

## **Conclusion**

It must be the policy of every Government to guarantee to its people a reasonable degree of security, prosperity and happiness.

The basis on which such a policy must be built is constitutional national government and its application to conditions that confront the Nation.

These conditions never remain entirely the same for long periods. They change from time to time.

National Defense is an important adjunct of national policy which is called into use when other means of adjusting international disputes have failed.

It is one concrete proposition for the whole country. It is not a monopoly exercised by any class, section or division of the people.

Air Forces, Armies and Navies are merely agencies of the people to carry out their will where national physical defense is required.

In a war between two first-class industrial nations, modern scientific developments have increased the defensive power of Armies on the ground to such an extent that one Army cannot advance or break through another Army. Consequently, Armies have become merely holding forces or caretakers of occupied territory.

In international war, surface Navies are practically useless. The Submarine is now the main instrument of maritime warfare.

Air Power has taken its place as the dominant instrument in international war. It can fly straight through the air to the vital centers of the opposing state, destroy them and render the country losing control of the air in a defenseless state.<sup>263</sup>