

Mr. Jolliffe would find, as others whose main concern was a change of government, found in 1940, that the people of Canada have a much keener perception of the seriousness of the present world situation than some people believe they have. At this of all times, the Canadian people are not in a mood to countenance any change of administration which would weaken or impair the influence and might of the magnificent war effort of this country.

Canada's fighting men must be her first concern

Before the adjournment of Parliament, the pride of the Canadian people had been deeply stirred by the significant part which Canadian armed forces had taken in the invasion of Sicily. I was able, at the time, to point to the contrast of the situation as it presented itself at the time of adjournment the year before. At that time, the United Nations had experienced nearly eight months of reverses and setbacks. This continent was immediately threatened from the West. On the East, enemy U-boats ranged destructively along our coast, and into the Gulf and River St. Lawrence. Fortunately, this year, before Parliament adjourned, the tide had definitely turned. Everywhere the forces of freedom had the initiative.

Speaking in the House of Commons on the morning of the day of adjournment, I gave to the members of Parliament and to the people of Canada a very clear and definite statement  
of the position