

one thing that matters to-day in the world of free men; that is the ultimate triumph of the cause of freedom for which Britain and France alike took up arms, and the certain defeat of the evil powers that threaten to enslave the world."

2. HITLER'S SPEECH TO THE REICHSTAG, PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH OF JULY 22, 1940

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King (Prime Minister): "Since this House of Commons adjourned on Friday last, hon. members will have read accounts of the speech delivered by Herr Hitler to the Reichstag on that day. The speech was accompanied by newspaper reports that many parts of Europe were threatened with famine. Some semi-official statements, presumably inspired, were also issued from German sources concerning the future of Canada. In the circumstances a word in Canada's parliament concerning Hitler's latest utterance may not be out of place.

Hitler's speech abounds with the historical falsehoods which have characterized his utterances since the outbreak of war. His words and his works are both known. His words have been a succession of promises made and of promises broken. His works have been cruelty, rapine, bloodshed and violence.

His speech was characterized by Hitler as an appeal to reason and common sense. It purported to be concerned with peace. In reality it was mostly, if not entirely, a threat of dire calamity to millions of innocent beings, and exhibited a reliance upon force and violence greater than that which Hitler has displayed in any of his previous utterances. There was not so much as a suggestion of conditions or terms upon which peace could be discussed. The speech contained, however, most specific references to "unending suffering and misery" for millions, and to "complete annihilation" of either the British or the German people—Hitler's own people—and the prediction that unless the dictator's will prevailed, a great empire would be destroyed. All this was from one who in the same address professed a deep disgust for the type of unscrupulous politician who wrecks entire nations and states.

The speech calls for no words in reply. It answers itself. The one comment that obviously may fittingly be made upon it is that so far as the future of the war is concerned, deception has run its course. Resolute action alone will decide how suffering and misery are to be ended, whether it is tyranny or freedom that is to be annihilated, whether civilization is to be destroyed or to survive.

As to the threatened disaster to the peoples of Europe, none will regret a calamity to the innocent victims of persecution and aggression more than the people of Canada who have built this nation upon the foundation of