posed of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and the King, and with the elected House of Commons as the real governing body; and the House of Commons is the servant and representative of the people who elect its members. So that eventually the "Crown" to which we all owe allegiance is the "people" of Great Britain and Ireland. And herein lies a defect in our present state. If that "Crown" could be enlarged so that it would mean the "people" of the British Empire by giving to all the people of that Empire, so far as possible, direct representation in the supreme governing Parliament we would indeed be a body of nations (though not each clothed with full sovereign power) under a common "Crown," which "Crown" would be ourselves, collectively asserting through that Parliament the will of ourselves, collected and organized into one Great State or Commonwealth of British people.

To what is it that we really owe allegiance and really give allegiance? It is not to a *common Crown*, if that means the King personally, although our oaths of allegiance swear us to allegiance to King George V. They would be truer in form if they swore us to allegiance to our country. We owe allegiance to, and give allegiance to a common country, to a common national imperial history and development, to a common language, to a common democratic form of government and democratic ideals, to the evolution and present organization of certain people into one great world power in the number of great world powers, in a word we owe and give allegiance to our country which is ourselves as a people organized into one great self-governing state or Empire much more than to any "common Crown" in the sense of a king or even a parliament.

2. How can you have a number of "nations with full sovereign powers linked in perpetual alliance. . . . . . . on terms of equality under a common 'Crown?'" or linked in any other way in a *perpetual* alliance?

I cannot imagine such a conglomeration. Can each of these proposed independent nations declare war and make