

this basis and pending the strengthening of the United Nations, we should be willing to associate ourselves with other free states in any appropriate collective security arrangements which may be worked out under articles 51 or 52 of the charter.

In the circumstances of the present the organization of collective defence in this way is the most effective guarantee of peace. The pursuit of this course, steadfastly, unprovocatively, and constructively is our best hope for disproving the gloomy predictions of inevitable war.

The burden of maintaining peace, however, will not be easy. We must constantly remember that the union of the free world which is now "painfully struggling to be born" will possess overwhelming strength only if it is based on moral as well as material force; if its citizens are bound together not merely by a hatred of communism but by their love of free democracy and their determination to make it work for the promotion of welfare and the preservation of peace.