

THE TIMES

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PRIME MINISTER PRAISES UNITY OF THE EMPIRE!

BBC World Service 1800GMT:

I can easily understand how sympathetic onlookers across the Atlantic, or anxious friends in the yet unravished countries of Europe, who cannot measure our resources or our resolve, may fear for our survival when they have seen so many States and kingdoms, torn to pieces in a few weeks or even days by the monstrous force of the Nazi war machine. But many of these countries were poisoned by intrigue before they were struck down by violence.

I stand at the head of a Government representing all Parties in the State – all creeds, all causes, every recognizable section of opinion. We are ranged beneath the Crown of our ancient monarchy. We are supported by a free Parliament and a free Press; but there is one bond which unites us all and sustains us in the public regard – namely (as is increasingly becoming known), that we are prepared to proceed to all extremities, to endure them and to enforce them; that is our bond of union in His Majesty's Government tonight. Thus only, in times like these, can nations preserve their freedom; and thus only can they uphold the cause entrusted to their care.

But all depends now upon the whole life-strength of the British race in every part of the world and of all our associated peoples and all our well-wishers in every land, doing their utmost night and day, giving all, daring all, enduring all – to the utmost – to the end. This is no war of chieftains or of princes, of dynasties or national ambition; it is a war of peoples and of causes. There are vast numbers, not only in this Island but in every land, who will render faithful service in this war, but whose names will never be known, whose deeds will never be recorded. This is a War of the Unknown Warriors; but let all strive without failing in faith or in duty; and the dark curse of Hitler will be lifted from our age.

PRIME MINISTER MAKES SPECIAL ADDRESS TO THE FREE WORLD ON THE BBC - URGES UNITED STATES TO JOIN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!

BBC World Service 0200GMT:

The Prime Minister delivered a special message to the people of the United States on the airwaves of the BBC:

Wickedness, enormous, panoplied, embattled, seemingly triumphant, casts its shadow over Europe and Asia. Laws, customs and traditions are broken up. Justice is cast from her seat. The rights of the weak are trampled down. The grand freedoms of which the President of the United States has spoken so movingly are spurned and chained. The whole stature of man, his genius, his initiative and his nobility, is ground down under a system of mechanical barbarism and of organized and scheduled terror.

For more than a year we British, our stalwart Dominions, and gallant Allies have stood alone, uplifted by your sympathy and respect and sustained by our own unconquerable willpower and by the increasing growth and hopes of your massive aid. In these British Islands that look so small upon the map we stand, the faithful guardians of the rights and the dearest hopes of a dozen States and nations now gripped and tormented in a base and cruel servitude. Whatever happens we shall endure to the end.

But what is the explanation of the enslavement of Europe by the German Nazi regime? How did they do it? It is but a few years ago since one united gesture by the peoples, great and small, would have warded off from mankind the fearful ordeal it has had to undergo. But there was no unity. There was no vision. Nations were pulled down one by one while the others gaped and chattered. One by one, each in his turn, they were felled by brutal violence or poisoned from within by subtle intrigue.

Is the tragedy to repeat itself once more? Ah no! This is not the end of the tale. The stars in their course proclaim the deliverance of mankind. Not so easily shall the onward progress of peoples be barred. Not so easily shall the lights of freedom die!

But time is short. Every month that passes adds to the length and to the perils of the journey that will have to be made. United we stand. Divided we fall. Divided, the dark age returns. United, we can save and guide the world.

IN BRIEF

HANOI HOLDS!

Free French and Chinese forces beat back several Japanese attacks over the past month. Local estimates put Japanese casualties at Over 10,000. Reports from China indicate That large numbers of additional Chinese Troops are on the way to throw the Japanese Back into the sea. The arrogance of the Perfidious Japanese has come home to roost.

French Advance Into Tunisia!

Free French forces have moved into Tunisia From the west and will soon be driving upon Tunis. Elements of the Free French Army have Isolated a lone Italian Armoured Div. at Bone and Once this formation is overwhelmed, the way to Tunis Is clear. With most of the Italian formations remaining In Africa busy with our boys to the south, our gallant Allies are certain to cut them off from additional Reinforcement or escape.

Air war

The brave men of the RAF heroically defended the airspace above Belgium and the Netherlands this past month. RAF Fighter Command reports that 200 Luftwaffe fighters and bombers were destroyed in aerial combat. Bomber Command attacked U-boat installations in France and sunk or damaged 20 U-boats.