

vote NO, when you are well aware that its voice is the voice of Hitler. When so much is at stake in the lives and homes of everyone, surely you will wish to be guided by the best informed and wisest counsel it is possible for you to receive.

Do you think that every member of the present government would be asking you to vote YES on Monday, if we did not all honestly believe that it was in the interest of yourselves, your families and our country for you to do so? I want you to know that that is what I very firmly believe. Let no one tell you that I am half-hearted in this matter.

Some who pretend to be speaking my mind have been urging you to vote NO in order <sup>as they say</sup> to protect me from the advocates of conscription. The suggestion that a man can be protected, by keeping his hands tied, when he is himself asking to have his hands free, is surely a strange one.

It is being said that, if the plebiscite carries, the government will immediately, under the War Measures Act, enforce conscription for service overseas. The government has no such intention.