

Within France, a living spirit of resistance has revealed itself in countless acts of heroism and sacrifice. Behind the enemy's lines, the French resistance has been undermining German power. Since the landings in Normandy, underground forces have been quick to strike. On all sides there is evidence that in the hearts of the French people, there still burns an unquenchable fire of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" which no dishonourable betrayal within, or fiendish tortures from without, have been able to extinguish.

In the revival of French military power, inside and outside of France, General de Gaulle's role has been of incomparable importance.

In these years of war, we in Canada have sought to do our part to keep alive the flame of French civilization. We have continued to cherish our admiration for France, and all she has meant to Freedom. We have never lost our faith that the greatness of France would be restored. The people of Canada are proud to have their part in the memorable events in which the liberation of France is being accomplished.

In thanking you for your visit and in wishing you all that is best in your valourous leadership, I ask you, General de Gaulle, to take back with you an assurance from the Canadian people to the people of France.