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today before a world which has been exposed to economic and social destruction without precedent in history. The United Nations are therefore confronted with a task which can be solved only through planned international cooperation. But we must also look further ahead. We must not again risk that economic and social anarchy which lead to new crises and new mass unemployment. It must be one of the main tasks of the new International Organization to secure an increasingly higher standard of living and social security for all. This will also be necessary in order that the masses in all countries rally to our new Organization with confidence. It is not up to me to say how this should be done, but I join our Australian colleague in stressing that under the instruction of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council must be given the greatest possible authority and that it must be made one of the principal organs of the Organization.

We of Norway realize what the Right Honourable Mackenzie King pointed out the other day, that a new organization will not provide a danger-proof system of complete security. We believe that in the future each nation will have to provide, according to its ability, the means, destined to safeguard its own existence and independence.

The nations of the occupied countries have proved in their struggle that there are certain invisible privileges of mankind without which life is not worth living. It is not sufficient for countries to be peace-loving. Our brothers and sons are fighting and dying because they and we love justice and human decency even more than peace. Daily bread turns to stone unless eaten in freedom and with human dignity.

MR. MOLOTOV (Speaking in Russian: English version as delivered by interpreter follows): The Chair now recognizes the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Delegation of Nicaragua, Mr. Arguello.

MR. ARGUELLO (speaking in Spanish: English version as delivered by interpreter follows): Let my first words be in homage to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, apostle who gave up his life to save humanity from oppression and slavery. With the altruism of the great leaders of nations he sacrificed his life that it may shine on the roads that are to be traversed by the United Nations. Already we near victory--that victory that Roosevelt prophesied with the vision of a leader--a vision that, filled with anguish, spoke out boldly right after the treacherous attack of Pearl Harbor. Praise to the great

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statesman, the great leader of democracy and Pan-Americanism who gave America a new concept, the doctrine of continental fraternity. This doctrine has consolidated the principle of juridical equality of the nations, great and small, and has begun to guarantee the respect of the inalienable rights of nations that are weak.

We shall maintain ever clear and bright our admiration, our homage to the memory of the President of the United States who was able to accomplish his great task as a liberator, who was able to unite us forever and to be greater in the accomplishment of our tasks. Nicaragua shall never yield the greatness that has been bequeathed by him.

The spirit of Franklin Delano Roosevelt inspired this Conference, the most transcendental in history; inspired with a lofty ideal that the United Nations shall here build the Organization of a new world on the unshakeable basis of justice. This is the supreme aspiration in this hour of history, and for the complete realization of this aspiration we have met to carry on a task given to us by humanity. This opportunity gives me the duty of expressing my gratitude to the Governor of the State of California and to the Mayor of the City of San Francisco for their frank and cordial welcome and to say that we are enjoying our stay in the beautiful city of San Francisco.

I wish also to emphasize our sentiments of sincere friendship and sympathy toward the Government and the people of the United States, together with the expression of our fervent desire that the work of peace here started shall continue under the firm and beneficent impulse that it has already received from the new President of this Nation, Harry S. Truman, in close collaboration with other democratic world leaders here gathered.

Nicaragua has always aspired to live in peace and to guarantee fully a peace based on legal guaranties, based on law.

We do not think that the peace of the individual is something like a private possession. We firmly believe that the welfare of the individual is a reflection of the welfare of the home. Peace for the entire community will mean peace for us, too. Therefore, we are united here because we believe that peace is indivisible and we must unite our efforts to obtain it and maintain it. Our contribution to this universal harmony shall never be a

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