Not Europe, not even those outlying naval bases that protect our shores—America's first line of defense is American industry. It is to industry that the nation looks today for the armaments to protect America's high living standards, to defend the American way of life.

In the last two generations American industry has built a great nation. Its workmen, scientists, and engineers have helped produce and put to work more than one-third of the world's electric power and one-half of its mechanical energy. They have given us electric lights in 24 million American homes and electric refrigerators in 13 million—conveniences which represent the highest standard of living and the greatest industrial achievement in the world. And the manpower, the inventive and manufacturing genius, the experience, the daring to tackle difficult tasks—assets which have helped to produce this high standard of living—are among America's strongest resources today.

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Not a cannon, but the 130,000-pound shaft for a great electric generator being built in the General Electric shops in Schenectady. When completed, the generator will deliver 75,000 horsepower of electricity.

Industry today undertakes the task of building, not only armaments, but, equally important, the machines that can be used to manufacture these armaments in quantity sufficient for any emergency. And General Electric's scientists, engineers, and workmen, who for more than 60 years have been putting electricity to work in America's peacetime pursuits, are today turning to the new job—the job of defending the benefits electricity has helped to create.

G-E research and engineering have saved the public from ten to one hundred dollars for every dollar they have earned for General Electric.