

the House is always so careful to observe about military secrets. Could you have anything freer than that? Could you have any higher expression of democracy than that? Very few other countries have institutions strong enough to sustain such a thing while they are fighting for their lives."

I shall ^{not} ~~not~~ indicate, ^{at present} ~~at this stage~~, which procedure will be followed in the event of the government reaching the decision that it should have recourse to conscription for service overseas. That must depend upon the circumstances at the time. But I wish to leave no doubt in the mind of any hon. member that, if I am at the head of the administration when such a decision is reached, I shall wish to be assured of the confidence of the House of Commons ^{in the government} ~~before action is taken~~ ^{to enforce its} ~~to implement the decision.~~

~~I come now to my reasons for thinking that such a course is desirable and, indeed, essential.~~

This is not a word uttered on my part. It is one that I have repeatedly expressed, and to which I intend at all times to adhere. I have expressed my attitude to the ~~people~~ ^{the benighted people} in this very matter on April 24th. In my final broadcast to the ~~people~~ ^{the benighted people} I said "This is not an ordinary man it is a man longer"

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