

MENZIES' SPEECH

GV OF MENZIES: "Mr. Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen

'I'm indebted to the Minister for what he had said and I in my turn shall take away from this country very, very lively recollections and a very great measure of encouragement.

CU MENZIES: "As the Minister has said I don't propose to inflict a speech on you. Last time I came ~~I~~ my recollections is that I spoke to you in inordinate length. Since then I have made just about fifty speeches in this country. It seems fantastic but it seems even more fantastic to me than it did to the audience and I therefore don't want to add to that record this morning but instead of making a speech just let me say this to you in just literally a few sentences: that I have a very vivid impression of a great number of things over here and I have some vivid impressions of the progress of the war.

LV MENZIES: "We are occasionally tempted to say to ourselves that almost everything that happens in this war represents some sort of defeat for us. We have had defeats, some of them have had their glorious aspect and all of them have had their honourable aspect but we have had, undoubtedly, some defeats, but the point to my mind is this: Every time the British navy has encountered the enemy it has defeated the enemy.

GV MENZIES: "Every time the Royal Air Force has encountered the enemy or on anything remotely resembling terms it has defeated the enemy. Every time our soldiers have found themselves in action they have apart from the temporary superiority of their enemy's equipment proved themselves superior to him as soldiers.

CU MENZIES.." And above all everytime the spirit of the people of this country has encountered the enemy it has shown itself a tough, cheerful and enduring spirit. Indeed the one respect in which the enemy at this moment possesses superiority over us is in the mechanical sense. He has more mechanical equipment. He started years before we did getting his mechanical equipment and we must all work like beavers, whatever part of the British world or indeed the English speaking world we come from if we are to overcome that disadvantage.

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LV MENZIES: "The moment we are able to equip those who fight for us as well as the enemy is equipped at that moment we shall begin a series of victories culminating in the final triumph. And so I don't need to ~~rather~~ offer any words of praise to those who fight for us, I can only offer them the humble gratitude of everybody they fight for.

① GV "I don't need to offer any words of praise to the people of Great Britain because they have shown themselves under the most terrible circumstances, great people. But we all need to say to ourselves and this is my ultimate feeling, we all need to say to ourselves that we can't afford to put forward anything less than ^a one hundred per cent of our efforts to equip ourselves as the enemy is equipped.

CU "Everybody in this country who is concerned with production is working hard. Everybody in my own country who is concerned with production is working hard. There is in each of these places as there is ~~throughout~~ throughout the British Empire and increasing realization that everything must be concentrated upon the one end but we are all looking hopefully, confidently for the help that we want from the United States. The material help that we need from the United States. Not help to be given to a weak people but help to be given to a strong people who need extra strength if the war is not to last too long and when I ~~come~~^{go} to America as I am proposing to do I shall take the opportunity of telling something to them of what I have seen here and of what I have ~~been~~ thought there and I shall also take the opportunity of saying to them frankly and in the friendliest manner in the world that American help if it is to shorten this war effectively must be help on the great scale. It must be the kind of help that proceeds from a highly organized community which realises that the one thing which matters is to beat ~~the~~ down this enemy and to free the world.

② LV "That means that both here and in the British Dominions and the U.S.A. we must give up any idea that we can approach this war in an amateur fashion. We have to make this war our business. Everybody must become so to speak a professional on this job. It is not to be treated as a sparetime matter. It is to be treated as a whole time matter and I believe that's true.

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of every nations where ~~xxxxx~~ ever it is in the world that is on our side and that desires to give us effective help in winning the war and what is just as important because we have never doubted that we shall win the war, to shortening the war

GV "I have a great confidence, I came here with a great confidence, not only in our cause but in our people. My confidence in our cause is unshaken. My confidence in our people which was always great has become immeasurably greater during the last eight or nine weeks. ³ For the rest of my life I shall remember ~~as~~ vividly and ~~grate~~fully the attitude and demeanour and spirit of the people of Great Britain, and not only those who rule Great Britain, not only those who speak for Great Britain but those who are silent in their little streets and their little homes. ~~They are the people who are coming very much into our hearts because they are the people from whom that magnificent spirit proceeds which in the last resort is our greatest weapon.~~

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GV MENZIES "I just like to say this to you that I'm more than grateful to the press for the way they have treated me here. I wish I could by some wave of the wand produce as friendly a press in my own country, ~~as I have here.~~"

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