Resolution to be presented to the Faculty of Medicine.

Today the very existence of academic freedom throughout the world is threatened. University science has contributed much to the technique of war in a totalitarian state. Opposed to the military machine of that state are arrayed the resources and the initiative of free peoples. The balance is close, and every scientific contribution may be of importance, even in the field of medicine.

Be it resolved, therefore, that work in this Faculty should be more completely directed to essential researches. Although our responsibility for teaching and the care of the sick is not less, although it is recognized that in normal times scientific work should neither be coerced nor kept secret, and although due acknowledgement is made of the value of essential investigations now in progress in this University, nevertheless, each Department of this Faculty should now give further thoughtful consideration to the abilities and preoccupations of the members of the staff, in order that the attention of those capable of effective research may be directed toward practical medical problems which face the army, the navy, the air service and our people now under fire.

This re-examination of Departmental activity is recommended in order that less important work may be discouraged, and so that all of the scientific initiative of which this Faculty is capable may be turned toward the single purpose of defence of a besieged country and the defeat of a military organization which threatens free institutions everywhere.