

Just now Norway is going through hard and terrible times.

Harder and more terrible, perhaps, than ever before in the country's history.

Norway is today an occupied country.

In the manner of thieves and robbers a foreign power -- Germany-- broke into our country one night, burning and abusing, murdering and plundering all over the length and breadth of Norway.

Today, from Lindesnes to North Cape, German soldiers stand trying to keep what they have stolen, because Norway is ~~now~~ of great importance in their battle for world domination. Bitter ex-

perience has taught them, however, that as long as ^{each individual} ~~the old personal~~ ~~determination to be free~~ ^{Norwegian is determined to be free} remains alive in the Norwegian people, they cannot feel safe. And for this reason the foreign forces now in power seek to break down this ^o determination for freedom.

The German gangsters and oppressors and their helpers --

the quislings -- this small fragment of the Norwegian people -- ^{are} ~~say~~

^{telling us} that what they are bringing to Norway is a New Order, a new system which will make the Norwegian people happier.

No, my friends, it is not any new system. And it has no

connection whatsoever with happiness. It is only an attempt to force humanity back into the darkest of the Middle Ages. It is the sadistic urge of a sick brain to rule over others, to spill blood, to torture fellow beings, and to burn and destroy the culture and civilization which have been built up by the toil and struggle of countless generations. Such, at least, has been the result of Nazism up to now. And such they will continue to be, because brutality has never produced anything but unhappiness.

After having lived through more than two years of German occupation, 99 per cent of the Norwegian people want no part of this so-called New Order. They are still fighting against the Germans with every means at their command. Every day they risk their very ^{lives} lives to oppose the Germans, and by so risking their lives, many have already died. But the opposition goes on. And it is to keep faith with those brave Norwegians at home that Norwegians abroad continue the fight against the Germans. Foremost among Norway's contributions to the cause of the United Nations have been the service of the great Norwegian merchant marine, fourth largest in the world. Norway's new Air Force, trained at Norwegian camps in Canada, is now on active duty in Iceland and Great Britain. Norway's new Navy serves with fighting Allied fleets on all the seven seas.

and Norway's new Army trains in Great Britain for the day when it will again come to grips with the Germans. As Commandos, operating with the British, many a Norwegian soldier has already had this pleasure.

I am happy to have this ^{the} opportunity to speak to the American people who are our comrades-in-arms. If we all do our utmost in this great battle for freedom and human dignity I know that victory will be ours.