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Dear Sirs

I have yours of the 26th. Perhaps I am wrong, but I feel that the internment of Mr. Houde has been the proper and sufficient step for the time being anyway.

I quote as follows from the Press reports of a speech made very lately by Professor Underhill of Toronto University at the Canadian Institute on Economics and Politics.

"Down to May this year Canada was dominated by the prestige of British policy. Nothing that Britain could do was wrong. But doubt came after Munich. And then came the over-running of France -- and then all had doubts. We now have two loyalties - one to Britain, the other to North America. --- North America is going to be supreme now. The relative importance of Britain is going to sink no matter what happens."

In my judgment, the above is vastly worse than anything Houde said, and to fail to intern this man is an outrageous neglect of duty. Nothing could possibly be directed to discourage recruiting with more deadly effect than just those words. I am writing the Minister of Justice on the subject.

Yours truly,

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