

My paper, such as it is tonight, was prompted by a consideration of the disturbed condition of the world today. It appears to me that at no previous time in history, have nations been so shaken and uprooted as they are today. In Asia, Turkey and Iran, and some of the small nations formed after World War I, are the only countries which have not been uprooted.

The future of Russia is still problematic. The effort of Germany to subjugate Russia, for the present, has welded that vast and somewhat incongruent country into a nation of great strength, but it is too early to predict either the success or failure of communism, where so much depends upon the life and will of one man.

In Europe, Spain, deprived of axis support, is tottering on the brink of revolution. Portugal, Switzerland, and Sweden have weathered the storm, and Eire perhaps chose the wisest part in remaining neutral, altho its future existence depended upon the success of the Allies. England has muddled thru, but is undoubtedly due for many hard experiences, even tho victorious in war. Africa too, has undergone a mauling.

South and Central American governments continue to be unstable. It has cost the United States a tremendous sum, to keep them from joining hands with the Axis, but their cooperation has been well worth while.

The United States, which for years has been the ideal of all nations, is in a sorry state. It has a government today of which no one can really be proud. The magazine LIFE did good service to the nation in presenting portraits of the PAC leaders, whose money and effort swung enough votes to Roosevelt to give him a fourth term. They are a selfish, ruthless lot of men whose domination is extremely dangerous to the life of the nation, and to the happiness and welfare of her citizens.