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Younger Pitt Spoke to 1940 in 1804

'We Are Called to Struggle For Destiny of Civilization'

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NEW YORK, July 29.—As Nazi threats against an unyielding Great Britain become ever more menacing, the New York Times today put the British position before the American public simply. In a box on the editorial page it said:

"I need not remind the House that we are come to a new era in the history of nations, that we are called to struggle for the destiny not of this country alone but of the civilized world. We must remember that it is not for ourselves alone that we submit to unexampled privations. We have for ourselves the great duty of self-preservation to perform; but the duty of the people of England now is of a nobler and higher order. We are, in the first place, to provide for our safety against a foe whose malignity to this country knows no bounds, but this is not to close our views or our efforts in so sacred a cause.

"Amid the wreck and misery of nations it is our just boast that we have continued superior to all that ambition or despotism could effect, and our still higher boast ought to be that we provide not only for our own safety but hold out a prospect to nations now bending under the iron yoke of tyranny of what the exertions of a free people can effect, and that at least in this corner of the world the name of liberty is still cherished and sanctified."

"Churchill? No. The younger Pitt, in the House of Commons, April 25, 1804, with England preparing for an invasion from the continent."