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The opening of this Session finds the United Nations mounting an increasing offensive on many fronts of an embattled world. Though we are able to regard the course and outcome of this titanic struggle with greater and surer confidence than was possible a year ago, it must be remembered that the decisive battles have still to be fought. The combined planning and resources of the United Nations have been able to seek out the vulnerable points of the enemy's strength, and where it has been possible to concentrate equal or superior forces on any given front, the enemy, by land and sea and air, has been pushed back and confined within a narrowing circle. In Europe that circle still extends to most of the continent of Europe. In the Far East it reaches far into the Chinese Mainland, and to many islands of the Western Pacific and the Netherlands Indies. But in Africa the remnants of the Axis forces, with what reinforcements they have been able to carry across the Mediterranean, are being pursued and attacked from both east and west.