

the greatest industrial nation, the wealthiest nation and, therefore, the greatest potential market. She opened that great market freely to the world and, whether as a result or merely as a coincidence, the world - herself included - enjoyed more than half a century of comparative peace and economic progress. Might it be possible that history has there a lesson for this continent and this country at the midpoint of the twentieth century?

Be that as it may, in closing - and I must close because I have already spoken longer than Lord Dunedin would have felt proper - I wish to express sincere and unqualified admiration for the generous and effective leadership given by the United States, its government and its people, since the end of the war in the great task of rebuilding the economies of the free nations and the morale and confidence of their populations.

May I couple with that tribute the hope that the citizens of this great country, in their mental appraisals of the needs, the capabilities and the actual contributions of their associates in the North Atlantic Security Pact, will be as understanding about others, and as deeply conscious of their own incomparable position, as they have proved themselves to be in the face of the tremendous material ruins which had to be, and which to such a large extent, through their understanding and assistance, have been restored.

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