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~~Draft Memorandum~~ SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

1. War situation when Parliament met,
and war developments during session:

*Italy in Russia
and in Africa
has temporary
successes*

The present session opened under the shadow of the rapid successes of Japanese aggression in the Far East. In Europe and in Africa, Germany maintained her conquests of previous years. Japan and Germany, in making war upon the United States, had completed the circle of worldwide conflict. ~~The forces of ruthless tyrannies were combined in one mighty effort to effect world domination.~~

Viewed from the opposite side, the entry of the United States into the war had served mightily to strengthen the forces of freedom. These forces had been further consolidated by the signature of the declaration which bound together the United Nations.

With German advances in North Africa and Russia, and Japanese advances toward India and Australia and in China, the shadows, for many months, seemed to lengthen. ~~As impatient demands for a second front in Europe threatened to strain relations between the allied powers, the shadows deepened.~~

In the late summer, the midnight hour seemed to have arrived.

the North Africa
The British successes in Egypt and Libya in October, and the landing in North Africa of an American and British expeditionary force in November, ~~new appear to have changed the whole course of the war.~~ *completely changed the course of the war. These successes,* Combined with the determined resistance of China, ~~and the unparalleled achievements of the armed forces of Russia,~~ *and the United States and Australian forces in the South West Pacific* the successes of the British and American armies in North Africa, ~~have reversed the position of the Allied and Axis powers.~~ *materially reversed the position of the Allied Powers. The opposing forces are at last more evenly matched.* The United Nations are now ~~last~~ *beginning* ~~to~~ *when the present session opened, Japan and Germany, by making war upon the United States*