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There will be world conferences and many of them will fail. There will be all kinds of international formulas and they will fade away. There will be glittering slogans and they will be forgotten. But if the American and the British peoples have faith in each other's purposes, hope in each other's future, and charity towards each other's shortcomings, then, as friends, as partners, and as allies, they can go forward together into the future, as far as the human eye can see, in dignity, in freedom, and in peace.

If our leaders of public opinion in the United States, both in public office and private life, will show a little more moral courage and a little more common sense, that will come to pass. However, if they are fooled by hysterical nonsense about "Anglo-Saxon domination" or bullied by the British rumblings of some other power, or blinded by false prejudices, or, worst of all, poisoned by that inward feeling of inferiority which finds its outward expression in suspicion and arrogance, then the British Empire will be compelled to look elsewhere for its friends, and the future for the American people will be very lonely and very dark. Fortunately, there is hope, a growing hope, in the fact that more and more of my countrymen are beginning to realize how much the United States really needs the friendship of the British Commonwealth.

That growing realization is a slow process. And when our British friends and kinsmen read some of the ignorant trash and hear some of the bitter ravings of a few yellow journalists, of certain pompous political asses, and of several breast-beating intellectuals in my country, they must wonder if there is any such process at all.

Let's face the facts. Anglo-American friendship is a process that at moments seems to leap forward, at other moments to creep, to stop, even to recede. There are some Americans who want to kill that process. They are so uncertain of the true greatness of their own country and so badly afflicted with an inferiority complex where Britain

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concerned that they don't want to know, or, if they know, don't want to acknowledge America's immeasurable debt to Britain in this war. Wearing the gaudy livery of a sham idealism, they talk loftily about British "Imperialism" and urge that various colonies and bases be placed under "international trusteeship." Not Hawaii. Not Alaska. Not Puerto Rico. Not the Panama Canal Zone. Heaven forbid. They do not propose to preside over the liquidation of the American Empire. They mean other peoples' possessions—especially Britain's.

There has been too much of that silly and treacherous talk. You may remember that Herr Goebbels often told the British people, in his never attempts to divide the Allies, that America could try, in one way or another, directly or indirectly, to break up or at least to weaken the British Empire. Of course Goebbels was wrong. But it would be a wise and healthy act if, at this critical juncture in human history, the Government of the United States would make emphatically plain to the British people and to all the world the complete falsity of Herr Goebbels' vile imputations.

Whenever Americans and also Canadians hear Britain's Empire discussed, they should always remember that Great Britain has extended and is today extending more justice, has brought and is today bringing more freedom, has granted and is today granting more self-government to more peoples than any other nation in ancient or modern times.

There are also some pseudo intellectuals and left-wing zealots in my country who greedily snatch at every possible chance to yap at Britain's heels. They don't want to know the facts of a particular situation, as, for example, in the recent unhappy Greek incident. The truth would take the edge off their delicious sensation of hate for Britain. Indeed, their most distinguishing characteristic is a passionate fidelity to their own falsehoods.

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