THE REAL MEANING OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Union Government or Responsible Government

The Leader of the Opposition has asked you to defeat the present government. He has offered an alternative. The alternative is not a government to be supported by a coherent political party with principles, a programme and a record. Dr. Manion says that if he wins the eletion he will form a "national" government. He has not told us much about what he means by a "national" government, but he has told us enough to make it clear that he proposes to include men belonging to other parties than his own. In other words, he is proposing a union government.

The people of Canada are being called upon to decide whether they want a union government, thinly disguised by the label "national" government. In his broadcast last Friday, the Leader of the Opposition stated his conviction had become a fixed one that

"only through national government could we do that service to our country, to our Empire, and to civilization, which is demanded of us, now that we are in this war beside Britain and France."

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