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Gentlemen, this Conference opens under the auspices of certain and close victory, and at a time of mourning for the whole world. It is still difficult for us to admit the terrible truth that President Roosevelt is no more; fallen in the heat of battle, as the war's most glorious hero, he remains among us, through his spirit and his work, the very first artisan of the peace. Posterity will confirm the opinion of his contemporaries and will revere in him one of the greatest figures of all times; the world will be grateful to him because, in the midst of this terrible catastrophe of war and throughout its duration, he toiled for the establishment of the reign of justice. Under the inspiration of his example, we can be sure that no problem, however acute, can ever divide the United Nations; and that the close coalition of victory, far from breaking asunder, will enlarge its scope and grow stronger as the years go by. That is the most fervent hope which I have come here to express on behalf of the Government and of the people of Venezuela.

MR. SOONG: This concludes the speeches which have been scheduled for this evening.

Tomorrow the Eighth Plenary Session of the Conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. in this hall. At that session this series of statements by the chiefs of delegations will be concluded. The final group of speakers to be heard tomorrow are the Chairmen of the Delegations of Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Syria, and Yugoslavia.

The Seventh Plenary Session of the Conference is hereby adjourned.

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