

iMUNC 2019

Background Guide

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Investigation Committee for Magical Law

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Hey guys,

My name is Carmen Simons. I'm a junior at the NYC iSchool, I've been doing Model UN for just over 3 years, and I'm going to be your chair for iCML! I got into MUN because of my interest in debate, international relations, and being passive aggressive during moderated caucuses. Since we like to have fun at iMUNC, I thought changing up traditional MUN by adding investigations and trials would make for a good time. I helped run and chair the Jurassic Park committee at last year's iMUNC, and this year I'm running it as co-secretary general. I'm super excited to see you guys this January and I hope you love iMUNC 2019!

-Carmen Simons, co-secretary general, iMUNC 2019

Hi everyone!

I'm J-Lynn. I'm a junior at the NYC iSchool and I am the co-chair for iCML! I got into MUN recently. This is my first time at iMUNC, and I'm super excited! Carmen and I wanted to make this committee fun, engaging, and a little dramatic. I'm really happy with what everyone has put together and I hope you're all looking forward to it! Thank you so much for participating!

-J-Lynn Rose Torres, co-chair, iMUNC 2019

Dear Delegates,

The iSchool Model United Nations Conference specializes in creativity and uniqueness. By participating in our year long club we had the opportunity to create iMUNC for you to have an incredible model UN experience alongside members from all 5 boroughs, we are able to build and run an engaging and educational conference to help you become better delegates.

iMUNC was created last year and was a resounding success so we felt we should continue with what we did then: Chair and delegate independence. We pride ourselves on giving massive delegate freedoms in order to make sure that a story is told not just by the chairs but by delegates. Our theme this year of diplomacy under pressure will create an environment where delegates will be interacting with the world and act in its chaos. We hope to give delegates the opportunity to react to high stakes high risk situations where they are the deciding factor.

With seven committees with OC, Shows, Movies, and books we pride ourselves on our creativity. iMUNC 2019 will embody leadership skills, collaboration skills, diplomacy, Creativity (and a tiny bit of chaos).

A special thanks to our entire Secretariat for making this possible!

Sincerely,

Carmen Simons

Secretary General

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Secretary General

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President

Lily Krug

President

Background

The War Begins

For 40 years, we have been at war. You Know Who, He Who Must Not Be Named, The Heir of Slytherin; Whatever name He was known by, He was a force of great destruction and terror that has plagued both wizardkind and muggles for as long as some of us have lived. Nary has there been a day of peace or calm since He first attacked and began his campaign of terror.

Little is known of how You Know Who gained his great powers. He arose suddenly, though it is now believed that He may have been influencing the ministry since before He ever became public with his nefarious goals. The first action directly traceable to You Know Who and his minions is the resignation of ex-Minister for Magic Nobby Leach, the first muggle born to ever hold the position. Though Mr. Leach publicly announced his resignation was due to poor health, it is now believed that He may have been poisoned by senior ministry member Abraxas Malfoy.

As his minions began to infiltrate the ministry, You Know Who sought to achieve a more appealing goal. He traveled around Britain killing homeless and forgotten muggles, whose absence went unnoticed, then raised them into armies of Inferi under his command. These armies were matched by his recruitment of ferocious Werewolves and destructive Giants from across Europe.

During this time, there was also great social upheaval in Wizarding Britain. Squibs, half-bloods, and historically unfavored and oppressed groups were marching for their rights, often met with riots from the entrenched and conservative pure blooded families. It is now

through these pushes for equality that have made older families feel threatened, pushing them to ally themselves with You Know Who.

These slow and subtle attacks became open war in 1970. You Know Who launched a revolution against the established order of the ministry, calling for the downfall of mixed-blood equality, the open oppression of muggles, and his eternal and immortal rule. This began with violent attacks by Death Eaters on helpless muggle communities, often terrorizing entire families as they burned their homes and destroyed their minds. Dealing with the the destruction of the Inferi, Giants, Werewolves, Death Eaters, and other dark creatures was the number one priority of the ministry at this time. Almost all resources were put towards memory alterations, magical cleanup, and healing victims, making it difficult for the Department of Magical Law Enforcement to keep up with continuing attacks.

Faced with an infested ministry in chaos and unable to keep up with their attacks, the Death Eaters grew bolder still. They began to target muggle-born, mixed-blood, and “blood traitors,” in a campaign of death and destruction that shook wizarding Britain worse than even Grindelwald’s war. Other magical beings termed as inferior, such as House Elves and Goblins, also suffered torture and slaughter by the hands of Death Eaters.

As terror spread outside of the Ministry’s walls, riot spread within it. The pure-blooded families which were turned towards You Know Who’s side infiltrated the ministry using both espionage and the Imperius curse.

Britain at War

As attacks grew worse and worse, and a corrupted ministry was barely able to keep the Wizarding and muggle worlds separated under the strain of You Know Who's attacks, some of the members of today's committee took it upon themselves to fight the terrors. Albus Dumbledore founded the Order of the Phoenix with the goal of directly fighting the Death Eaters. Although it was officially a "renegade outfit" of the ministry, many Aurors and Officials such as Frank and Alice Longbottom and Elphias Doge covertly joined.

Initially, the order saw little success and conditions only worsened. Many ordinary and innocent witches and wizards were killed, with the Death Eaters leaving the calling card of the Dark Mark over the site of these murders. Even as his power grew, You Know Who kept his network of servers far flung and disconnected. Many death eaters only knew each other by codenames, or had no knowledge at all of their compatriots identities. Furthermore, many of these crimes were committed by innocents who had fallen prey to the Imperius Curse. Mistrust and discord spread, and families began to fear each other as undercover operatives of You Know Who.

In 1975, Mr. Leach's replacement, Eugenia Jenkins, was ousted for her inability to protect wizardkind. She was replaced by the hardliner Harold Minchum, who began to increase dementor populations in Azkaban. At the same time, Bartemius Crouch Snr. began to rapidly rise in the ranks as a ruthless judge of Magical Law, eventually becoming the head of the Department for Magical Law Enforcement. These two leaders began to make some headway and pushed back against the Death Eaters, though their loose and elusive network made any real progress difficult to either achieve or ascertain.

During this time, You Know Who took interest to several new Hogwarts graduates, including Severus Snape, Evan Rosier, Avery, Mulciber, Wilkes, Lucius Malfoy, and most especially Bellatrix Lestrange. Bellatrix became his favorite devotee, and He continued to induct her further and further into his dark secrets.

The Turning Point

In 1980, Minister Minchum was deposed due to his continual failure to further the ministry's cause, and was replaced with the final Minister of the wartime years: Millicent Bagnold. During this time, the Order of the Phoenix had begun to grow weaker, as the mistrust which had infiltrated the rest of Wizarding Britain spread within its ranks. Members began to question each other's loyalty, and wondered if those who spend their time undercover with the Death Eaters were being swayed by His influence.

As internal discord spread, the order suffered many casualties. Marlene McKinnon and her entire family were killed. Edgar Bones and his family suffered a similar fate. Gideon Prewett, Dorcas Meadows, Caradoc Dearborn, and Benjy Fenwick were also all murdered by either You Know Who or his Death Eaters.

In an effort to quell this brutal outbreak of death within the order, Barty Crouch issued an edict which many thought would mark a turning point in the war. By allowing Aurors to use the Unforgivable Curses when fighting dark forces, Crouch gave them a foothold against the giant clans that were some of You Know Who's most dangerous forces. With this power in their hands, the Aurors were able to begin capturing and discovering the identities of many Death Eaters who had previously held the upper hand and remained undefeated. Alastor Moody in

particular is noted for the large number of Death Eaters He defeated, taking Igor Karkaroff into custody and killing Evan Rosier. During this time, Wilkes was also killed, and Dolohov detained.

Victory?

Sometime during the war, Sybill Trelawney and Albus Dumbledore met to discuss teaching positions at Hogwarts, which had remained a bastion of safe learning during the war. During this meeting, Ms. Trelawney imparted a prophecy to Dumbledore:

"...The one with the power to vanquish You Know Who approaches... Born to those who have thrice defied him, born as the seventh month dies... and You Know Who will mark him as his equal, but he will have power You Know Who knows not... and either must die at the hand of the other for neither can live while the other survives... The one with the power to vanquish You Know Who will be born as the seventh month dies..."

This prophecy was a spark of hope for the Order - it gave them a clue as to how You Know Who might finally be vanquished. Two families of the Order fit the criteria: the Potters and the Longbottoms. Both had thrice defied Him, and both had baby boys born in July 1980. While the third clause was not understood, the first two put the boys and their families in great danger. Voldemort heard tell of this prophecy via Severus Snape acting as his spy, but He was only able to learn of the first two clauses of the prophecy. This meant that both families became marked for death, unbeknownst to them.

The Order then received a boon from above. Regretting his choice to disclose the prophecy to You Know Who, which thereby put Lily Potter, the love of his life, in danger, Snape defected. With Snape's knowledge that they were marked for death, the Potters, who were

already residing in Godric's Hollow, retreated into a Fidelius Charm, marking Sirius Black as a secret keeper. Unfortunately, Voldemort was able to break through this greatest of all magics.

On the 31st of October, 1980, You Know Who came to Godric's Hollow. After breaking the protective seals on their house, He swiftly killed James and then came for the baby Harry and Lily. In Harry's bedroom, as they cowered fearing death, Voldemort offered Lily a choice: die, or sacrifice her son and join Him. She refused and sacrificed herself, placing a protection of love on her infant son. Little is understood of just how Lily managed to protect Harry so well, but when You Know Who was about to realize his crowning achievement, killing the only roadblock in his path to ultimate power, the unexpected occurred. The Killing Curse backfired, killing Him instead of Harry.

Where We Stand

The Wizarding world rejoices! With the news of You Know Who's death spreading across Britain like wildfire, and Minister Bagnold declaring all Wizard's "inalienable right to party," we all have good reason to rejoice. Despite this, there still remains questions to be asked and answered, and problems to be solved.

Current Status

Introduction

A great evil that plagued the wizarding world has been defeated, but there is still much work to be done and many more evils to be vanquished. After You Know Who's

apparent demise, Aurors traveled across Britain searching for signs of where He had fled. As they traveled, hope began to brew in the hearts of Wizing Britain—perhaps the good news was actually true.

Sorrow after Battle

In the wake of You Know Who's defeat, His Death Eaters were scattered over Britain. Fearing for their own lives without the protection of their leader, many have gone into hiding or continue to be fugitives on the run. Wizing families such as the Malfoys, Yaxleys, Carrows, McNairs, and Lestranges were torn apart by their choice to join Him and now their estates are abandoned and in disarray.

Four months after You Know Who's defeat, another tragedy struck the Wizing Community. Four Death Eaters: Rodolphus, Rabastan, and Bellatrix Lestrangle, alongside Bartemius Crouch Jr. broke into the home of Alice and Frank Longbottom. They subjected them to torture under the imperius curse, eventually breaking their minds and leaving them with no memory of who they were or of their son Neville. This great crime is the reason our committee is meeting today.

With this horrible torment brought upon two powerful and well respected members of the Magical Community, it is clear that despite their master's demise, the Death Eaters will not stop their reign of terror. Though they may no longer seek to install their dark lord as a ruler, they still wish to show chaos and discord among magical folk.

What We Must Do

Our committee has gathered here today in the face of a growing storm. You Know Who was defeated, but his minions remain at large. As the Investigations Committee for Magical Law, it is your duty to help restore order to the Magical World.

The primary goals of this committee will be threefold: to figure out how to handle those who have aligned themselves with the Death Eaters, decide who is innocent and who is guilty, and determine what legal precedent will we leave behind on the Magical World.

Death Eaters

As Death Eaters still ravage Britain and many flee into hiding, the committee must put their violence to a quick end. You all will have the goal of hunting down, capturing, interrogating, and sentencing many Death Eaters including but not limited to: Fenrir Greyback, Corban Yaxley, Amycus and Alexis Carrow, Walden MacNair, Gaspar Avery, Augustus Rookwood, Evan Rosier, Francis Crabbe, Bartemius Crouch Jr., Bellatrix Lestrange, Rabastan Lestrange, and Rodolphus Lestrange. All of these dangerous figures and more will pose a threat to any committee members who might stray outside ministry walls, as they still have the full force of their magical knowledge, now unfettered by any sort of control.

The committee must endeavor to use both the skills of its individual members and its collective powers to capture death eaters so they can be brought into committee for interrogation and punishment.

Public Support

The public is looking to the Department for Magical Law enforcement to properly handle the Death Eaters and guide the world to recovery. Throughout this committee, *The Daily Prophet* will be reporting about what decisions are being made. You must be aware of how your actions impact public approval - you may act as a beacon of hope and forgiveness, or one of strict adherence to law and vengeful justice.

Legal Precedent

As a committee of the Department for Magical Law enforcement, you will determine the magical legal precedent for years to come. The methods used to hunt down, imprison, interrogate, and punish the death eaters will all be considered the new standard for the treatment of criminals in the magical world. Will the accepted practices of the past decide how His followers are treated, or does the Wizarding World need a new legal order?

Delegate List

Albus Dumbledore - Leader of the Order of the Phoenix and an advocate for social justice and equality between Wizards and Muggles. Also the headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. While he did lead the fight against the Death Eaters, he advocated for just treatment of prisoners and captives.

Millicent Bagnold - Current Minister for Magic who led the Wizarding World through the end of the Great Wizarding War. She supported many of Bartemius Crouch Snr.'s hardline policies.

Bartemius Crouch Snr. - Head of the Department For Magical Law Enforcement. A hardliner who passed the decree which allowed Aurors to use the unforgivable curses and overseer of the capture of many Death Eaters.

Alastor "Mad-Eye" Moody - One of the most famous Aurors of all time who battled with many of You Know Who's greatest minions and lost many body parts in the process. Moody was a close ally of the Order during the war.

Igor Karkaroff - Previously a Death Eater, Karkaroff was captured, confessed, and gave away lots of valuable information that led to the defeat of many Death Eaters

Ludovic Bagman - Ex-beater for the Wimbourne Wasps and famed quidditch player who helped lead England to victory in the Quidditch World Cup. Bagman was put on trial after it was uncovered that he was feeding Rookwood's spies information, but was cleared by a unanimous vote.

Rufus Scrimgeour - A famous Auror who fought death Eaters during the war, he strongly believed in keeping the ministry and it's image strong and resolute during the war. Scrimgeour was also a supporter of Crouch's hardline policies towards Death Eaters.

Cornelius Fudge - Head of the Department of Magical Accidents and Catastrophes, Fudge was one of the first on the scene after Voldemort's defeat and is a staunch pacifist who seeks to restore calm to the Wizarding World above all else.

Minerva McGonagall - Deputy Headmistress and Transfiguration teacher at Hogwarts, Professor McGonagall is a registered Animagus and close ally of Dumbledore and the Order of the Phoenix. She often used her skills as an animagus during the war to spy for the Order and obtain valuable information for them.

Kingsley Shacklebolt - A powerful and skilled Auror who fought during the war and allied himself closely with the Order as he fought. Shacklebolt was noted for his skills in tracking down Death Eaters who fled the scenes of their crimes.

Dolores Umbridge - As the Senior Under Secretary to the Minister, Umbridge is a strong advocate for pure blooded superiority and the regulation and restriction of non-pure blooded wizards and other non-humans magical creatures.

Newt Scamander-Retired expert magizoologist and author of the *Werewolf Register*, *The Ban on Experimental Breeding*, and *Fantastics Beasts and Where to Find Them*, Newt is an expert on magical creatures and loosely supported the order during the war.

Bertha Jorkins - Assistant to Bartemius Crouch Snr. and fellow judge in the Department of Magical Law who helped enforce Crouch's policies during the war.

Aberforth Dumbledore - Brother of Albus Dumbledore, Aberforth helped the Order from the sidelines by providing a base of operations near Hogwarts at his bar: the hog's head inn. Aberforth also prevented You Know Who from learning the full contents of the prophecy that led to his downfall during the night it was given to Dumbledore.

Remus Lupin - Order member and werewolf, Lupin is noted for the extended periods of time he spend undercover among the Death Eaters trying to gain information about them and help the Order.

Mundungus Fletcher - The Order's connection to the criminal element of the wizarding world who helped them acquire illicit goods and services to help fight You Know Who.

Mundungus is noted for his unreliability but overall good spirit.

Horace Slughorn - Potions professor at Hogwarts who is noted for his practice of gathering "high-flyers" at the school in the Slug Club. This has left him with many powerful connections, but many other ex-Sluggers became Death Eaters.

Filius Flitwick - Flitwick is the charms professor at Hogwarts and helped defend the Order, especially with his mastery of the powerful Fidelius Charm.

Armando Dippet - The ex-headmaster of Hogwarts, Dippet was the head of the school during the education of many of the Death Eaters.

John Dawlish - A powerful Auror and ministry official who helped in the fight against You Know Who during the war and supported Crouch's policies.

Pius Thicknesse - A ministry official in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement, Thicknesse supported Umbridge's exclusionary policies and the hardline approach of the Ministry later into the war.

Amos Diggory - An Official of the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures, Diggory is qualified in capture and control practices for many different creatures. He and his family were also loosely aligned with the Order during the war.

Margaret Thatcher - The one British muggle who is made aware of the Wizarding World is the current Prime Minister, who is responsible for representing a muggle voice in the discourse.

Severus Snape - An ex-Death Eater who defected to the Order, Snape helped facilitate You Know Who's downfall through the information he leaked. Though originally considered a traitor to the order, Dumbledore's vehement defense of Snape's actions garnered him protection.

Rita Skeeter - A poison-penned reporter from The Daily Prophet who is assigned to report on the committee to the public and ensure that all members are held accountable for their actions.

Documents

This committee may utilize the following documents:

- Directive: A formal action taken by committee members and, which must first be voted on
- Communiqué: A formal message from a committee or delegate to be communicated to other bodies, and must have a majority vote
- Press Release: A statement from a committee or delegate that they want expressed to the public. If sent from the committee, press releases must first be approved through a vote.
- Individual Action Order: Actions that are taken by an individual delegate that is reflected in their portfolio powers
- Crisis Notes: A note that is the dominant medium for taking individual action in committee by using your portfolio powers.

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A quick note from the Chair: Delegates are more than welcome to dress for the occasion!