

For nearly the whole of the period since June 22, 1941, the campaign has been waged on Soviet soil itself, and Germany still has great reserves of men and of tribute from occupied Europe to fling into the struggle, reckless of the cost. It should not be forgotten that Russia has been able to strike back in some measure at German soil through bomber raids over East Prussia and even as far as Berlin.

The story of the resistance and effort of a whole people - perhaps no better description is necessary - is an epic of our time. The Russian resistance and the Russian offensive - for both are part of a tremendous struggle - depend partly upon the character and genius of the people, and partly upon the assistance which other nations are able to provide. The present Russian offensive is directed to driving Nazi forces from Soviet soil.

In the Pacific area, the hold of Japan is widespread. There have been some local gains by China in freeing her soil, though the Chinese effort is sharply limited by supplies available, and even more by restrictions upon supply routes into China. Though Japan has suffered some sharp reverses in the field, her reserves of men are still very great, and she controls many of the strategic resources of China.