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Voluntary Effort

The government in proposing the establishment of the Department of National War Services is recognizing the need of administrative guidance and direction of much of the voluntary effort which our citizens wish to put forth to aid the common cause.

It should not, however, be thought that the government must initiate all effort. There is plenty of scope for spontaneous and original action on the part of citizens generally, and it would be unfortunate if they came to rely on the government to take the lead in every branch of our war-time activities.

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