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About a hundred and fifteen years ago when, after the Napoleonic Wars, Europe seemed to be slipping back into dependence on the despotic Emperors who formed the so-called Holy Alliance, George Canning, the British Foreign Secretary, in recognising the young Republics of South America, used the striking phrase "I called the New World into existence to redress the balance of the Old." In those days as now Great Britain stood for freedom and recognised liberty as a British interest. We are not unmindful that men from these islands helped Simon Bolivar in his great task of liberation.

Now today freedom is threatened by a worse tyranny than that of Czars and Emperors. Hitler and the Nazis are not only enslavers of other nations. They are not only suppressors of liberty of speech and freedom of thought, they seek to reduce mankind to their own level of barbarism. They destroy wherever they go religion and the sanctity of the home with their foul Gestapo. Just as North America, although it freed itself from the rule of Britain, nourished in its soil the civilisation which it had brought from Europe, a civilisation which derived its spiritual seed from Greece, Rome and Palestine, as well as Britain, so South America although separating herself from Spain and Portugal retained the imperishable treasures brought from the Old World. These treasures of the spirit are in danger today.

I am certain that the declaration of principles made by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain expresses also the fundamental attitude to world problems of the peoples of Central and South America.

Although the Atlantic rolls between Europe and America, it is not wide enough in these days of rapid travel to allow what happens in one Continent to be a matter of indifference to the inhabitants of another. Nazi ambitions transcend Continental limitations. Nazi agents carry on their intrigues in every country where they can penetrate.

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There were in Europe many countries who hugged the vain idea that because they were quiet and harmless, they would not be attacked. Just so, many a peaceful citizen has imagined that he would be safe because the burglar did not live in his part of the town. But wherever there is booty, there comes the thief. The Nazis will not be content with enslaving and plundering Europe; they covet also the wealth of Mexico and of Central and South America. The fate of Denmark and Holland is a warning to every peaceful community. No country, no people can rest secure while this scourge of civilisation is undestroyed. We in Britain have a well founded confidence that we shall destroy this evil thing. In this grave hour our nation stands united.

I who speak to you am a member of the War Cabinet. I am also the leader of the British Labour Party, the party of the workers. In that Party are men and women drawn from different classes of society, men and women of different religious convictions, Protestants as well as Catholics. We are able to act together because we all share a belief in the sanctity of the individual human soul. We all seek to build up for our country and for all others a world where the ordinary man and woman shall be able to live their lives free from the danger of war and from the danger of want.

We, like you, draw our inspiration from the great men of the past who in many different countries and in many different ways have sought to free mankind and who have preached and practised the principles of democracy. It is our belief that just as we are able to unite for the common good with those with whom we differ politically, so the nations of the world although they differ in creed, race and language can unite together to make a world of peace and prosperity for all.

In these dark days we have all drawn inspiration from the sight of simple men and women performing under the cruel attacks of the Nazi bombers deeds of heroism equal to any that are celebrated in verse and song. We believe that you also in your republics feel with us the stir of fellowship in the fight for freedom and democracy and that you know that the cause for which we fight is the cause of human progress. We therefore feel that the New World will not willingly see the torch of freedom extinguished in the Old. Be assured that whether the days ahead are light or dark we shall fight on until we have cleansed the world of the foulest tyranny that has arisen since the days of Attila the Hun.