

money that has been spent. Less information is given to the public of this country than of any of the other dominions. On March 21, 1939, I called this to the attention of the house and quoted the statement of the then British Prime Minister over there that if the people "are only allowed to know what the leaders choose to permit them to know, then that people are in danger of being led to embark upon a course which may presently lead them into disaster."

Is this Bill No. 80 the answer to the men at the front, to the men who are flying over Germany to-night? As the Prime Minister has said, this bill will permit soldiers to go to adjacent territories like the United States, Newfoundland, and probably the Aleutian islands and other places, but where are you going to get the men under this bill? I do not intend to discuss the issue raised in the debate yesterday and to-day in connection with the situation in Quebec. In my opinion the soldiers will be greatly disappointed, and the "yes" voters of the country will be tremendously disappointed by the action of the government.

People outside the house, in the constituencies, sometimes tell me that they cannot understand the mentality of the House of Commons. When such measures as this are allowed to go through, as has been the situation in the past, the government must assume the responsibility. I consider it is only cheap political vaudeville and cheaper political burlesque, a declaration to the world that we are not going to do anything. Before the war we relied upon such things as the League of Nations, the Monroe doctrine, the status quo, the Locarno treaty and collective security. It is collective security only when you have an armed Britain. The "yes" voters thought that if the "yes" vote were the majority vote, they would have a total war effort. They find now that there is to be no total war effort.

We face invasion just as much as Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In my opinion there is no such thing as home defence. The defence of this country will not be decided at Victoria or Vancouver or Quebec or Montreal or Three Rivers or Saint John; it will be decided in the other theatres of the war, in the Mediterranean, in the Atlantic and in the Pacific. If we fail over there, it will be all over. Hitler is the grand master of timing. But our distinguished Prime Minister is a good judge of timing. He is the best politician we have in the country and he is the grand master of political timing in the sense to which I have referred.

The Prime Minister takes his appeasement policy even to the electors. What was the "yes" vote? In my opinion it was a vote to get on with the war. We have had five sets of counts and votes and they are all deposited in the archives. It is a fine way to trust the people by giving them legislation like Bill No. 80. In my opinion the voters will be disappointed at the action of the government because Bill No. 80 will be pigeon-holed in the archives like the rest of these things. To-day is the forty-fifth day since the vote was taken and now it is going to be deposited in the archives. Dust to dust, earth to earth and ashes to ashes.

The address we heard yesterday was an explanation of the plebiscite and we heard that men are not wanted. Why are we taking this circuitous route? There never was a time when things looked so dark. This war can be won only with a large army and an air force and a fleet. We have lost all the battles in this war. In his first spring drive Hitler captured Norway, Luxembourg, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France. In the second spring offensive he entered the Caucasian mountains, the Balkans and Greece, and Crete fell. This spring offensive he is in the Caucasus and a great battle is raging. Germany has 3,000,000 men and 14,000 tanks, the largest army the world has ever seen. Opposed to him is an army of only 2,000,000. Germany has passed through the worst winter in her history.

In the first two years Britain had to bear the brunt of the struggle and Russia will have to bear it in 1942. This country should bestir itself to send her all production possible and other help, air force and otherwise. Many people think that this bill will not get very many men into the army, that the women will be left to do the fighting for the men. That remains to be seen. In my opinion the Prime Minister's speech was appeasement *in excelsis*.

Last Sunday in Toronto, in a driving rain storm, in my constituency at a Sunday service, an appeal was made to the soldiers of this country. The Canadian corps met in Riverdale park, a spot where on former occasions as many as 150,000 people have met together. The service was led by Lieutenant-Colonel the Reverend Canon H. F. D. Woodcock, V.D., who was the chaplain of the Queen's Own regiment. He served overseas for four and a half years during the last war. The son of Sir Allen Aylesworth, who sits in another place, was with him overseas. Canon Woodcock is at Christ Anglican Church, Toronto. I quote from the newspaper report of the sermon: