

with the imperative necessity of recognizing the inevitability of war between the United States and Germany and Italy. They have equally stressed the need for the closest co-operation between the forces of the United States and those of the British Commonwealth in the face of a common foe.

Mr. Willkie, the leader of the Republican party, has been no less clear-sighted and no less emphatic. Mr. Willkie's wholehearted support of the administration in its foreign policy has been an influence, second only to that of the President himself, in forming, directing, and helping to unite and solidify public opinion in the United States.

Handicaps to complete action and fullest → (sub-head)
co-operation ~~were~~ removed

The open declaration^s of war by Germany and Italy ^{will} ~~will come now, I believe, more as a relief than as a surprise to those who have responsibility for the direction of the nation's affairs.~~ ➔ rid~~e~~ the United States of the handicap of indefinite suspense. It removes the remaining restrictions on co-operation with Britain and other nations of the Commonwealth, as well as with Russia and China and the other Allied powers.