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The Mayor of New York, La Guardia, broadcast on September 11th from New York, a reply to the Message of the Mayor of underground Warsaw. After reading the text of the message from Warsaw, he said:

"I am informed that munitions are ready and that weapons and material supplies and planes are ready and that weapons and material supplies and planes are ready. As I understand it the adopted strategy of the United Nations has been aiding the oppressed peoples of occupied countries.

It must be remembered that Poland and the people of Warsaw are not engaged in a private war. Warsaw's people are fighting the Nazis, our enemies, the enemies of Britain and of Russia. They carried on the fight during five long years. They have been fighting actively in Warsaw for the last five weeks. They asked for arms and ammunition to be dropped by planes as in other places. As Mayor, of course, I am helpless. Seven and a half million people - the inhabitants of New York City - are helpless. But perhaps together with other fellow-countrymen we may bring to attention of the proper authorities this pathetic appeal from the men and women fighting our common enemy. They are not asking for sympathy. They are not asking for the unreasonable. They are only asking for that cooperation to which they are entitled as ally and - what I believe - they have every right to expect.

I hope that my colleague, the Lord Mayor of London, if he has not already done so, will in some way bring this appeal from our Warsaw colleague to the attention of the people of Britain. They are in a position perhaps to understand better the plight of these brave people who are fighting for our cause along with their own. I am sure that the sense of fair play and good sportsmanship inherent and traditional in the British people will prompt an immediate response. You are closer to the scene than we. Your experience through long, hard years brings full realization of the actual conditions in Warsaw. What can we do? I must leave that to the judgment of every citizen of our country. Perhaps an appeal to our President or Congressman might focus the attention on the situation. I am certain that immediate help is possible. I am confident that it is not inconsistent with the military plans or contrary to the wishes of the gallant Commander of the European theatre for whom we have such admiration and in whom we have complete confidence.

I do not believe that the delay is due to military reasons. That is why in all likelihood this agonizing situation is brought to our attention in this unusual manner. It is an direct appeal from people to people. In the name of unity and in the name of American fair play, in the name of the United Nations' sincerity and in the name of our sacred duty I transmit this message of the people of Warsaw to the people of this country."

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