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The series of public hearings on the proposed revision of New York State's Penal Law, being held by the Temporary Commission on Revision of the Penal Law and Criminal Code, will close with three days hearings in New York City on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 23rd, 24th and 25th at the New York County Lawyers Association Building, 14 Vesey Street, Manhattan. Each session will start at 9:30 A.M. and the public is invited to attend.

The proposed Penal Law revision, which was introduced for study purposes at the last session of the Legislature and has been widely circulated since early summer, has evoked a great deal of interest throughout the state.

The Commission, which drafted and sponsors the proposal, headed by its chairman, Assemblyman Richard J. Bartlett, has been traveling across the state listening to witnesses speak out for and against the proposal. Last week they were in Albany; this week they visit Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. The three days in New York City will bring the hearings to a close.

Mr. Bartlett explained that the Commission will then review its work to consider any changes that are advisable before the proposed revision is introduced for passage at the 1965 session of the Legislature.

The Commission's proposal, which is the first attempt at a complete revision of the state's penal laws in almost a century, is the result of a thorough and searching reappraisal of many of the fundamental concepts underlying our criminal laws.