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PAN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST OF THE PRESIDENT
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And I ^{greatly} hope that it will be possible for me to visit Buenos Aires in person in a few weeks.

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We in the New World are fortunate indeed. We must insure a continuance of our happy situation. A start has been made. Today, as never before, the nations of the Western Hemisphere are joined together by an ever-increasing community of interests.

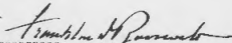
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Nevertheless, satisfactory as the international relationships on this Hemisphere may be, much is still to be done. The gains that have been made can be consolidated and constructive steps can be taken along lines heretofore untried.

It seems to me that an unprecedented opportunity exists for the American nations to cooperate in a friendly fashion to make the spirit of peace a practical and living fact.

I feel confident that on the solid foundation of inter-American friendship, equality, and unity the Conference at Buenos Aires will be able to take further steps for the maintenance of peace, thus insuring the continuance of conditions under which it will be possible, nay, inevitable, for the economic, social, cultural, and spiritual life of the nations of this Hemisphere to reach full growth.

I hope with all my heart that the forthcoming Conference will give renewed hope and courage to the war-weary peoples of the world by demonstrating to them that the scourge of armed conflict can and will be eliminated from the Western Hemisphere.



ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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