

that harass the world. Unless they can be decided, the nations now divided by argument could be torn to pieces by armed conflict. In this, the supreme test of this century, we must not, dare not fail.

What we earnestly seek and steadfastly hope to accomplish is not a mere static peace, not an uneasy intermission between violent rounds of limited or localized aggression, but a universal and lasting peace in which all mankind can share. With the support of free men and women everywhere, the United Nations has joined battle against ignorance, prejudice and fear in the hope that the peoples of this world may look forward to a future without war.

I am convinced that, if ordinary men and women the world around, are prepared to address themselves to the task of finding peace on earth, civilization may yet rise above those primitive instincts that through so many ages have so often characterized human behaviour, and that, in the end, the rule of law and the eternal moral values which we respect will prevail.

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