

Regulations.

THE CHAIRMAN: That was in March of 1941?

WITNESS: That was on March 23rd, 1941, in connection with the internment of some who have since been released; namely, Pat Sullivan, Jack Sullivan and a man named Sinclair. That was a meeting held at the Queen's hotel in Montreal to make representations, to pass resolutions in regard to internment of certain people, particularly labour leaders who I am glad to say have since had hearings and been released.

THE CHAIRMAN: A meeting of what organization?

WITNESS: It was a meeting called by the various labour unions in Montreal in support of the Canadian Seamen's Union; in fact, we extended invitations to all the unions from the Canadian Seamen's union. It was a conference at which perhaps 75 or 80 delegates from various organizations were present to discuss this particular case, these three trade union leaders who have since been released and who have resumed their activities.

MR. DUPUIS: Which section of the Defence of Canada Regulations in particular do you take exception to?

WITNESS: We think in particular that section 39C as tied up with and interpreted in connection with section 21 is one which has been the most abused.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you mean by tied up with?

WITNESS: Well, I have not the regulations before me, but as I understand it they are usually interpreted as being read together, and we do feel that 39C --

THE CHAIRMAN: Usually interpreted, by whom?

WITNESS: By the authorities, the people who administer them, the military police, the Minister of Justice and his advisers.