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Ladies and gentlemen,-

6 weeks ago, when I returned from England, - from a country at war to a country at peace, I did not dream of the momentous change which has now come about. Of course I knew and had known for a long time that the struggle which had engulfed our world was a total one, - that this was neither an imperialist~~x~~, nor a European war, nor a war of ideologies, - but that it was the total assault the enemy of mankind had launched against civilisation itself. I also knew that this great democracy of yours, being such an important part of civilisation, would not be spared the defensive fight. For it became more and more clear that our shrinking world could not harbor both, - civilisation and its deadly enemy, ~~HHH~~ totalitarian dictatorial barbarism. Yet hardly and on a peaceful Sunday morning just a few weeks after my return did I imagine that, in the midst of peace-negotiations, some fifty Japanese birds of death would be winging over Hawaii. For all my painful-
was unable to
ly intimate knowledge of the essence and nature of fascism I ~~HHHH~~
~~HHH~~ picture this new ~~HHHHHHHHHH~~ atrocious outrage, which is so much more than just an act of war on the part of Japan, but which is nothing less than the final proof, - if any was still needed, - of the world-conquering world-destroying intentions of our enemy. For, though it is Japan who has attacked, it is Hitler who has made up her mind. It is Hitler who thought it wise to involve the United States ^a in war in the Pacific. It is Hitler who, ennnerved by growing American production and preparedness, wanted to call a halt to our ~~measures~~ of aid to the democracies. True, Hitler is not the first of his kind. ^{arrived earlier on the scene first. Since} True Mussolini ~~HHHHHHHHHH~~. True also, even Japan came ^{earlier} ~~first~~. When I visited Japan, 11 years ago, I was a mere kid, who made a trip around the world with her kid-brother. We were, both of us, exceedingly young and quite silly. Yet the atmosphere of fascism in

Japan struck us even then. We had been having a lot of fun here in America and had enjoyed ourselves tremendously in Honolulu. Strangely enough, in Japan we did not want to stay. We had to, just the same, waiting for our various editors and publishers to send us some more traveling funds. Life was amusing enough in Tokyo and

Japan was beautiful in many respects. But the tiny Japanese children, looking like dwarfish soldiers parading on the streets in their ugly uniforms spoiled our days.

We felt: it is the spirit of aggression, the spirit of militarism and force which poisons the air which we ~~did~~^{do} not like to breath.

This was 11 years ago. 10 years ago Japan invaded Manchuko and the world war, which has now entered into its final ^{its} decisive stage, began. Hitler, though not yet master of Germany, was already ^{clearly} visible, then. Two years later he became dictator of Germany and today, 11 years later, he is the dictator ^{ugly} of the dictators, the head of the enemies of mankind.

When I arrived here this morning I was afraid that what I ^{was planning} ~~am going to~~ discuss with you tonight might not be quite timely, not quite topical, in the light of ^{the most} recent events. I am of a different opinion now. I am ^{talk to you} going to ~~talk~~ about ~~the situation~~ ^{the situation} as I see it, about my recent experiences in Europe, about England and Germany, about our friends and our enemies, about this war and the sort of peace which we are fighting for. Could there be anything ^{anything} more timely, more topical? For do not forget: the world is shrinking, - ~~both war and peace~~ ^{both war and peace} have become indivisible. For do not forget: the world is shrinking, - ~~there are only two solutions possible; either the total destruction of civilisation or its total and final victory.~~