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the hearts and minds of men. No one knows where the next blow may fall, but every neutral country must at least now be persuaded that there is no limit to the Nazi lust of conquest, and no chance for the survival of civilization unless Nazi Germany is vanquished.

While it is the duty of each one of us to look at the hard and cruel facts with realistic eyes, there is every reason for renewed confidence in the final outcome of the struggle. The campaign in Norway, while it was a shock to self-satisfaction, was a spur to speedier and greater effort. Today's news, although terrible, has shown that stouthearted nations, however small, are prepared and ready to resist. Every attack upon still another country, every extension of battle front brings to Nazi aggressors a new military danger.

Six months after the last war began, the position of the allied cause was no less hazardous. It was still more hazardous six months before it ended. Today, not only the allied powers, but all free peoples see more clearly than they did then, the strength of the enemy, the significance of the cause, and the human rights that are imperilled. The greatest battle in the greatest war for the greatest cause has begun. The storm has gathered; it is for us to gather our strength. Your government has pledged itself to steadfastness and vigour. It will keep that pledge. We are in continuous consultation with the allied powers and we have already made preparations for further measures to help to meet the growing intensity of the conflict