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nation abode by the principle of resorting to the political, economic, and judicial machinery created after the last war for the settlement of international disputes. Every dispute, of whatever nature, was submitted by the Government of our country to the arbitrament of law and justice.

In spite of our law-abiding attitude, we were invaded by the Axis and their satellites, we suffered unjustly, and we lost everything except our honor and our faith in the possibility of setting up a world order immune from violence, from fear, and from want.

In this hope we have come to the beautiful city of San Francisco--fulfilling an act of faith in the wisdom and earnestness of the inviting powers, and of all the United Nations here assembled--for the purpose of recreating the criteria of ethics, justice, and law that have been shattered by the aggressors.

It is incumbent upon us in the first place to express our gratitude to the United States Government and to the State of California for their generous hospitality and for all the facilities so kindly afforded for the success of our mission. I should also take this opportunity of extending our thanks to Mr. Lapham, Mayor of San Francisco, for the many tokens of hospitality showered on the delegations to the Conference. Peoples of diverse origin, race, language, and religion have come to this land and not only created a great nation but also discovered the secret of working together for a great cause, the cause of democracy. They have done so with outstanding success because they have had the wisdom to sink their differences and discard their prejudices, and because they have accepted as their sole guide the higher interests of the community. We are proud to find among them hundreds of thousands of Americans of Greek descent who are repaying in grateful loyalty the opportunities granted to them by their country of adoption.

Inspired by the example of the American people, we will soon begin to build up our new Charter of international security on the basis of the drafts worked out at Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta by the great powers, to whom the gratitude of this Conference is most surely due.

The Greek Government commit themselves to the adoption of these drafts as a basis of discussion, and venture to make some observations in regard to their provisions.