

tolerance, good will, peace and racial generosity. But if such a calamity does occur none will identify more clearly its creators and originators. The men who will have brought famine to Europe will be the same men who have brought fire and slaughter to Poland, to Norway, to Holland, to Belgium and to France. Against all of Hitler's prophecies there stands another prophecy that throughout the ages has never failed to come to pass. Sooner or later sure retribution will overtake the tyrant who defies the law of God and man. Until that retribution comes to undo the wrong done by the guilty, the peoples of the British commonwealth will continue to face every ordeal with fearless eyes and unflinching courage.

With reference to the destiny of Canada all I wish to say is that the destiny of Canada will be determined not by Hitler, not by Mussolini nor by any combination of aggressors, but by the free will of the people of Canada in accordance with their tried and traditional loyalty.

Hitler has spoken of peace and of a new social order. He has done so, however, in accents of war. He has chosen to talk about negotiations in the language of domination. Let me say that the mind that is capable of conceiving thoughts of wholesale destruction and complete annihilation is not a mind that is capable of envisaging either concepts of justice or the blessings of peace. Least of all is it able to build "a new social order and the finest possible standard of culture," as Hitler claims has been his intention. The peace that will finally come to the world will be the peace that the free men of the world desire and understand, a peace that their sacrifices have won. It will not be a German peace. It will not be that false Nazi peace where men move amid the hushed suspense of fear in the presence of the spy, the gangster and the Gestapo. Above all, it will never be a peace based on a conception of the subordination of individual personality to the control of the materialistic and warlike state. It will be a peace which will re-establish liberty and affirm the rights of men. It will be a peace under which men and women can speak the truth in their hearts and live their lives without fear; a peace in which labour will have dignity, religion will have freedom, and little children will have security.

The nations of the British commonwealth no doubt have had many failings, but they have loved and honoured justice and mercy. To-day they do not fight for power, they do not fight for the preservation of any form of government; they fight the battle of mankind. The battleground has moved to the very home of freedom itself. There and now the great qualities of the people of the British Isles shine more brightly than ever. The invasion of those islands will be the invasion of the sanctuaries of all free men. Their invader is our invader. Canadians are prouder than ever to share with the men and women of Britain the rigours of the conflict, and to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in the defence of political freedom, social justice and human liberty."