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Chief Of Staff

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Chief of Staff... who hate war and all that it implies, should need to reverse our customary attitude but, to put the situation in a few words, our present objective must be to prevent Hitler from extending the premature peace he now so urgently needs and desires.

The British Fleet

Hitler commenced the execution of the first phase of his horrible and gigantic plan—the conquest

Essentials to Victory

In respect to the opposing armies, there is still no doubt concerning the superiority in numbers, and a considerable superiority in equipment, of the millions obediently under the personal command of Hitler.

The principal object of any Commander who is about to join in battle, must be to do so under conditions which place the enemy at a maximum disadvantage.

The first lesson we have learned is that an army such as the German, with powerful armoured formations, and with effective and close support from the air, cannot be adequately resisted or surely defeated by an old-fashioned machine-gunned and armoured fighting vehicles and ample assistance from close-support aircraft.

The Situation Summarized

I am not going to deal further with military operations, either those in progress or those to be anticipated. Either you know as much about them as I do or you happen to know more. It would be obviously improper of me to make that knowledge public.

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Armament and Equipment

At the present time, these components, unquestionably, are not balanced. We have a large Active Service force mobilized in this country. We have scores of thousands of officers and men in our regular formations.

Solution of the Problem

I shall close my remarks with an outline of what I consider to be the major requirements of this country in respect to the vital military problem which we now face and I naturally intend to speak with particular reference to the development of its Army, with which I have been associated all my life.

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Detailed Plan

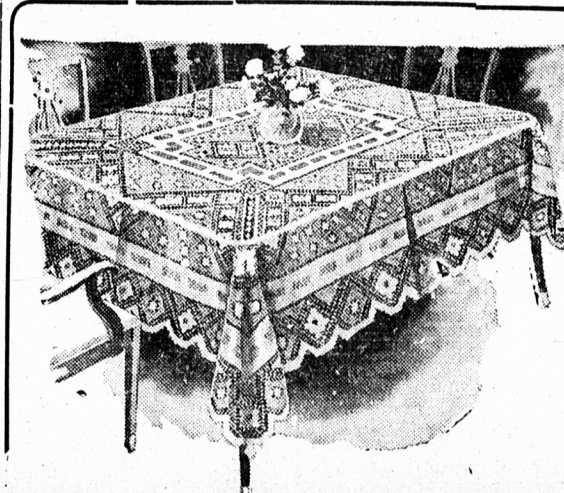
I have heard, and seen, queries as to whether there exists any real plan for the development of our Armed Forces. At this moment I shall speak also on behalf of the Chiefs of the Naval and Air Services and say definitely that for each Service there is a detailed development plan for the months that lie ahead and that each is based upon an Appreciation of the course of the war and the maximum means which could be made available to the Services for waging it.

U. S. Problems

It is obvious that we cannot ask the United Kingdom to provide these essential armaments in view of the needs of the forces now facing the enemy in the several theatres of operations overseas. We cannot now count largely on provision by our good neighbors, the United States, as this country is now faced with its own great problem of speedily producing modern armaments for 45 divisions and 10 armoured divisions.

Conclusion

I have, with my Minister's permission, spoken to you concerning the military problem which we face. It is evident that it is a difficult one. I believe however that determination and effective effort will succeed in overcoming it, and so contribute our full and powerful share to the overthrow of



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