

Crisis Committee: Britain WWII

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It is the spring of 1940, and I, Arthur Greenwood, am at a loss for words. There are German forces in control of Norway and Poland and surrounding the Benelux countries. Our fellow countries United States has declared neutrality, and the Soviets have their own Non-Aggression Pact with the Germans. It is not Britain's responsibility to fight other countries battles. It is, however, imperative that these wars are fought for the right reasons and with the right winners. It is important the Britain goes fights and wins the war against the Germans. No one man or country for that matter, should have all that power that goes with total domination.

Britain decided to declare war on Germany in 1939. This was a response to Adolf Hitler's severe inconsistency with the truth. As a member of the Labour Party, I find that liberty is one of the most honorable causes to fight for. We must defeat the tyranny of Fascism. Britain's allies (France, United State) must remain strong and defensive for the time being. Once there is safety, risk is an available tactic. We have already tried cutting off the supply routes that are vital to the German Industry. We must strike harder. If I seem aggressive, then so be it but the Germans must be defeated! We have a lower amount of infantry, that much is clear. But there must be ways in which we can staunch the flow of the German offense into other countries.

The Atlantic Ocean is Britain's lifeline. We ship food, metal, oil, and most of our vital supplies. We have had our ships sunk by enemy submarines, something that is intolerable. Fighting out neighbors is one thing, harming our sustainability is another and it must not be stood for. We have an excellent Navy. What if, we were to put our naval forces through to the task of forcing our aggressors into peace? If the Atlantic cannot be protected from German submarines, Britain is doomed. With the United States' neutrality, this war is much more difficult, but not impossible. It cannot be ignored that airpower is essential to German military strategy. A clear limitation derived from that is the Luftwaffe's inability to contain heavy bombers, because the Nazi leadership requires all of their planes to be highly maneuverable. Despite some restrictions on the Royal Air Force's explosives, we do have at our disposal some 488 light-bombers. When taking into consideration the consequences of deploying these weapons, it is obvious the intensity of the collateral damage involved. The bombs should be a last resort, to decrease the amount of fatalities. The war must be finished as soon as possible, because as the war continues, people begin to lose hope. The world depends on the decisions we make as a country now, we hold the hope of humanity in our choices.