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File 13 Words that lead

Extrait p.112 – Discours, "*Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat*"

I hope that any of my friends and colleagues, or former colleagues, who are affected by the political reconstruction, will make all allowance[1] for any lack of ceremony with which it has been necessary to act. I would say to the House, as I said to those who have joined this Government: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil[2], tears and sweat."

We have before us an ordeal[3] of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask, what is our policy? I will say: It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might[4] and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: victory, victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival. Let that be realised; no survival for the British Empire, no survival for all that the British Empire has stood for, no survival for the urge and impulse of the

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[1] Be understanding

[2] hard work

[3] *épreuve*

[4] force

ages, that mankind will move forward towards its goal. But I take up my task with buoyancy[5] and hope. I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail among men. At this time I feel entitled to claim the aid of all, and I say, “Come then, let us go forward together with our united strength.”

Winston Churchill, “*Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat*” speech, 13 May 1940

[5] optimism

Extrait p.113 – Article de Caroline Davies, *The Guardian*

Queen urges Britons to stay strong

The Queen has praised Britain's "national spirit" in facing the challenge of coronavirus as she evoked wartime memories to reassure those "feeling a painful sense of separation from their loved ones" to take comfort in the fact: "We will meet again." [...]

The government hopes that an intervention from the Queen, planned in close consultation with Downing Street, will help to shore up[1] public commitment to self-isolation guidelines amid fears that warmer weather could lead some to waver[2].

There had been speculation the Queen might broadcast on Easter Sunday. But it is understood that both Buckingham Palace and Downing Street ultimately agreed on Sunday night as the best moment to maximise the impact of her speech.

"The Queen is the best judge of when to talk to the country and we absolutely agree that now is the right time," the official said. "We have asked the country to make huge sacrifices and life is very difficult at the moment for a great many people. Hearing from Her Majesty the Queen at this time is an important way of helping to lift the nation's spirits." [...]

Labour's new leader, Sir Keir Starmer, tweeted: "The Queen speaks for the whole country and our determination to defeat coronavirus."

Apart from her Christmas message, it is rare for the monarch to make a special televised address. She has previously done so at the time of the Gulf war in

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[1] reinforce
[2] hesitate

1991, on the eve of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997, on the death of the Queen Mother in 2002, and on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Caroline Davies, *The Guardian*, 2020

Extrait p.114 – Emmeline Pankhurst, *Freedom or Death speech*

I am here as a soldier who has temporarily left the field of battle in order to explain–it seems strange it should have to be explained–what civil war is like when civil war is waged[1] by women. [...]

We women, in trying to make our case clear, always have to make as part of our argument, and urge upon men in our audience the fact–a very simple fact–that women are human beings. [...] We belong to every class; we permeate[2] every class of the community from the highest to the lowest; and so you see in the woman's civil war the dear men of my country are discovering it is absolutely impossible to deal with it: you cannot locate it, and you cannot stop it. "Put them in prison," they said, "that will stop it." But it didn't stop it. [...] They have said to us: government rests upon force, the women haven't force so they must submit. Well, we are showing them that government does not rest upon force at all: it rests upon consent. [...] We will put the enemy in the position where they will have to choose between giving us freedom or giving us death

Emmeline Pankhurst, *Freedom or Death speech*, 1913

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[1] *mené*

[2] *imprégnons*

Extrait p.115 – Article de Erica Bach & Vincent Swift, *britishheritage.org*

A turning point in British history

Margaret Thatcher's iconic speech, "The Lady's Not for Turning," delivered on 10th October 1980 at the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton, holds a significant place in British political history. It became a defining moment in Thatcher's career and laid the groundwork[1] for her legacy[2] as one of the most influential and polarizing leaders in modern British history. […]

The Iron Lady's Defiant Stance

The phrase "The lady's not for turning" encapsulated Margaret Thatcher's resolute refusal to change course in response to opposition from both her own party and political adversaries. It was a response to the criticism she faced due to her ambitious liberalization of the economy, which led to rising unemployment and a recession in the early 1980s. Critics, including some from her own Conservative Party, called for a "U-turn" in economic policies to address the challenges faced by the nation.
However, in her speech, Thatcher stood firm in her commitment to her policies and the long-term vision for Britain's economic revival. The defiant rhetoric solidified her image as a strong and determined leader, earning her the nickname "The Iron Lady". Thatcher's unwavering stance[3] during this speech resonated with her supporters and established her as a symbol of conviction and strength.

Eric Bach & Vincent Swift, *britishheritage.org*, 2020

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[1] foundation

[2] heritage

[3] *attitude ferme*

Extrait p.116 – Article de *thecommonwealth.org*

Message from His Majesty The King on Commonwealth Day

The seventy-fifth anniversary of The Commonwealth is a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey that our unique family of free and independent nations has made since 1949.

The Commonwealth family is strongest when we are connected, through friendship. As I have said before, the Commonwealth is like the wiring[1] of a house, and its people, our energy and our ideas are the current that runs through those wires.

Together and individually, we are strengthened by sharing perspectives and experiences, and by offering and borrowing the myriad ways we have each tackled the challenges of our time. This is true both at the level of nations and, indeed, at the local level.

We recognize today that our diversity is our greatest strength. Wherever we live, we are united by the many challenges we face–whether it be climate change, the loss of Nature, or the social and economic changes that new technologies are bringing. [...]

All of this means that we must work together to understand each other's perspectives, including the inequalities and injustices which still resonate to this day. We must find ways of healing, and to support each other to pursue solutions. [...]

My belief in our shared endeavours[2] and in the potential of our people remains as sure and strong as it has ever been. I have no doubt that we will continue to

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[1] electric installation

[2] effort

support one another across the Commonwealth as, together, we continue this vital journey.

thecommonwealth.org, 2024

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Extrait – Article de Kevin Rawlinson, *The Guardian*

King Charles calls for reconciliation and unity in Christmas message

King Charles has called for reconciliation after a year of deepening division, saying in his Christmas address that people must find strength in the diversity of their communities to ensure right defeats wrong. The monarch cited the spirit of the Second World War generation, which he said came together to take on the challenge that faced them; displaying qualities he said have shaped both the UK and the Commonwealth.

The king said: “The end of the second world war is now remembered by fewer and fewer of us, as the years pass. But the courage and sacrifice of our servicemen and women, and the way communities came together in the face of such great challenge, carry a timeless message for us all.

“These are the values which have shaped our country and the Commonwealth. As we hear of division, both at home and abroad, they are the values of which we must never lose sight.”

In the wake of the Bondi beach shooting and the Manchester synagogue attack, Charles also praised the “spontaneous bravery” of those who put themselves in “harm’s way to defend others”.

The king referenced the impact new technologies can have on wellbeing and community cohesion as the world spins “ever faster”, suggesting the festive period might be a moment to recharge and for those communities to grow stronger.

The annual broadcast is written by the king and is the rare occasion when he does not consult government.

King Charles is said to see his role as helping to build bridges between communities, faith groups and others – seeking to portray himself a part of society, not apart from it.

Kevin Rawlinson, *The Guardian*, 25 Dec 2025