

Reaction of the FLQ to the Invocation of the War Measures Act

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The present authorities have declared war on the Quebec patriots. After having pretended to negotiate for several days they have finally revealed their true face as hypocrites and terrorists.

The colonial army has come to give assistance to the "bouncers" of Drapeau the "dog." Their objective: to terrorize the population by massive and illegal arrests and searches, by large and noisy deployments, and by making shattering statements on the urgent situation in Quebec, etc.

They must, at all costs, undermine the dangerous sympathy that a large number of Quebecois feel towards the patriots of the Front de libération du Québec since the kidnapping of J. Cross and Pierre Laporte, and since the publication of the manifesto of the Front de libération du Québec. Consequently, the Front de libération du Québec declares:

1. The death sentence against J. Cross is suspended indefinitely. J. Cross remains a prisoner of the Front de libération du Québec and will not be released until the present authorities have complied with our demands. He will only be executed if it should occur that the fascist police discover us and attempt to intervene.
2. As for Pierre Laporte, the Chenier cell of the Front de libération du Québec is presently studying his case and will make its decision known shortly.
3. We ask that all the action cells of the Front de libération du Québec, as well as all determined Québécois, go into action in an attempt to undermine the decisions of the fascist authorities so that the patriot political prisoners will be released.

We shall overcome.

The Front de libération du Québec.

Following are two remarks: 1. We thank Mr Robert Lemieux for his devotion to duty which, fortunately or otherwise, served only to reveal the hypocrisy of the fascist authorities. 2. We are attaching a personal letter from J. Cross to his wife to this communiqué.