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That the United States was to share in the keeping of this northern bridge was the best of news. I find further encouragement in the words of President Roosevelt last Monday when he said: "I know I speak for the conscience and determination of the American people when I say we shall do everything in our power to crush Hitler and his Nazi forces."

The most important step in crushing Hitler is to render wholly secure this island base from which the final attack must be launched.

We in Canada were greatly heartened when three years ago the President, after referring to the Dominion of Canada as part of the sisterhood of the British Empire, declared that the people of the United States would not stand idly by if the domination of Canadian soil were threatened by any other empire. In the name of our Government I reciprocated at once by recognizing Canada's responsibilities to do what lay within her power to prevent attacks through our territory upon the United States. These declarations were the starting point of our agreement for joint defence.

Today, fortunately, we are witnessing the birth of still wider arrangements for joint defence between the British Empire and the United States. Your declaration, Mr. Prime Minister, that in the Far East Britain would stand

at the side of the United States is a sure sign of the deepening interdependence of the free world. A similar declaration on the part of the United States as respects Nazi Germany would, I believe, serve to shorten this perilous conflict. Such a declaration would be full of meaning for the German people. At the same time it would constitute a realistic recognition that Britain is the one obstacle in the way of a Nazi attack upon the new world.

Without doubt Britain could, if she would, purchase a temporary respite by agreeing to the continuance of Nazi domination of continental Europe. Such a course you rightly refuse to consider because you know full well that all it would mean is an armed truce. You would face, and we in North America would face, the agony of prolonged uncertainty while Germany repaired her military machine—gathered fresh strength—for a final assault on what remained of democracy in the world.

No prospect would please the Nazis more than the opportunity of consolidating their position in conquered lands while preparing for the conquest of the rest of the world. That opportunity will never be given them. But it becomes daily clearer that resistance alone will not bring victory. Unless the whole resources, the total energy of the free world is thrown into the struggle, the war may drag on for years, carrying in its train famine, pestilence and horrors still undreamed of. Regardless of all else, we may be sure that so long as the forces of destruction continue to rage there can be no security, no progress, no peace in any corner of the world. Instead the world will drift more and more toward universal chaos in which hopes of reconstruction or of a new world order may altogether disappear.

New World Order

Much is being said about a new world order to take the place of the old world order when the war is at an end. If that new order is not already on its way before the war is over we may look for it in vain. A new world order cannot be worked out at some given moment or reduced to writing at a conference table. It is not a matter of parchments and seals. That was one of the mistaken beliefs at the end of the last war. A new world order, to be worthy of the name, is something born, not made. It is something that lives and breathes, something that needs to be developed in the minds and hearts of men, something that touches the human soul. It expresses itself in goodwill, in mutual aid. It is the application in all the human relations of the principle of helpfulness and service. It is based not on fear, greed, hate, but on mutual trust and the noblest qualities of the human heart and mind. It seeks neither to divide nor destroy. Its aim is brotherhood, its method co-operation.

While the old order is destroying itself, this new relationship among men and nations already has begun its slow but sure evolution. It found expression when Britain, determined to put an end to aggression in Europe, when other nations of the British Commonwealth took their place at the side of Britain and when the United States resolved to lend its powerful aid to the nations which are fighting for freedom. It has found its latest expression in the Atlantic charter. All these factors are combining to create one great brotherhood of freedom - loving peoples.