

a problem of defending Canadian national interests, and I was in favour of it.

Q. Is it not a fact in the very first days of the war Canadian citizens and British citizens lost their lives and ships, ^{were} sunk by Germany which country was led by the arch-fascists; is not that a fact? A. I suppose so, yes.

Q. You say you suppose so. A German ship sank the Athenia. A. Yes, that is right.

Q. Is not that a fact? A. I think that is right.

Q. How can you say we were not fighting against the fascists, then? A. We were not really.

Q. We sunk some German ships as well. A. Yes.

Q. There was something being done. A. Yes, there was something being done, I do not know whether so much.

Q. When I say "we" I mean the Allied powers. A. Yes, but I think that during that time --

Q. Then there were some Canadians who went to Dunkirk and there were men who lost their lives in the miracle of Dunkirk, getting away from the Germans. Mr. Cohen, you see, took the position in this committee, and I think it was a sound one, where he said, "Yes, that was all true up to 1941." He admitted all these things. A. I say that is correct.

Q. He also did not deny we were fighting Hitler, the arch-fascist. What you seem to be doing now is to say that the war changed. Admitted, there were some preparatory changes to the change-over after there was an understanding between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain. A. No, I think it culminated at that point. The changes were taking place before that period. I think I should repeat again in every war people are killed and in every war there are sacrifices and suffering; but I frankly declare right here that I am not in favour of every war.