

because, in their own words, a state of apprehended insurrection existed. The third reason was our assessment of all the surrounding facts, which are known to the country by now—the state of confusion that existed in the province of Quebec in regard to these matters.

**Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Prime Minister whether the government had any evidence of a conspiracy to bring about an insurrection, and of the statement made by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion that there were thousands of rifles, machine guns and bombs in the possession of the FLQ? Is the government prepared to tell the House whether or not that information was in its possession, and is the government prepared to produce the source of that information? Or is the government acting entirely on the basis of statements made to it by other authorities?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I repeat, Mr. Speaker, not entirely on the recommendations made by other authorities, though that was obviously an important element in our decision. When the authorities of the province of Quebec and the city of Montreal say that there is a state of apprehended insurrection existing, then we take that statement to be a serious one. They are elected by the people and are responsible governments. But that is not the only source of information; of course it is not. There are other facts which have been made known to the public—that a great quantity of dynamite has been stolen in Quebec during the last year and not recovered, that there is a great quantity—I do not know the exact number but at any rate it is substantial—of rifles and small arms that have disappeared.

I wish the leader of the New Democratic Party would ask himself how much information Kerensky had in the spring and summer of 1917 when he was pooh-poohing the possibility of an insurrection which in fact happened in October, 1917.

ALLEGATION BY MAYOR OF MONTREAL THAT FRAP IS  
HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question arising out of this matter to the Solicitor General. May I ask the minister about the statement made yesterday by the mayor of Montreal to the effect that the FRAP organization is a haven for terrorists, criminals and revolutionaries? Does the information that the Solicitor General has from the police authorities substantiate that charge and, if so, is he taking any action with respect thereto?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I have no intention of entering the Montreal civic election campaign.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. McIlraith:** I do not think it is appropriate to ask me to comment on statements made outside the House by someone who is not a member of the House. I am quite prepared to answer such questions as I am able to answer relating to matters that are properly the concern of Parliament.

INFORMATION LEADING TO INVOKING OF WAR  
MEASURES ACT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister, who as I understood him is now suggesting that the public had available to it the information upon which the government based its decision. May I ask the Prime Minister how he reconciles this statement with the statement made by the Minister of Justice that it might not ever be possible to disclose to the public the information upon which the government based its decision, since it might endanger the lives of innocent people?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, what I said was that the facts that I have recited and which are known to the House were sufficient for us to take the steps we did. I am not saying that beyond that there are not other facts which may or may not be known to the public. It is a matter that will be left to the police, as far as I am concerned. I say that the facts that are known to the House are the facts on which we acted, and it is on that that we stand.

[Translation]

WAR MEASURES ACT—OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN LETTERS  
TO PRIME MINISTER

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** While I have the floor, Mr. Speaker, I might reply to a question put yesterday by the leader of the Ralliement Cr ditiste as to whether I had received letters or telegrams approving implementation of the War Measures Act.

Mr. Speaker, I have received 2,500 telegrams and 2,600 letters, 97 per cent of them supporting government action.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[English]

ALLEGATION BY MAYOR OF MONTREAL THAT FRAP IS  
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**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Solicitor General a question put to him already, but may I put it in a different way. May I ask the Solicitor General whether the federal police or any other police force, to his knowledge, has information to the effect that FRAP is a haven for terrorists, criminals and revolutionaries? Does he have such information?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** To my knowledge at the moment, no, Mr. Speaker.