

would be full of meaning for the German people. At the same time, it would constitute a realistic recognition that Britain is the one obstacle in the way of a Nazi attack upon the New World.

Without doubt, Britain could, if she would, purchase a temporary respite by agreeing to the continuance of the Nazi domination of continental Europe. Such a course you rightly refuse to consider, because you know full well that all it would mean is an armed truce. You would face, and we in North America would face, an agony of prolonged uncertainty while Germany repaired her military machine and gathered fresh strength for a final assault on what remained of democracy in the world.

No prospect would please the Nazis more than the opportunity of consolidating their position in the conquered lands, while preparing for the conquest of the rest of the world. That opportunity ~~Britain~~ will never ^{be} given them. But it becomes daily clearer that resistance alone will not bring victory. Unless the whole of the resources and the total energy of the free world are thrown into the struggle, the war may drag on for years, carrying in its train, famine, pestilence, and horrors still undreamed of. Regardless of all else, we may be sure, that so long as the forces of destruction continue to rage, there can be no security, no progress and no peace in any corner of the world. Instead the world will drift more and more toward universal chaos in which hopes of reconstruction or of a new world order may altogether disappear.