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I wanted to get the Russian who wrote "I Chose Freedom" to talk at the Dutch Treat Club but Mr. Budenz told me that he is strictly incommunicado still and protected by the police here. His address is constantly changed for his safety and he can make no public appearances on account of the danger to his life. These people are certainly bad ones to deal with. Budenz told us that he knew they killed Trotsky and he knows who did it and how it was worked. They will stop at nothing.

I am really alarmed at the United Nations idea that any surveillance could prevent them from making bombs when they know how, and using them as they please. If we should give up and destroy our bombs we would be destroyed certainly some time. I understand privately that the U.S. Senate will never agree to the destruction of the bombs we have and making our selves defenceless. If we did the United Nations would result in handing the world over to Russia and Communism. I have no faith whatever in any treaties or agreements. Every nation is sovereign at all times and no generation can bind future generations as to what they must do. They will do as they please when the time comes. The only salvation for the world is to have predominant power in the hands of those who will use it wisely and fairly. The Commonwealth of Nations and ourselves are the only nations on earth now who will use power fairly and wisely. While this is not the perfect solution it is the best there is at present. If we keep strong we will be safe. If we disarm and get weak we will perish. The United Nations will be no help.

I am sorry to take this pessimistic view but I have lived a long while and have come to this conclusion. England and ourselves have learned our lesson through centuries of experience. Other nations have not yet done so, and I have no faith whatever in them.

I hope we don't make any agreement on the atomic bomb control but keep control by means of the bombs ourselves. Anyway, this is what is going to happen, whether we like it or not. If we are strong enough no one will attack us. Germany showed this when they did not use poison gas. They knew if they did, they would get far more than they gave, and they were afraid of it. If we had not had the gas and the planes to deliver it with they would certainly have used it. The same will be true of the atomic bomb. If we have plenty of them and means to deliver them they will not be used by others as they know what they would get in return.