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Although Paris newspapers are still unpublished because of the strike, the substance of the President's address yesterday to the joint session of Congress, is known by a considerable part of the public and particularly by political leaders. The initial reaction of the officials and political leaders whom I have seen today (Communists excepted) is one of tremendous enthusiasm. They believe that it is a real "body blow" to the Communists and will greatly strengthen all democratic elements and will cut the ground out from under the insidious Communist propaganda line that the United States intends to pull out of Europe and let it stew in its own juices.

Acting Foreign Minister Teitgen, who congratulated me most heartily on the speech this afternoon, was jubilant and said that the President's clear statement of American aims and objectives would greatly aid all democratic elements in their struggle to establish a just and democratic world. He added that unfortunately many Frenchmen had been drifting for the past two years not being sure what to do since they did not know what the United States would finally do. "These Frenchmen", he said "share with you the same fundamental conceptions of liberty, human dignity and justice and now that they know

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where you stand they will certainly work actively to sustain these principles."

High officials of the Foreign Office expressed a similar enthusiastic reaction. The Foreign Office is awaiting with keen interest the direct reaction not only of Moscow but of the French Communists.

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