

collectively to make your most effective contribution to the combined strength of the free world.

Whatever be our respective stations in life, as freedom-loving, intelligent human beings, we are all pretty much alike. Each one of us is particularly concerned about his own well-being and that of his immediate dependents. But we all know that this well-being is dependent on the orderly working of well organized social institutions. We know none of us can carry on successfully as independent Robinson Crusoes. We have to secure our individual well-being through the co-ordinated activities of every sector of our population. I am sure we all want those activities to be co-ordinated in the manner that will produce the best result for each and everyone of us.

Quite naturally, we all want to understand and appreciate what is required from each one of us to achieve that result. When we do understand, I am sure most of us are sufficiently intelligent to accept the joint effort that may be called for. That is true even when the effort might be very distasteful if we were required to make it without being personally convinced that it was the fair thing to do. Most Canadians are ready to do their proper share of the co-ordinated effort that is essential to the well-being of the whole community. But all of us have to be given the opportunity of using brains as well as brawn, if we are to share in the most efficient manner in the accomplishment of our common national task.

In conclusion, may I thank you again on behalf of the government and of the people of Canada for what the Canadian Industrial Preparedness Association has already done to contribute to the security of our country and of the world we want to have and, even more, for what you are going to do in the months and years ahead to help give the human race that genuine security from war and the menace of war which the vast majority of men and women so passionately desire.

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