

The winning of the war is still
the supreme task of government.

Those who think and speak otherwise have not their minds centred on the winning of the war. Their aims and their ambitions lie in other directions. They cannot, even yet, have grasped the significance of this war - that, among nations, it is a war of survival; that the free nations of the world are still opposed by the most powerful forces that have ever menaced the freedom of the human race; that it is a war that threatens all that is best in a civilization it has taken centuries to create. Those who say or believe that there is today any duty of government superior to the continued direction of the country's utmost effort in the winning of the war can have no appreciation of the magnitude of the task which lies ahead. They surely cannot realize how many millions of precious lives will still be sacrificed before the war is won.

If, as a government or as a party, we had failed in our supreme duty, we might today have reason to feel we were no longer worthy of the trust we had accepted. If instead of devoting our time and thought and energies to the winning of the war, we had turned the minds of the people away from the concerted effort that is needed to
win the war;