

BRITISH COLUMBIA CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

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Because we believe that even terrorists have rights, we lose members. Because we refuse to resort to terrorist tactics, we lose members. We are damned left, right and center by those of all persuasions who see in us public evidence of the failure of their fondest, private hope--that in a democratic society, the rights of all are secure because the rights of each one are protected. If this hope were fulfilled, we would shut up shop.

But this is not utopia. Life in British Columbia turns up daily evidence that our rights must be affirmed and protected--or they will be eroded and diminished. So we go on--publicly affirming and protecting those rights we believe to be fundamental and you, our membership, our remaining membership, are our prime source of support to continue this work.

As the year begins, we are involved in at least three major policy areas:

1. an entrenched Bill of Rights in a Canadian Constitution
2. the rights of persons receiving social assistance
3. secondary school studies of human rights problems in B.C.

If you are interested, we can discuss these subjects at our Annual General meeting. We can also discuss the War Measures Act. We want your ideas, your criticisms, and your suggestions. Apart from Board Members, less than ten of you appeared last year. Are there really so few members who are interested in the work of the Association?



R. A. H. Robson,
Executive Secretary.

Annual General Meeting,
2 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 1971,
International House,
University of British Columbia..

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