

Churchill's first speech in Washington, "The British and American peoples will for their own safety and the good of all walk together side by side in majesty, justice and peace." An England, a United States, "walking together in majesty," can only mean to the colored peoples a formidable white imperialism more dangerous to them than anything even a victorious Japan can threaten.

The advocates of an American Union Now with the white, English-speaking portions of the British Empire, "with such other peoples as may be found ready and able to unite," are heading us straight into the gravest war we can yet imagine. What can China, the oldest and most pragmatic of democracies, think of a white, English-speaking Union which excludes her at the very start? We may as well present Japan with battleships and bombers as to go on with a union which denies democracy in this fashion. Only Atlantic-minded persons can fail to see that in so limited a union we should already be sowing the seeds of the next war. It does not do to be only Atlantic-minded at this moment.

The United States and England are at a very critical moment in this war. Our allies, India, China, the Philippines and Malaya, are waiting for us, whether they tell us so publicly or not, to make clear the stand of the white peoples toward them. Are we all-out for democracy, for total justice, for total peace based on human equality, or are the blessings of democracy to be limited to white people only? The answer must be made clearly and quickly. To evade the question, to delay the answer, is to reply in the negative. And the United States must now take the lead.