

opinions of my former colleagues on the outside -- I do know they were undergoing a tremendous change, that the logic of the war itself, the consequences of the war had developed so rapidly and leading into a condition where there would be established eventually a world alliance, and that our country's participation in the war would be fully justified since it would involve the safeguarding of the national existence of our country. Now, it was suggested that an estimation was made on the 22nd of June, 1941, after Russia was attacked and that the communists only started to support the war because Russia was in it and that perhaps the communists are more interested in what happens in Russia than in what happens in Canada; that is the story. Well, I want to tell you, gentlemen, that so far as I am concerned and my knowledge of my former colleagues with whom I was associated that at all times our concern was for Canada, that we were a Canadian party governed by a Canadian council and had Canadian interests at heart. Now, we made mistakes, as other people made mistakes. We may have made mistakes in estimations, we have made mistakes probably in certain policies or tactics that we have advocated; but these mistakes that we may have made were not in any way connected with any suggestion of taking any dictation from or considering any interests of any foreign power or country outside of the general interest in so far as it had a bearing on the great broad interest of our own country. It was therefore prior to June of 1941, it was becoming clearer all the time that the character of the war was changing away from what we had characterized by the Imperialist war previously, that it is a war fought for the purpose of subjugating every free sovereign nation, or sources of raw materials; it was a just war,