our leaders that everyone has equal influence which must indicate that our leaders are incompetent or liars or both.

While no one could say that this country is totalitarian or that Canadians enjoy violence, inequality, and murder; while it is realized that the present Prime Minister of the country and many members of his cabinet are dedicated, sincere and very humanitarian, we must also concede that our society needs change, that the naive approach that the ballot is the answer should cease to be part of politicians rhetoric and that we all in one way or other share the blame for the blood-spattered body of Pierre LaPorte stuffed in trunk in St. Hubert.

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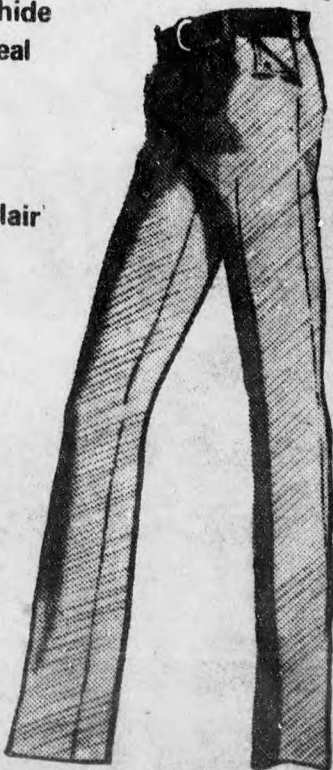
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