

We want to avoid war. We want to resist any aggression; but if ever, which we do not recognize as a possibility, anyone sought to use it as authority to start an offensive war, we would be fully justified by the terms of the pact and absolutely bound by our responsibilities to our country and to our families, so say: "That is not what it was designed for. It must not operate that way."

If, however, an act of aggression is committed against any of us, it will constitute an aggression against all the nations that have signed the pact. Then each will be bound on its national honour, to take in accordance with its own constitutional practice, such measures as the nation itself, its parliament and its government, consider best calculated to fulfil the obligations it has assumed in order to repel that aggression and restore peace.

I suggest that all hon. members of this house carefully consider the pact, and I venture to hope that, after they have done so, they will come to the conclusion that it constitutes a firm assurance to themselves and to future generations, against the horrors of war.

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