Dr. Manion is a recent convert to this view.

As late as last July he repudiated the whole idea of a "national" government. Let me read you the report of what he said

(Insert Extract from Globe & Mail, July 27/39)

Dr. Manion will, of course, say that the war has come in the meantime and the whole situation has accordingly been changed. I should like to ask Dr. Manion, when I should like to ask the people of Canada, whether our system of government is only a fair-weather system, good for peace time but not for war time. If our institutions are worth fighting for and dying for, surely it is our first duty to preserve them while we are at war.

It cannot be denied that the suggestion of sinking all party differences in a time of stress is, for many people, an attractive idea. The very phrase "national government" has a patriotic ring.

But let us stop a moment to see what the words really mean. We must be careful not to be carried away by catch words and slogans. They are often dangerous and usually deceptive. Let us look beneath the label to see what is underneath. Let us see if the goods, when we inspect

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