

The world has seen many pictures of Mr. Churchill, and the newspapers and films continue to supply a regular commentary on his public life. Such commentaries, however, are transient.

This small collection of photographs is designed as a more permanent record—to present the Prime Minister's character and genius rather than to show him in a setting of events.

It is accompanied by quotations from his speeches which, like the illustrations, stand to remind us of a great man and an incomparable leader.

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“I have nothing to offer  
but blood, toil, tears and sweat.”

MAY 13, 1940

“Not only great dangers,  
but many more misfortunes,  
many shortcomings,  
many mistakes,  
many disappointments  
will surely be our lot.  
Death and sorrow  
will be the companions of our journey;  
hardship our garment;  
constancy and valour our only shield.”

OCTOBER 8, 1940

“ Come then : let us to the task,  
to the battle, to the toil—  
each to our part, each to our station.  
Fill the armies, rule the air,  
pour out the munitions,  
strangle the U-boats, sweep the mines,  
plough the land, build the ships,  
guard the streets, succour the wounded,  
uplift the downcast, and honour the brave.  
Let us go forward together  
in all parts of the Empire,  
in all parts of the Island.  
There is not a week, nor a day,  
nor an hour to lose.”

JANUARY 27, 1940





"But it is not only  
in those few glittering, deadly hours of  
action,  
which rivet all eyes,  
that the strain falls upon the Navy.  
Far more does it fall  
in the weeks and months  
of ceaseless trial and vigilance  
on cold, dark, stormy seas  
from whose waves at any moment  
death and destruction  
may leap, with sullen roar."

FEBRUARY 23, 1940



“Do not suppose  
that we are at the end of the road.  
Yet, though long and hard it may be,  
I have absolutely no doubt that we shall  
win  
a complete and decisive victory  
over the forces of evil,  
and that victory itself  
will only be a stimulus  
to further efforts to conquer ourselves  
and to make our country as worthy  
in the days of peace  
as it is proving itself  
in the hours of war.”

JANUARY 17, 1941





“The gratitude of every home in our  
Island,  
in our Empire, and indeed throughout  
the world,  
except in the abodes of the guilty,  
goes out to the British airmen  
who, undaunted by odds,  
unwearied in their constant challenge  
and mortal danger,  
are turning the tide of the world war  
by their prowess and by their devotion.  
Never in the field of human conflict  
was so much owed by so many  
to so few.”

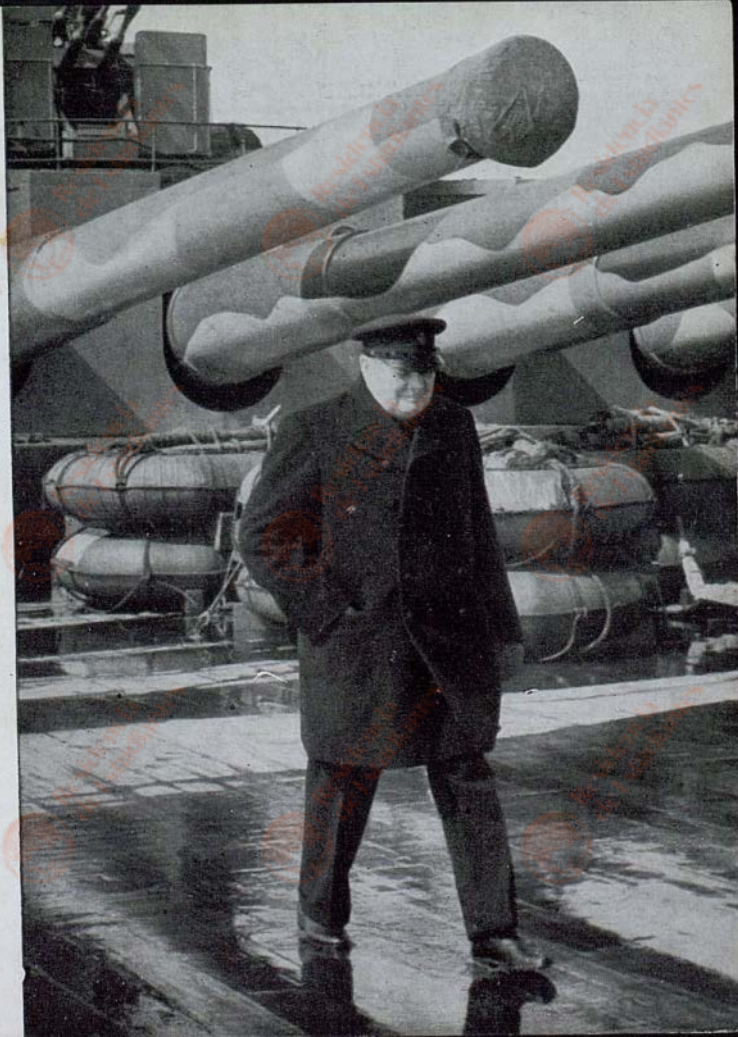
AUGUST 20, 1940



"I do not at all underrate  
the severity of the ordeal  
which lies before us . . .  
Every man and every woman  
will have the chance  
to show the finest qualities of their race,  
and render the highest service to their cause.  
For all of us, at this time,  
whatever our sphere, our station,  
our occupation or our duties,  
it will be a help  
to remember the famous lines ;  
' He nothing common did or mean,  
Upon that memorable scene '."

JUNE 18, 1940





"Long live also  
the forward march of the common people  
in all the lands  
towards their just and true inheritance,  
and towards the broader and fuller age."

OCTOBER 21, 1940

"I cannot doubt we have the strength  
to carry a good cause forward,  
and to break down the barriers which stand  
between the wage-earning masses of every  
land  
and that free and more abundant daily life  
which science is ready to afford."

OCTOBER 1, 1939



“But all depends now  
upon the whole life-strength  
of the British race  
in every part of the world  
and of all our associated peoples  
and of all our well-wishers in every land,  
doing their utmost night and day,  
giving all,  
daring all.  
enduring all—  
to the utmost—to the end.  
This is no war of chieftains or of princes,  
of dynasties or national ambition;  
it is a war of peoples and of causes.”

JULY 14, 1940





“We shall defend our island  
whatever the cost may be.  
We shall fight on the beaches,  
we shall fight on the landing grounds,  
we shall fight in the fields  
and in the streets,  
we shall fight in the hills;  
we shall never surrender.”

JUNE 4, 1940

## STRONG CITY OF REFUGE

“And now it has come to us  
to stand alone in the breach,  
and face the worst  
that the tyrant's might and enmity can do.  
Bearing ourselves humbly before God,



but conscious that we serve an un-  
folding purpose,  
we are ready to defend our native  
land . . .

We are fighting *by* ourselves alone;  
but we are not fighting *for* ourselves  
alone.

Here in this strong City of Refuge  
which enshrines the title-deeds of human  
progress  
and is of deep consequence

to Christian civilisation;  
here, girt about by the seas and oceans  
where the Navy reigns;  
shielded from above

by the prowess and devotion of our  
airmen—

we await undismayed the impending  
assault."

JULY 14, 1940





“ This wicked man,  
the repository and embodiment  
of many forms of soul-destroying hatred ;  
this monstrous product  
of former wrongs and shame,  
has now resolved to try and break  
our famous island race  
by a process of indiscriminate slaughter  
and destruction.  
What he has done  
is to kindle a fire in British hearts,  
here and all over the world,  
which will glow  
long after all traces of the conflagration  
he has caused in London  
have been removed.”

SEPTEMBER 11, 1940



"London and our big cities  
have had to stand their pounding.  
They remind me  
of the British squares at Waterloo.  
They are not squares of soldiers,  
they do not wear scarlet coats;  
they are just ordinary English, Scottish  
and Welsh folk,  
men, women and children  
standing steadfastly together.  
But their spirit is the same,  
their glory is the same,  
and in the end  
their victory will be greater  
than famous Waterloo."

FEBRUARY 9, 1941





"You share our purpose,  
you will share our dangers,  
you will share our anxieties,  
you shall share our secrets,  
and the day will come  
when the British Empire  
and the United States  
will share together  
the solemn but splendid duties  
which are the crown of victory."

MARCH 18, 1941



"Put your confidence in us.

Give us your faith and your blessing,  
and under Providence all will be well.

We shall not fail or falter,

We shall not weaken or tire.

Neither the sudden shock of battle

Nor the long-drawn trials

of vigilance and exertion

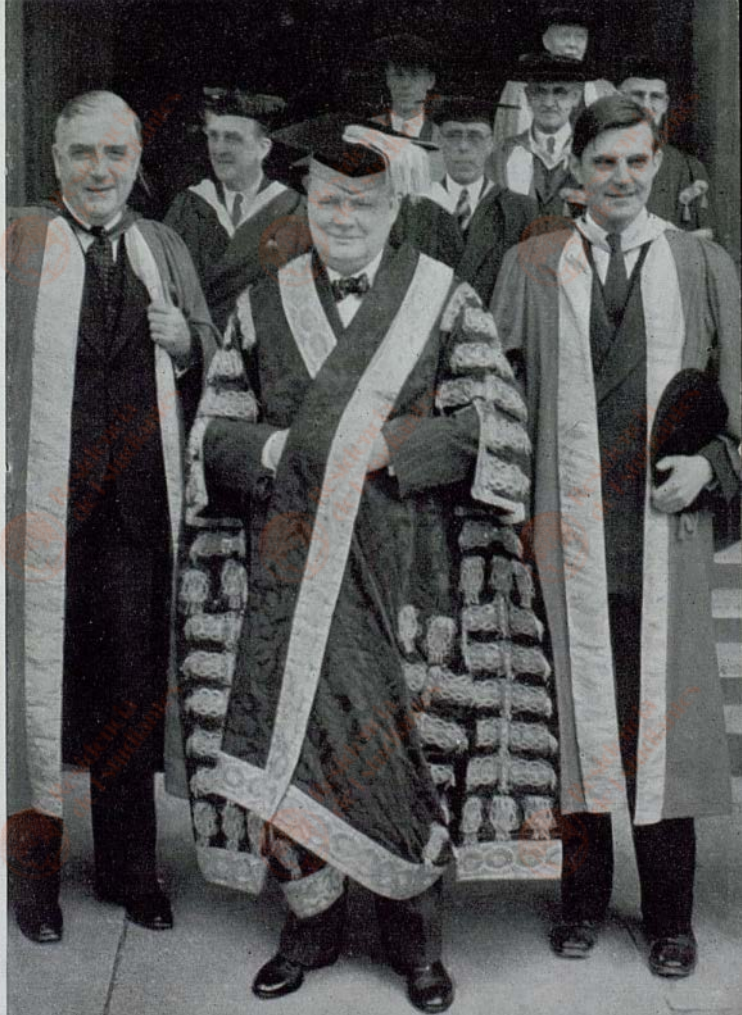
will wear us down.

Give us the tools

and we will finish the job."

FEBRUARY 9, 1941









"Let us therefore brace ourselves to our  
duties,  
and so bear ourselves that,  
if the British Empire and its Common-  
wealth  
last for a thousand years,  
men will still say,  
'This was their finest hour'."

JUNE 18, 1940

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