

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

House of Commons,
Room 368,
June 18th, 1942.

The Special Committee on the Defence of Canada Regulations met at 11 o'clock a.m. The Chairman, the Hon. J. E. Michaud, presided.

Mr. John Kerry, K.C., Honourary Chairman, Quebec Committee for Allied Victory, Montreal, called:

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Kerry, we have been waiting for you for some time; we are anxious to hear you, and we have until one o'clock.

WITNESS: I think we can be finished in that time. I believe Mr. Cohen has been speaking for several days.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

WITNESS: Our committee approaches the matter from a different angle, but I can cover it, I think.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will you identify yourself to the committee now?

WITNESS: Yes. I might introduce myself: I am John Kerry, of Montreal, Honourary Chairman of the Quebec Committee for Allied Victory; and I thank the committee for giving us an opportunity to appear and make recommendations.

The Quebec Committee for Allied Victory is an organization which has no politics and is nonsectarian, and which embraces all races and all religions in Quebec. We have an actual membership in Montreal of some two thousand subscribing members in the central body.

MR. MacINNIS: When was your committee formed?

WITNESS: It adopted the name, Quebec Committee for Allied Victory -- in July, a year ago -- prior to that I was working with some other people under other names. I was going to mention that in my brief, that I had been identified with anti-Hitler movements since long before the present war broke out, and so have the people who are associated with me.