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In spite of official V and V-J days, in spite of this change which compelled us to live in an "eternal peace" — a foundation of a happy future world, the average European does not experience the joy and relief which might be expected after six years of unparalleled butchery. He is not afraid any more of blockbusters exploding in towns and cities, he does not hear at last the cries of women and children perishing in ruins and flames, but, nevertheless he still does not enjoy the peace. Speaking of the "average European" I think both of the victorious nations and of the vanquished ones.

I am thinking as well of Frenchmen, Dutch, Belgians Danes, Greeks, Yougoslavs and Poles as of Germans, Austrians, Hungarians, Bulgars, Rumanians and Italians.

There are no vanquished and victorious nations on the Continent any longer. There is only a multitude of unhappy nations. Some of them made themselves to suffer, some suffer guiltlessly.

The camp of victors lies outside of Europe. To that camp belong at present at least Great Britain, United States and Russia. Europe for these victors means only the spheres of influences, which is greatly a matter of prestige politics, because their real interests lie in Pacific or in Asia. Thus the end of this terrible war, the most total and cruel one in the history of mankind, brought about a division of the world into two blocks. To the first block belong all the

would continue leaving the law of the jungle respected and powerful, our civilization would near its doom. Poland would be the first warning of the looming doom. Once the ruins of Warsaw and all the sacrifices of Poland would be forgotten humanity would lose all the ideals of her Christian morality. Our nation does not believe it might happen. We believe that the conscience of the the world awakened one day will speak clearly and powerfully destroying the material foundations of our life.

We believe that the final triumph of spirit will render helpless even this terrible menace — the atom bomb and the place of the destructive material force will be taken by the creative spiritual power.

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