

contribution of all the human and material resources at our disposal. The basis of Canada's organization must be equality of service and sacrifice. There must be no unjust distinction between rich and poor, between soldier and civilian. Nothing short of our maximum effort will be good enough to win. We must give all we have. We must be a nation at arms. Germany has been preparing for years. For how long have we been preparing? We must become a highly efficient machine. We must abandon utterly the old doctrine of *laissez faire*, which makes for inefficiency and injustice. We must learn from the last war. We must begin to go right from the start. We can no longer muddle through. Delay will cost lives, treasure and resources, and will cause awful waste. I find in my heart a lack of forgiveness, which I cannot eradicate, toward those who were responsible for the years of muddling through in the last war, as the result of which we lost millions whom we need not have lost. That must not be permitted to happen again, so far as it is humanly possible for us to avoid it.

The only way to attain efficiency is through universal service. This means complete direction and control by the state, of finance, industry and man power. A good deal has been made of the fact that the social credit organization in Edmonton and the social credit organization here, with New Democracy, have announced that they support conscription. I have noticed, however, that all too few have observed that the conscription is of three distinct elements of our national life. The first is finance, with all that the word implies; the second is industry, with all that this word implies, and the third is man power. The three must go together. Each of these is as necessary to the other two as is the third leg of a three-legged stool. If one is applied without the other two, only inequality, disaster and chaos will result. In conscription, in universal service, we will find the only way to avoid injustice, discrimination and class distinction. May I read part of a letter which came from my home city, and which bears directly upon the discussion taking place here to-night. This contains a resolution passed on Monday evening, September 4, asking:

—that you request our government at Ottawa that in the event of conscription, that we have conscription of wealth as well as man power; that Hutterites of military age be conscripted along with all others; that profiteering in food-stuffs and commodities, as indicated by the present rise in prices, be immediately stopped. We believe that no one should be allowed to make capital out of human misery during war conditions.

[Mr. Blackmore.]

All the members of the group who passed that resolution experienced the horrors, the losses and the suffering of the last war. They know whereof they speak. I can see only one way by which the inequities, the inequalities and the injustices of which these people complain can be remedied; that is by the kind of national service for which my group have announced we stand. It is the only way to prevent profiteering. It is the only way to maintain a fair wage level for civilians and soldiers. It is the only way to establish just prices for primary producers.

I have another letter coming from my home city of Lethbridge to be used on this occasion. I found it here when I arrived. It is as follows:

To-day I went into every grocery store and every wholesale house in town to get a bag of sugar. There is no sugar to be got. They told me to come back next week, and they also said that the price will be much higher than it is to-day.

I have seen a telegram—

I am not vouching for what this man says, because I did not see the telegram.

—from Canada Packers to their travellers in this district to raise the price of lard from four and a half cents to eight and a half cents a pound. We want you to protest vigorously when parliament meets again. Are they going to allow profiteering such as this when the Canadian people are going to be herded and slaughtered.

These two letters go right to the core of the whole situation. All the combinations and ramifications of abominations which are now commencing to be seen and which during the last war ran riot, to the great disgrace of this country, will again be upon us unless adequate measures are taken to prevent them. My group maintains that the only adequate measures are the ones we have advocated.

There is only one word in the English or French languages which stands for efficiency, equality of service and sacrifice. It is a word from which politicians shy away. It is a word used to frighten timid people. The New Democracy believes in calling a spade a spade. Many a time I have risen in my place in the house and urged that the truth be told, that at least we make an attempt to let the people know the truth. Therefore, the New Democracy declares that justice, equality and effectiveness depend upon conscription of finance, industry and man power. Conscription is the poor man's friend. He does not realize it. It is difficult for him to understand; but when he now goes and enlists because he has not a job, he is being conscripted indirectly by one of the most merciless forces that ever conscripted any man. And if conditions con-