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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe we have been sidetracked for a moment and also that the Leader of the Opposition has a supplementary.

An hon. Member: Senior or junior?

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to see that the people on the government side of the House seem to think this is a subject of some frivolity. I sincerely plead with the Solicitor General to exercise his responsibilities on behalf of the Canadian people and particularly to Mr. Cross, however he is described, because, hopefully, he is alive. I plead with the Solicitor General to exercise the responsibility of leadership that the Canadian people expect of him at this time.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Leader of the Opposition for that statement and request. I appreciate it very much and would ask him in return to somehow control his followers when he asks responsible questions and permit me to give the answers which I think his questions deserve, as I have tried to do today and on earlier occasions and I have been cut off by his followers.

Mr. Speaker: Order. There are a number of supplementaries. The hon. member for York South.

WAR MEASURES ACT—ARRESTS, RELEASES, CONTINUING
DETENTIONS AND CHARGES

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General whether he can give the House the latest information with regard to the number arrested, the number released and the number still in jail. I would also ask him whether he has any information concerning any charges laid.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to do so. The total number arrested, as I have it, is 405. The number released is 273 and the number still being held is 132 as of last night. I do not have the figure as to the number charged.

Mr. Lewis: Has anyone yet been charged, and if a formal charge has not yet been laid does the Solicitor General have any information as to charges that are being prepared?

Mr. McIlraith: I do not know whether anyone has in fact been charged as yet. As to charges that are likely to be laid, I do not think it would be appropriate to give such information as I have, and also it is fairly limited at the moment.

APPREHENDED INSURRECTION—REPORTED SUPPLYING
OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO LIBERAL
MEMBERS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): May I direct a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister arising

Inquiries of the Ministry

out of a report of a statement alleged to have been made by the hon. member for Don Valley that he and other members of the Liberal party had information from ministers of the Crown which is not known to the public. Has the Prime Minister or any other minister in his cabinet given information to members of the Liberal party in caucus or otherwise which has not been given to this House?

An hon. Member: Oh, that is a touchy one.

Mr. Muir: The Prime Minister is sulking again.

Mr. Lewis: Just keep quiet a moment.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lewis: When hon. members interrupt the Prime Minister they merely give him an excuse to sit down and not answer.

An hon. Member: He will not answer, anyway.

Mr. Lewis: I want to repeat my question and ask the Prime Minister whether members of his party in this House were given information by him or any other minister in his cabinet which has not been given to this House?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Well, Mr. Speaker, I cannot speak for other ministers. I myself know of no information given to members of this party which I have not given in the House or they have not given in the House. It is conceivable, of course, that some ministers may have said something to members of my party of which I do not know. If I had more details I might be able to track down the suggestions of the hon. member. For my own part, I did deal with this matter in our caucus. I gave to our caucus the same information I have given to the House. In describing the state of confusion in the province of Quebec I may have gone a little further in that secret assembly than I did in the House, but this was done in describing the circumstances which I termed in this House the state of confusion and threats of violence in the province. I may have elaborated on that somewhat.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, may I please follow that up. Since the Prime Minister's reference to confusion in Quebec and threats of violence is obviously important to other members of the House as well as to the people of Canada, would he now feel free at some appropriate time to inform the House of the points on which he elaborated to members of his party, since for the life of me I cannot see why members of the government party should be privy to information that other members do not have.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The latter part of the hon. member's question is obviously an argument. I am sure he will agree with that.

Mr. Trudeau: I may be able to answer it if you want to consider it as a form of question, Mr. Speaker. In elabo-