

this year, and all the future until victory has been won, we must make it our concern to see that a maximum effort is constantly maintained.

Any effort on a national scale reflects the measure of the planning that has preceded it; and in this respect I think it can fairly be said that we have avoided the mistakes which must have followed upon hasty or ill-considered action. Of necessity, the kind of planning which has had to be undertaken has not lent itself to spectacular developments. But we must remember that this war is already <sup>more than</sup> three years old; that it is "staying power" which will decide the military issue; and that not an ounce of careful even if lengthy preparation will have been wasted if the enemy can be defeated.

This is perhaps another way of saying, or of lending emphasis to the fact, that our main task is today, as it has been through the war, to defeat the enemy wherever he may be found. The contributions which Canada can make to this total task of defeating the enemy may take many forms, and they may vary in kind, if not in quantity, according to the changing fortunes of war on battlefronts throughout the world. But in addressing ourselves to this total task, we cannot escape or ignore the implications which it holds of the shape of things to come after the military conflict has been resolved and decided. I have said elsewhere that if we cannot find the basis of a new world order before that time, we may look for it in vain. I take this to mean that we must, in concert with the other nations, work out such a basis of international