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We have sought instead to assure ~~that~~ the strength of the major nations will be used both justly and effectively for the common welfare—under the law of a world charter in which all peaceful nations are joined together.

We began by seeking common understanding among the sponsoring nations on basic objectives and on the essential machinery for action. We proceed now by seeking agreement among all the nations, large and small, which have been united against the common enemy.

No Neutrals

This is a conference of united nations, the nations that loved peace and freedom enough to fight for them. The International Organization we seek to build is one that is based upon this inescapable fact of our time—that peace and security will be the right of these nations which are willing to share in the responsibility for keeping them.

Tyranny and barbarism have never recognized neutrality. They never will. We do not intend to build a world organization that will overlook this cardinal fact. We do propose that, after it is established, the organization be open to membership of all other nations which have demonstrated their willingness and ability to fulfill their obligations under the charter.

We cannot expect at this conference to produce a charter which will answer all the questions or resolve all the problems. No charter, no constitution, no basic document was ever drafted that was not open to improvement. . . . Let us construct the charter of the world organization as soundly as we can. But let us not sacrifice approval to perfection.