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the free world stands. We did so in the Atlantic Charter in the days of war. These days are no less fraught with danger. I think we have failed in leaving to too large an extent the interpretation of our ideals and purposes to the enemies of freedom....

"It is not without interest that Mr. Khurshchov only a few days ago stated that later this month a draft of a new Soviet programme will be revealed which he claims 'will bring about socialism everywhere in the world'.

"In counterracting the Communist campaign to dominate the world, the Western democracies must, by word and deed, demonstrate to the emerging and uncommitted nations that we will assist them to raise their standards and that the best hope of these nations of self-fulfilment and self-expression is through a scrupulous regard for the rights and dignity of the individual, respect for the rule of law, and by the establishment of free political and social institutions responsible to the requirements and will of their people....

"Great Britain, the United States and Canada, with a joint heritage of freedom, must maintain unity with France, West Germany and other nations in the Western alliance, and, if we fail to do so, we may have failed to maintain freedom not only for this but for all future generations.

"What of the future?

"The Communists believe that their cause will triumph because the rules of history so decree. Unlike Marxism, which believes that the course of history is determined by immutable laws discovered by Karl Marx, democracy believes that man can, under God's providence, shape the future. We recognize human fallibility, and hold in respect the rights of dissent.

"We are faced by a colossus which seeks what it considers the inevitable defeat of democracy.

"The alternatives before mankind were epitomized by President Kennedy in his inaugural address when he stated that 'man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of human life'...."

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