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This is about one-half of a
Proclamation by Ley which is now
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Extract from a "Proclamation to Workers" addressed to employees and employers by Dr. Robert Ley on 5 September 1939. Quoted from pages 15 and 16 "SCHMIEDE DES SCHWERTES" ("Forge of the Sword"), a collection in book form of speeches by, and articles about, Dr. Ley, published in 1942 by the Central Publishing House of the NSDAP, Franz Eher Successor, Munich, with a foreword by Reich Marshal Goering.

We National Socialists say: social policy and economy are one and belong together. Progress and development are socialism. A socialist can never be a pacifist; on the contrary, he must always stand prepared at the highest pitch of military readiness to attain the socialist objective. Peace and war are not separate, mutually exclusive conditions, but in each case they are only a different guise (Erscheinungsform) for one and the same struggle of the people to secure its living potentialities. We National Socialists do not hope for gifts and miracles, but we recognize that everything must be fought and worked for honestly. We do not believe in chance, and we leave nothing to arbitrariness either. To us Fight (der Kampf) is Life, and to us Life means Fight. We have no inclination to rest and restrict ourselves to watching, but we know that Life would simply pass us by were we to withhold ourselves from the Fight. We could never make up for what we neglect today.

Because of that the Führer has furthermore taught us that our German people must commit all the strength and energy it possesses to fight through the struggle of life and destiny, so as to attain victory. We National Socialists reject half measures and compromises. They never lead to the goal, but lull people to sleep until they wake up one day in horror and dread. Cowards perish!

Because of that we National Socialists have mobilized all resources and all our energies during the past seven years, so as to be equipped for the supreme effort of battle. We do not throw ourselves into adventures, and we are not so unscrupulous as to leave anything to accident.

True - when according to human judgment and according to the state of our knowledge all preparations have been made, then we have never as yet hesitated to venture the ultimate.

Observe the Führer! Is he not the living model! His own career, his leadership of the NSDAP, the seizure of power, the conduct of the state, the regaining of Austria, the Sudeten area, Bohemia and Moravia and finally the Memel territory - all great events demonstrate ever anew the fortunate fact that the Führer prepares anything and everything to the last detail. He calculates, ponders, elucidates - he acts. But when a decision has been arrived at, then there is no more going back. He holds fast. He is tenacious.

Thus did the Führer's great successes come about, and thus new successes will be added.