

Finland. Now Hitler has extended the war by bringing in Italy. It is unfortunate that this conflict of nazism and fascism should have been brought about by the union of paganism and mechanization and that we should be living in days of barbarism, when freedom and liberty are in jeopardy from savage dictators. The question is whether or not the allies and the British empire shall return to the dark ages. If we do not win this war we are doomed, together with all we hold sacred. Even life itself will not be worth living.

I want to remind hon. members that under the constitution the ministry is responsible to parliament, and parliament cannot hand over this task to any other body, even to a committee. It is never right or desirable for us to criticize allied governments, as was done yesterday. I only desire to direct attention to where the responsibility lies for these regulations and for the conduct of the war. It will not do to try to hand over that responsibility to the civil service, the deputy ministers, the best minds in the country, the Canadian corps or newspapers or anybody else. The real power of the people lies with the ministers and not with parliament. They should not hand their powers to others. Since the session has opened they have become more amenable to public opinion. If the government has made mistakes in connection with side-stepping compulsory registration of man power and national service it should not be afraid to tell the people of Canada that it has made mistakes. I say to my right hon. friend, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) and to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King): Don't be afraid to tell the people you have made mistakes, as the people of Canada do not expect their ministers to be gods. They do not expect that their ministers will not make any mistakes. They know that all governments are human and make mistakes, and the government should not be afraid to say we will go forward and remedy the mistakes. If there is any criticism, then matters should be corrected. If the ministers will tell the people of Canada about these new regulations, the difficulties under which they are working, those people will rise to the occasion and give the government the necessary support, so far as they can, no matter how drastic these war regulations are, to save Canada from the dictators and their fifth column.

It has been very hard for the man on the street to find out what has been going on, so far, and to get the facts on defence and foreign affairs. Canada wants action from the government. It wants action by this government on land, sea and in the air. We want real activity, and no more inaction,

doubt, fear and delay, and we do not want any more evidence of an inability to act against the enemy from within and from without Canada, or any more indecision as to what should be done.

Nothing is "as usual" in France and Britain, but it is in Canada, because people have not taken the question of defence seriously, and never have since Munich, because they could not get the facts. Instead of Canada being at real war last winter it was conducting a limited liability secret war—recruiting on-again-off-again. There was more life in a kind of sporting war, and was bringing in professional wrestlers from all countries, even from our enemies. Nothing is as usual over in France and Britain. They want to save liberty and freedom. Hitler and Mussolini are not going to be vanquished by passing motions, or by our voting for the enforcement of Defence of Canada Regulations. They are not going to be vanquished by parliamentary repartee or by blue books, pacifism, peace pacts or protocols. The issue calls for broad national service and sacrifice by all the people of Canada, and no victory can be won without it. The government's plans should be keyed up, measures adopted and defence and war regulations passed to insure such a victory and tightened against sabotage. Canada had lots of warning before and after Munich. She had a further warning on Good Friday of 1939 when Germany shoved Italy into Albania, and when Italy had just deserted the allies in connection with the trouble in Spain and had become a vassal state of Germany. No longer should the ministry listen to the babble of pacifists in Canada. They had their day and led Canada to rely on Washington peace pacts and shams like the league and collective security.

In war the moral issue is of vast importance. Britain and France have now all peoples representing liberty, decency, religion, mercy, truth and justice ranged on their side against the dictators and the powers of darkness and paganism. All those things hated by us are found in the nazi regime, and have been borrowed from Moscow. I refer to terrorism, fear, concentration camps, forced labour, secret police, spies, the hostage system, suppression of the press and of free speech, and persecution of religion. All these things in the nazi system were copied and patterned from Russia and Italy is copying them also. Yes-men and noddors in Germany, Italy and Russia caused this war by their surrender to usurpers.

Great Britain, France and the United States and the world allowed Germany, Russia and Italy to rearm and get away with rapine and murder, and the mutilation of the smaller states. All this was done through the advance