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Senator Arthur Meighen  
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Dear Sir:

For your information I am enclosing copy of a letter to Senator Black, Chairman of the Senate Banking and Commerce Committee. I think it may possibly be of interest to you. After carefully watching the comments by labour leaders, C.C.F. etc., on this Bill I feel quite sure that the situation referred to in this memorandum cannot safely be ignored.

Here in London the President of the Trades and Labour Council is an Englishman, Bettam by name, who came from England nine years ago. He is an ardent worker for labour unionism but fairly well-balanced and he has a background of experience in England which gives him a broader point of view than many others. I explained the C.M.A. Plan to him a short time ago and he was very much interested. After several days analysis of circular #940, issued by the C.M.A., he asked me if I would be willing to address a meeting of the T. & L. Council, to which I agreed. A few days later he told me that he had spoken to the Executive Committee of the Council about arranging this meeting and they refused to do so, refusing also to look into the matter on their own account. As this group is quite radical I think it is a significant indication that they have reasons of their own for refusing to consider anything but the "pool" plan and I think those reasons are political. A number of C.C.F. leaders from points quite distant from Ottawa sat in the audience at the hearings of the

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