

Washington, we expressed the view that by whole-hearted support of the United Nations Organization, and by consolidating and extending its authority, thereby creating conditions of mutual trust in which all peoples will be free to devote themselves to the arts of peace, there would be found the most immediately available means of maintaining the rule of law among nations and of banishing the scourge of war from the earth. We declared it to be the firm resolve of our three countries to work without reservation to achieve these ends.

Nothing can be truer than that without unremitting co-operation and the united effort of nations there will be no enduring and effective protection against the atomic bomb. Nor without this co-operation and united effort can there be protection against the indiscriminate use of poison or against the latest refinements in gas warfare, and no protection against bacteriological warfare, all of which are even more frightful methods of human destruction than the atomic bomb. To ensure civilisation from ~~destruction~~ ^{destruction} it is not enough to banish atomic or gas or bacteriological warfare, we must banish war itself.

It is intended that the proposals of the Washington Declaration for the establishment of a Commission to prepare recommendations on the means of dealing with the problems raised by the development of atomic energy should be submitted to the first General Assembly of the United Nations. It is expected