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Ottawa, March 5, 1941.

AIR MAIL

The Editor,
"The Free Press,"
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir:

In a recent editorial in your paper, headed "The Defence Regulations," you say "Mr. Meighen declared that if the war were to mean the disappearance of private property or even undue limitation of the profit motive, he would not consider the war worth fighting for."

I now call upon you to tell your readers where at any time I said that "undue limitation of the profit motive would make the war not worth fighting." I here and now inform your readers, if you will publish this letter, that this statement of yours is a falsehood.

What I said on the occasion to which doubtless you refer, I have repeated many times since and am prepared to support at any place on any occasion.

You repeat, with what appearance of sobriety you can command, some chatter which has been heard in the House of Commons about my being interned. I suggest that you use your influence with the present Government, which influence appears very great, to induce them to take steps to that end along any lines they desire. I will meet the Government and the Free Press on whatever ground they choose and I will ask no quarter.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Arthur Meighen.

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