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The presence on this platform of the representatives of three historic faiths is a symbol of the unity of all religions in this war, a unity against a common foe who threatens all the spiritual and ethical f values which the great religions have perfect to the world throughout the ages. This is not just another war. It is a life and death struggle between two irreconcilable ways of life, the one as characterized by infamy, bestiality and slavery, the other by freedom, decency and brotherhood. No compromise is possible. Our great and free country will either win this war or it will cease to be either great or free. If we lose, we shall be ruled by Quislings and Lavalles. Our free Americans will make receive their orders from Tokyo and Berlin.

There are spurious patriots in our midst, some of them occupying important positions, who are more concerned with carving out fat bonuses for themselves out of war contracts than with the defense of the spirit of America or of the rights of man. These people we are doing Hitler's work in our midst by running down our war effort and enthusiasm and by suggesting that we do not know what we are fighting for. They would like to see Hitler on Europe, Tojo run Asia, and they and their kind run America.

We shall, however, not be misled by these bonus and bogus patriots. Americans know exactly what they are fighting for, because the assassins of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark and the gangsters of Pearl Harbor have clearly declared their intentions not only in words but in deeds and they have left no doubts in the minds of the American people after what the issues are in this war. We are out to destroy the men and governments of wanton aggression, unbridled militarism and unspeakable barbarity who have ravaged our world and have reduced it to international chaos and anarchy. There is no hope for a new world until these people and these governments are destroyed. After they are destroyed, it will be possible for free men and nations to set about building/cleaner and better world on the basis of freedom, justice and peace.

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