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WHEN the gunner of an American bomber was killed, his pilot wrote to the lad's mother, "Perhaps, like me, you will find it hard to think of the thought: We must all die sometime, but we must all die together."

Three fine examples of positive thinking

How can we exult now over the broken cities?

How can we shout in triumph over the thousands slain?

How can we even bear it that ours should be the wielding of this avenging weapon of frightfulness and pain?

Only by remembering (Help us, Lord, remember!)

The house of Man's endeavour is less than God's design.

Only by believing (and oh! believe, believe it!)

That truth is more than flesh is, mine enemy's or mine.

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'Of Free Countries, Working Together'

ALMOST a year before the United States entered the war President Roosevelt made his famous speech on the four freedoms. Concluding his annual message to Congress, Jan. 6, 1941, he declared:

"... In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

"The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

"The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

"The third is freedom from want—which, translated in world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peace-time life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

"The fourth is freedom from fear—which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.

"That is no vision of a distant millenium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called new order of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.

"Since the beginning of our American history we have been engaged in change—in a perpetual, peaceful revolution—a revolution which goes on steadily, quietly adjusting itself to changing conditions—without the concentration camp or the quick-lime in the ditch. The world order which we seek is the co-operation of free countries, working together in a friendly, civilized society. . . ."