

already approaching this state, and the North African campaign has brought the United States forces into close collaboration. This unity might be disturbed when the European armies returned^{to} their own countries. But although British spokesmen emphasize the predominant role or obligation of the great powers to maintain their forces to guard against further aggression, there has been no public suggestion that any limit would be placed on the armed forces of the smaller allies, even though they may engage in coups and escapades not to the liking of the large powers. Nor have there been any definite statements on the relative armament to be allowed the great and small nations in the eventual collective security system. It is the hope of Churchill that the small nations will join federations which will be able to wield substantial military force.

The exact nature and extent of the disarmament of the enemy is not very clear. Welles says it must be "rapid and precise". Stalin says that it is not Russia's intention to destroy all military force in Germany. It is frequently stated that the possibility of rearmament by the aggressors must be removed. Whether this is to be prevented by jumping on the aggressors at the first sign of rearmament, as suggested by Wallace, Morrison, and others; or whether some drastic surgery is to be applied to the enemy's industrial capacity is not certain. In view of the constant assurances that the enemy is not to be deprived of the means of economic development, the latter course is probably not contemplated in any extreme form. The Joint Polish-Czechoslovak Declaration made at the Inter-Allied Meeting in London on September 24, 1941, calls for "the complete preventive destruction of the means which Germany might use in the future in another attempt at the realization of her aggressive plans". The only precise suggestion has come from Cripps, who has advocated the decentralization of German industry in the Ruhr area into the surrounding countries, thus reversing Hitler's concept of the concentration of all industrial powers on German soil.