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FIGHTING CANADA AND MR. KING

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In the course of the few minutes at my disposal by C.K.A.C., I wish to bring out some of the salient facts about present day federal politics.

We cannot speak intelligently about politics without taking account of the events which are taking place around us. Those who live in an abstract world, ignoring either wilfully or not, the facts which daily confront them, cannot appreciate the actions of our government whose mission is to steer the ship of state across the stormy sea of problems which every day demand a solution.

Our country is today in an unfortunate position which no one has desired but which, is nonetheless, very real and perilous. We are at war and practically the whole universe is in a similar condition either on our side or against us. There is the reality, account of which has to be taken by responsible people. If we ignore this fact, we cannot understand anything of federal politics during the last four years.

If, however, we recognize that Canada in common with the rest of the civilized world is in a state of war and that this war is the most universal and most bloody that has ever been recorded in the annals of human history; if we realize that the choice of means, either of fighting or of putting an end to this war, does not belong to us but is imposed upon us by the diabolical genius and implacable ferocity of our enemies; I do not hesitate to say that no government could have administered the country better in the circumstances than the present government and no leader is better qualified than the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King to shape Canadian politics at this most critical hour of our history.

Nearly every country recognizes in its leaders a symbol of the aspirations of its people.

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