

was on the troop ship returning to his job as High Commissioner and he said that, if at any time in the future there was anything I wanted, I should get in touch with him. It was not many weeks before I did. I said, "I want a ticket to the gallery". He said, "That is a lot more difficult to secure than almost anything else you could ask for." I said, "That is what I want, that is what you promised me". I can tell you,...that is what I got.

I heard Lloyd George's speech and I have always remembered it. He had the power, the imagery and the command of language necessary for such an occasion. He compared the situation then to his boyhood days when he used to look toward the West with a mountain immediately in front of him. He wondered what was beyond that mountain so finally he climbed it and there was another mountain ahead. He said, "I knew that somewhere beyond there was hope for the world". I believe that today. I believe that if the free world will but stand firm, resolute and determined and at the same time not stubbornly unresilient to the necessities that are brought about through change, we shall come out of the Berlin problem stronger in the things of the spirit than ever before; for, as I see it, if we follow a course of defeatism by giving up our principles, we shall have laid the foundations for a future frightful to contemplate.

Communism does not understand any other principle than power. Communism does not believe in an immortal being who determines the course of mankind, even though sometimes taking generations to do so. We do, and if we do our part now without permitting ourselves to be intimidated I think there is a possibility that we shall be laying the foundations for a new relationship between the Communist world and the world of freedom, a relationship which cannot be hoped to be attained if we capitulate to the degree Khrushchov asks us to. If we give up our principles, what have we to live for in the years ahead?...

I know there are some who say that they think the things of the spirit should not be considered. We are right in the stand we are taking in this matter. It is not only a question of the people of West Berlin, although we gave our pledge there and must keep it. It is a question of whether we shall allow Khrushchov with intimidation and threats to push us back and back to a point where we have nothing but our past to look back on. If there is to be a future, if mankind is going forward to higher and better things, the things of the spirit are as important to nations as they are to individuals. It is in that spirit that I hope the free world will stand, prepared to make those changes which the realities demand but not prepared to sacrifice the principle in which we believe, the principle of the right of people to live under law even though the rule of law is not effective internationally.

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