

We see this concept of the all-powerful State, revealed in terrifying forms throughout the world today. In Poland, hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children have been herded off to distant lands, many of them to die of privations, while other thousands and tens of thousands have been summarily executed on various pretexts, or allowed to starve to death.

In occupied Russia, other hundreds of thousands have been transported, while thousands have been executed. Today in Greece and Belgium, great sections of the populace are slowly starving to death because all food stuffs have been seized by the invader.

Nowhere, among all the millions now under Nazi rule, has the individual any of the rights which we and every American citizen enjoy. They cannot come and go as they will, nor can they worship freely. Death is a punishment for listening to foreign broadcasts. Technically, in Germany proper, one is free to decline employment, but such refusal means starvation because it entails the loss of one's ration card. That is the "New Order" which Hitler has proclaimed, and by which he and his lackey, Mussolini, have pledged "to deliver the world from Democracy."

Likewise, in China, the "New Order" which Japan is seeking to establish, has brought destruction and death and worse, to millions of Chinese people, whose only desire was to work out their destiny free from foreign regulation.

When American ships are torpedoed, just off our Maryland shore; when bodies of American seamen, machine-gunned in open boats, are washed up on the shores of our State, as happened only recently, then, indeed, the war is being brought home to us. Then, indeed, we in Maryland become firmly convinced that what we have done isn't nearly enough, that nothing that we could ever do would satisfy us in our determination to crush the soul-destroying doctrines of the Axis slavery.

Is it any wonder, after all this, that millions of people of many countries have preferred to battle to their death than to submit to such ignominious rule? Is it any wonder that England, threatened by masses of German bombers, chose rather to risk annihilation than to surrender its homeland? Never was there a blacker picture presented to any nation than that which faced England after the disaster of Dunkirk. Yet, the British did not falter. Rather, their spirits were steeled to defend themselves to the bitter end. I am sure that millions of Americans thrilled to the fighting declaration of Winston Churchill when he announced, following Dunkirk's defeat, that England would never surrender.

Because his words at that time expressed so aptly the determination of Americans today, I quote this portion of his address to the British Parliament.

"We shall go on to the end," he declared, "we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island whatever the cost may be; we shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and the streets. We shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender."