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TOKYO (JAPAN) VIA SHANGHAI (CHINA) AND NAVAL RADIO.

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~~Having in mind the restrictions which govern the Japanese press, there is repeated news for your information extract from Prime Minister Churchill's radio address for~~
the Associated Press (not from London)

August 24: ~~repeated by the New York Times~~

QUOTE But Europe is not the only continent to be tormented and devastated by aggression. For five long years the Japanese military factions seeking to emulate the style of Hitler and Mussolini, taking all their posturing as it is, were a new European revelation, have been invading and harrying the 500,000,000 inhabitants of China. Japanese armies have been wandering about that vast land in futile excursions, carrying with them ~~barren~~ ruin and corruption, and calling it ~~Szechwan~~ the Chinese Incident. ~~and Szechwan~~ Now, they stretch a grasping hand into the southern seas of China. They snatch Indochina from the wretched Vichy French. They menace by their movements Siam, menace Singapore the critical link with Australasia, and menace the Philippine Islands under the protection of the United States.

It is certain that this has not to stand. Every effort

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will be made to secure a peaceful settlement. The United States are laboring with infinite patience to arrive at a fair and amicable settlement which will give Japan the utmost reassurance for her legitimate interests. We earnestly hope these negotiations will succeed. But this I must say: That if these hopes should fail we shall, of course, range ourselves unhesitatingly at the side of the United States. UNQUOTE

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