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the game, an advantage over many nations in our long experience - and our intimate experience - in solving the kind of problem that awaits the world after the horrible ordeal of war shall have ceased.

If this line of reasoning should convey any impression of smugness I should sincerely regret it, for the important thing here is not our mutual advantage but our joint responsibility. It is the North American destiny to test new ideas for the world, to be the laboratory of the world, to find out, for the world, what will work and what will not work, and our findings are not copyright. In nothing less than a consecrated spirit dare we set out on the path of the future, the path of world-wide international cooperation. Yet it is a path we know of old.

Again, I have said we - you and I - must meet our postwar problems squarely, frankly and out in the open; and we must meet them right now. There is no better time than the present. If we cannot reach good decisions during the flood tide of our mutual respect and understanding, while our sons are facing death together, surely we cannot make the good adjustments later.

Furthermore, if you really believe those things, as I do, you will understand that these considerations are not just matters of economics; they are determined and moulded by public opinion, and they therefore become political issues of the highest significance. In

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