

Our first objective is the halting of Axis aggression and the destruction of Fascist domination everywhere in the world. A year has passed since the United Nations seized the initiative. In that year, the cause of freedom has made great advances. But the two strongholds of Fascist power, Germany and Japan are still intact and still strong. In the past, the brunt of resistance has been borne by our allies, particularly the Soviet Union and China. For the forces of the British Commonwealth and the United States, the most intense fighting is yet to come. Total victory demands unrelaxing efforts and the utmost courage and determination. Military success, moreover, requires the most careful and detailed planning of future operations.

The present conference at Quebec is planning and concerting coming operations. When the time comes, these plans will be revealed not by words, but by the deeds of the fighting men of the United Nations.

As we approach the climax of this world-encircling struggle, the people of Canada will, I am confident, meet the coming ordeal with renewed vigour. We are proud of the position Canada has assumed among the nations of the world. It is particularly fitting that Quebec city should have been chosen for this meeting. Quebec is the birth place of the Canadian nation. It will, in the future, be looked upon as well as the scene of