

WARNING

A Message from Great Britain

German men and women,

The Government of the Reich have with cold deliberation forced war upon Great Britain. They have done so knowing that it must involve mankind in a calamity worse than that of 1914. The assurance of peaceful intentions the Führer gave to you and to the world in April have proved as worthless as his words at the Sportpalast last September when he said:- "We have no more territorial claims to make in Europe".

Never has Government ordered subjects to their deaths with less excuse. This war is utterly unnecessary. Germany was in no way threatened or deprived of justice. Was she not allowed to re-enter the Rhineland, to achieve the Anschluss, and to take back the Sudeten Germans in peace? Neither we nor any other nation would have sought to limit her advance, so long as she did not violate independent non-German peoples.

Every German ambition - just to others - might have been satisfied through friendly negotiation.

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President Roosevelt offered you both peace with honour and the prospect of prosperity. Instead your rulers have condemned you **to the massacre, miseries and privations of a war** they cannot even hope to win.

It is not us, but you they have deceived. **For years their iron censorship has kept from you truths that even uncivilised peoples know.** It has imprisoned your minds in, as it were, a concentration camp. Otherwise they would not have dared to misrepresent the combination of peaceful peoples to secure peace as hostile encirclement. We had no enmity against you, the German people.

This censorship has also concealed from you that you have not the means to sustain protracted warfare. Despite crushing taxation you are on the verge of bankruptcy. Our resources and those of our allies in men, arms, and supplies are immense. **We are too strong to break by blows, and we could wear you down inexorably.**

You, the German people, can if you will, insist on peace at any time. We also desire peace and **are prepared to conclude it with any peace-loving Government in Germany.**

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