

# Unthinkable We Should Refuse The Challenge

—THE KING

For the second time in the lives of most of us we are at war.

We have been forced into a conflict. For we are called with our Allies to meet the challenge of a principle which, if it were to prevail, would be fatal to any civilised order in the world.

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IT is the principle which permits a State, in the selfish pursuit of power, to disregard its treaties and its solemn pledges; which sanctions the use of force or threat of force against the sovereignty and independence of other States.

The task will be hard. There may be dark days ahead and war can no longer be confined to the battlefield.

*But we can only do the right as we see the right and reverently commit our cause to God.*

If one and all we keep resolutely faithful to it, ready for whatever service or sacrifice it may demand, then, with God's help, we shall prevail.

May He bless and keep us all.