

Dictated by Prime Minister  
8.1.43

C215676

Draft paragraphs re SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

1. War situation when Parliament met,  
and war developments during session:

*check position in Europe*

The present session opened under the shadow of the rapid ~~and far-flung~~ successes of Japanese aggression in the Far East, and with Germany maintaining<sup>ed</sup> her conquests in Europe and in Africa and holding her gains of previous years. ~~The~~ forces of ruthless tyrannies were combined in one mighty effort to effect world domination. Japan and Germany, in making war upon the United States, had completed the circle of worldwide conflict.

*opposite*

~~Viewed from the other side,~~ the entry of the United States into the war had served mightily to strengthen the forces of freedom. These forces had been further consolidated by the signature of the <sup>declaration</sup> ~~act~~ which bound together the United Nations.

With German advances in North Africa and Russia and Japanese advances toward India, <sup>and</sup> Australia and <sup>in</sup> China, the shadows for many months seemed to lengthen. ~~The shadows deepened as well~~ As impatient demands for a second front in Europe threatened to strain relations between the allied powers, ~~themselves~~. In <sup>the late summer</sup> ~~mid-summer~~, the midnight hour seemed to have arrived.

~~Then came two events which it now appears may have changed the whole course of the war:~~