Such a conspiracy was half-avowed by the formation by Germany and Japan of the so-called Anti-Comintern Pact in November, 1936, and by the adherence of Italy to the Anti-Comintern Pact in November, 1937. The Anti-Comintern Pact, it was claimed by all three powers, was directed against the menace of communism. Actions, however, speak louder than words. We can all see today that the Anti-Comintern Pact, like the Axis, was in reality a conspiracy for the destruction of freedom in the world. Individual bandits, acting alone, joined together to become gangsters acting in concert.

Each of the gangster nations, joined together in the Axis, has waited for the appropriate signal to join in the struggle against the forces of freedom. For the Italian bandit, this signal was received on the eve of the fall of France, when the German military machine seemed well-night invincible. At that time, Britain stood alone in the path of the onward march of the destroyers of freedom.

The successful resistance of the Royal Air Force to the air assaults of July, August and September of last year marked the failure of the Nazis to achieve the conquest of Britain by fear or force. Hitler then undertook to encompass the destruction of the British Empire by intrigue and guile. To this end Japan was persuaded to join the Axis. The pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan at Berlin on September 27

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