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## **ENGLAND'S WAR AIMS!**

### **Two Warnings and a Promise from the British Government to the German People**

On May 29<sup>th</sup> the British Foreign Minister Eden made a statement, in the name of the British Government, on British war aims. He said "Hitler has destroyed the foundations of political and social cooperation throughout Europe, and is in the process of destroying also our economic structure. The future of Europe will depend on the manner in which moral and material reconstruction is carried out all over the world".

#### **A WARNING FOR TOMORROW!**

**National Socialism has created against itself a flood of hatred unprecedented in force and volume. When the dam bursts, it will sweep away Hitler – and much else besides. Every German must in his heart know this.**

#### **A WARNING FOR TODAY!**

**We must never forget that Germany is the worst master Europe has yet known. Five times in the last century she has violated the peace. She must never be in a position to play that role again. Our political and military terms of peace will be designed to prevent a repetition of Germany's misdeeds.**

#### **A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE!**

**Certainly under a system of free economic cooperation Germany must play a part. It is our wish to work with others to prevent the starvation, the currency disorders throughout Europe and the fluctuations of employment which were the cause of so much misery in the twenty years between the two wars".**

**Let no one suppose that we for our part intend to return to the chaos of the old world!**

#### **Social security!**

We have declared that social security must be the first object of our domestic policy after the war. And social security will be our policy abroad not less than at home. We seek to achieve this whilst interfering as little as possible with the powers that each nation has over its economic prosperity.

#### **What England is fighting for**

In President Roosevelt's speech of January 1941 we found the keynote of our own intentions. The future of the world, he said, must be founded upon the four essential human freedoms: freedom of speech and thought – everywhere; the freedom of the individual to worship God in his own fashion – everywhere; the freedom from want – everywhere; and the freedom from fear – everywhere. This last freedom implies a worldwide reduction of armaments, so broad and thorough that no nation will be in a position to take aggressive action against its neighbour anywhere in the world.

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It is self-evident that we have no egotistical interests that might tempt us economically to exploit Germany or the rest of Europe. We neither wish to, nor can we, do this. A lasting settlement and the internal peace of the whole Continent are our one aim. The fact that every one of the belligerents at the bottom of his heart realises this, is our deepest source of strength.

### **The difficulties**

No one can suppose that the restoration of Europe after this war will be an easy task. We shall neither miss this opportunity nor shirk this responsibility. Shipping will be short, and local organisation in Europe in a state of collapse. It is, therefore, important to begin in good time the discussion of priorities and allocations.

### **The solution**

The countries of the British Empire and their allies, together with the United States and the states of South America, alone are in a position to carry out such a policy. The British Empire has overseas enormous stocks of food and raw materials, which we are accumulating to ease the problems of European reconstruction after the war. We know that no escape can be found from the curse which has been lying on Europe except by creating and preserving economic health in every country.

***“We shall not return to the chaos of the old world!”***

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## **ROOSEVELT PROCLAIMS:**

### **“UNLIMITED NATIONAL EMERGENCY!”**

The following is the text of a proclamation to the American people, signed by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Whereas a succession of events makes it plain that the objectives of the Axis belligerents in such (the present European) war are not confined to those avowed at its commencement, but include the overthrow throughout the world of the existing democratic order and the worldwide domination of peoples and economies through the destruction of all resistance on land, sea and in the air.

And whereas indifference on the part of the United States to the increasing menace would be perilous and common prudence requires that for the security of this nation and of this Hemisphere we should pass from peacetime authorisations of military strength to such a basis as will enable us to cope instantly and decisively with any attempt at the hostile encirclement of this Hemisphere, or the establishment of any base for aggression against it, as well as to repel threat of predatory incursion by foreign agents into our territory and society:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DO PROCLAIM THAT AN UNLIMITED NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONFRONTS THIS COUNTRY...**

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...which requires that its military, naval, air and civilian defences be put on a basis of readiness to repel any or all acts or threats of aggression directed towards any part of the Western Hemisphere.

I call upon all loyal citizens engaged in production for defence to give precedence to the needs of the nation to the end that a system of government that makes private enterprise possible may survive.

I call upon all loyal workmen, as well as employers, to merge their lesser differences in the larger effort to ensure the survival of the only kind of government which recognises the rights of labour or capital.

I call upon loyal State and local leaders and officials to cooperate with the civilian defence agencies of the United States to assure our internal security against foreign-directed subversion, and to put every community in order for a maximum of productive effort, a minimum of waste and unnecessary frictions.

I call upon all loyal citizens to place the nation's needs first in mind and in action to the end that we may mobilise and have ready for instant defensive use all of the physical powers, all of the moral strength and all the material resources of this nation.

*[Facsimile signatures of Franklin D Roosevelt and Cordell Hull]*