

These men and women have not entered the public service as a career; once their wartime service is completed they plan to return to their normal occupations; they are not bureaucrats at all. In the great majority of cases, they are working harder than ever, at considerable inconvenience to themselves and their families, actuated solely by a desire to do their part in winning the war.

5. What is behind the criticism?

Is it really "bureaucracy" which is objected to, or is it the controls and restrictions essential to an all-out war effort?

War cannot be won without heavy burdens and great and growing inconvenience.

It is very easy to blame the "bureaucrats" for the necessary restrictions and burdens of war, but such complaints hinder rather than help the war effort.

6. The government is answerable to Parliament for every aspect of the war administration. It has no desire and no power to hide behind the "bureaucracy". So long as that remains true, and it is as true today as it was in 1939, it is idle to talk about the "usurping of powers by bureaucracy" or the "negation of responsible government".