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LAST CHANCE FOR MANKIND

More than 7,000 people crowded London's Albert Hall for the first public meeting of the United Nations Association - the new name of the League of Nations Union. With Atomic obliteration as the only alternative, the world's fate depends on our ability to organise peace. First speaker was the Prime Minister.

MR. ATTLEE

"As Prime Minister, I wish to say quite simply that it is the firm intention of His Majesty's Government to make the success of the United Nations the primary object of their foreign policy. I say this with no object of party advantage. I believe that my words would be endorsed by all the other parties in Parliament. The reason is obvious. We have come to a period in history when mankind must either set up an institution of this kind - and not only set it up but make it work - or face consequences so appalling that the mind shrinks even from contemplating them. Atomic energy has been liberated and that fact makes war merely a form of suicide for mankind."

The voice of American opinion is heard through Edward Stettinius.

MR. STETTINIUS

"I am particularly proud and happy to stand on this platform with my old friends and co-workers at the San Francisco conference, who contributed so much to its success - your distinguished Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Right Honourable Anthony Eden - There were many disagreements at San Francisco they were resolved. The disagreements which arose at the Council of Foreign Ministers will also be resolved, and for the same reason - because it is in the vital national interest of each of the nations concerned that they be resolved. It is true that there are still isolationists in the United States. I find that there are isolationists of a sort in Britain, too, although they go by a different name. There are isolationists in Europe and I am sure that the Soviet Union also has them. Now that Victory has come, there has been the inevitable let-down, The days of discouragement, for both our countries. There are strikes in America and tighter rations than ever over here. We who owe so much to each other and have been joined in such great and heroic enterprises, must now listen to discordant voices of both sides of the Atlantic sniping at each other in the sharp and shallow words of little men. But I know that the real people in America believe in you, just as I hope and believe that the real people in England believe in us"

The world watched mankind's last chance for permanent peace.