

This is an instance, wherein the States can assume leadership, to the end that the working classes in the Country will not suffer. It is obvious that if such a large percentage of our people are displaced in their employment and unable to find the means of livelihood, the entire structure of our National system will be affected adversely.

The States are peculiarly adopted and situated to plan for the industrial, economic and commercial welfare of the people throughout the Country while, at the same time, the Federal Government is required to concentrate upon the war effort and upon international problems. It must be remembered that our Nation only possesses the sum total of the resources, the energies and the manpower of the 48 States. This accumulation of resources, energies and manpower must be put to work now in planning for the reconstruction period which must be successful if we are to avoid a repetition of the present holocaust.

The events of the recent past give added confidence that ultimately America's cause will be victorious. The spirit of our men in Africa, in the Southwest Pacific, and elsewhere in the world, is simply the spirit which has been manifest in every crisis of our Nation's history. It was that spirit that brought the early settlers in this country, that urged them to dare forests and prairies and mountains in their westward search for better things; that bolstered their aims in every hour of crisis faced by our Nation from earliest days.

America won't be beaten in this war because it is simply inconceivable to the spirit of America that defeat could come. Democracy with its freedoms and privileges, that have been the life's blood of our people for three centuries and more is so precious that death itself is a small price to pay for its preservation.

No, it may not be this year, but it will be next year or the year after or even years after that. But whenever this war does end, be assured that it will end in America's favor, as certainly as there is a just God in the heavens. While there is one sturdy American left to resist, slavery will never foisted upon the 48 States that compose this greatest of all great Nations.