

I have spoken of the plans which are being prepared for directing, at the appropriate time, the energies of this country from the tasks of war to those of peace. It is necessary that such plans should be completed against the day when they will be needed. But let us not forget that the major task of this country and of the Government is still the prosecution of the war.

The war is not over. It is in its most critical phase. The United Nations are engaging the enemy on ever widening fronts. The long and bold preparations are yielding abundant fruit, and it is bitter fruit for the enemy. The pace of the European war is mounting to a great climax. No patriotic Canadian need conceal his pride and confidence in the contribution Canada is making to ultimate victory. The material products of our hands and brains fight for us on every continent and every sea. Our superbly trained and equipped army has won the admiration of its allies and the respect of its foes. Our navy, immensely practical in its conception, has performed a vital task in the long continued Battle of the Atlantic. To the power and daring of the R.C.A.F. and to the genius of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan, there is by day and night over Germany and her ill-gotten territories a great cloud of witnesses.

Bitter and bloody fighting still lies ahead. Those who carry it on in person must still be supported without the