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At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the nineteenth day of May, 1949.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Hollway		Mr. Oldham.
Lieut.-Col. Leggatt		

WHEREAS by the *Royal Commission (Communist Party) Act 1949* it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor in Council may issue a commission to, and appoint as sole commissioner, a Judge of The Supreme Court of the State of Victoria to inquire into and report upon the matters specified in the said Act:

And whereas the Governor in Council deems it expedient that a commission shall forthwith issue for the purpose aforesaid:

Now therefore, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Royal Commission (Communist Party) Act 1949* and all other powers him thereunto enabling doth by this Order direct that a Royal Commission shall forthwith issue constituting and appointing the Honorable Sir Charles John Lowe, Knight Bachelor, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, to be a Commissioner to inquire into and report upon the following matters, namely:—

The origins aims and objects of the Communist party in Victoria and the activities and operations in Victoria of that party and of members thereof and of organizations and persons associated therewith and, in particular—

(a) whether that party by its constitution or propaganda, or any of its members or any of such organizations or persons by propaganda

or otherwise, advocates or encourages the overthrow by force or violence of established government;

(b) whether the activities or operations of that party or any of its members or any of such organizations or persons are or have been designed to effect or accomplish, or are or have been directed at effecting or accomplishing—

- (i) the overthrow or disruption of representative or democratic institutions;
- (ii) the subversion of law and order;
- (iii) the attainment of social economic industrial or political ends by force violence intimidation or fraudulent practices;
- (iv) the dislocation or disruption of services safeguarding, or essential to the maintenance of, the life health and welfare of the community;
- (v) the dislocation disruption or retardation of industrial production;
- (vi) the indoctrination of children and young people with beliefs or ideas calculated or likely to result in activities and operations of the nature hereinbefore referred to.

And the Honorable W. Watt Leggatt, His Majesty's Chief Secretary for the State of Victoria, has given the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. MAHLSTEDT,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

