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We were able through our forces to invade North Africa from where German bombers could have been based to attack the Atlantic seaboard; but the Greeks resisted and because they resisted they saved civilization in its darkest hour in Europe, for you as well as for me. But that was in Europe.

In the Pacific, let us review the events of the recent past. Let us recall how nations in that section of the globe collapsed one after another before the Japanese onslaught. And it was dark indeed for civilization in the Pacific. But 9,000 American soldiers--9,000 American soldiers--and 75,000 loyal Filipino troops stood their ground in Bataan. They held at bay 300,000 Japanese troops and 500 Japanese planes that at that time could have been used for an outright invasion of Australia. They resisted. They held. They fought, and behind them 18,000,000 loyal Filipinos. And in the words of Chief of Staff George C. Marshall, of the United States Army, later confirmed and substantiated by that great Australian leader, Prime Minister Curtin, those four months that we resisted the Japanese in Bataan and Corregidor gave the United Nations time to prepare in Australia. So that in the darkest hour for civilization in the Pacific, 18,000,000 Filipinos, insignificant in number, their country a mere dot on the map, helped to save civilization, for you as well as for me.

In Athens, the ancient Greeks sculptured the goddess who brought them victory as an angel with clipped wings (Nike Apteros) because they did not want her to fly away. They wanted to keep her safe with them with her feet on the ground. To them as to us, victory represented power, but they were willing to curtail that strength for they did not want to lose all that they had won. We can find no wiser formula for the lasting victory which will be the lasting peace. By yielding to the common good, by a civilized recognition of the mutual advantages that will be given to us all, by trimming the wings of power, we can hold to our victory, with her head so proudly among the stars, and her feet set firmly on our earth!

MR. MOLOTOV (translation): I now recognize the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chairman of the Delegation of Uruguay.