

It is now altogether certain that Germany and Japan, plan to unite their land forces in the course of this present year. They plan also by gaining supremacy at sea to isolate this hemisphere. Once isolated, North and South America would certainly be attacked both from the East and from the West. The first of these attacks might well be directed against our own country. Surely the Axis systems of world conquest is now wholly clear. We must never forget that the aim is ultimate mastery of the entire world.

Even in the two and a half weeks since I last spoke to you, there have been still greater threats to the security of the nations with whose efforts our own are united. The sweep of aggression has been carried still further in the Pacific. British Sumat losses in the Indian ocean have been severe. In Burma, despite the determined efforts of British and Chinese troops, the Japanese continue to advance. The Japanese threat to India has become daily more serious. After resistance that was heroically prolonged, the gallant defenders of Britain in the Philippines have had to capitulate. Signs are not lacking of the growing domination of the whole of France by Nazi Germany. In Europe and in the Middle East,