had built the Westwall having in mind that she would first attack in the East and that the Westwall would be of some aid ~~in the event that~~ in the event that England and France should live up to their obligations to go to war if Germany should attack in the East. This, then, was what Krauch and the other defendants meant by a "defensive war" and this became more apparent as the trial continued ~~namely~~ that if England and France had come to the aid of Czechoslovakia (for example) at the time of Munich, the war which would have resulted would have been a "defensive war". He was preparing, he said, for a "defensive war". On 17 December 1936 Krauch heard Goering make a speech before a gathering of the most important ~~German~~ industrialists. Goering outlined the purpose of the Four Year Plan stating in part:

"We are already on the threshold of mobilization and we are already at war, all that is lacking is the actual shooting".

He was preparing, he said, for a "defensive war". In April 1939, just after the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia had been accomplished by military threats, and while the invasion of Poland was being planned, Krauch prepared a report in which he stated:

"In other words, the economic area of greater Germany is too small to satisfy the military economic requirements as to mineral oils, and the newly and successfully taken up contact with Southeastern Europe shows us the only and hopeful possibility to insure supplies for the mineral oils economy completely for many years by securing this area by means of the Wehrmacht."