What Did We Fight For?

World War II has just ended. What did we fight for?

We fought for truth. That is not a pavronouncing statement but I sincerely believe it. I was fighting for the truth and fighting to the limit. I would hold at fighting and bloodyied unless it were for truth as I could see it. To say “truth is more than flesh is mine amount to mine,” and so I fought. I know that many fought with less faith, hope, and usefulness, but they fought for what they believed in, as the truth never-the-less their way of life.

What is the truth? It is a world marked by the spirit of the command, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Of course that is not to be meant in the most immediate truth that we fought for was our way of life as the means of transition to a greater and more perfect happiness. And this immediate battle has been won. We fought for the inalienable rights of every man: knowledge, freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. Yes, we all fought for truth — idealistic, romantic, realistic and harsh. And we won World War II, and then failed to learn to work peacefully, constructively, and progressively together. We have just won World War III, and now must try wholeheartedly and continually to work understandingly and constructively to prevent World War III, and to build a safer world. “We defined upon a newer, mightier world, armed with food and strong, the world we seize, world of labor and the minds.”

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