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Russian Broadcast
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Friends, Friends unseen and unknown and all my numerous friends throughout India, who may hear me tonight.

I consider it a great honour and privilege to say a few words about the Heroic Red Army, its Great Spirit of Self Sacrifice and Supreme Devotion to Duty and Ideal. This day-February the 23rd Twenty five years ago the young fighters of the Nascent Red Army defeated and checked the German Armies near Pskov, like in the Days of Old the people of Novgorod under their Great Leader Alexander Nevsky defeated the Teuton Knights in the same regions. For Twenty Five years the peoples of the Soviet Union under the wise and fare-sighted leadership of Lenin and then Stalin with unprecedented devotion and care built up patiently and silently a mighty Army and War Industry, to check any possible aggression against the territories of the Union. True to the glorious Traditions of Russia's Fighting Men, to the great examples of such Military leaders as Souvorov and Koutouzov, the Red Army was being built up, as an answer to the aggressive tendencies that were fast developing in Central Europe. Lenin and Stalin foresaw the present struggles and Stalin with his great sense of the Inevitable, helped by his devoted co-workers and the will of the Nation, began the planning of Industry and organising the Country for all eventualities. The hour came, my friends, only too well do we remember this memorable June, 41 which was to change the course of the present war.

By treason, the way of all cowards, the German Leaders flung. The greatest war machine, the world has ever seen against this Young Bastion of the people.

And the world shuddered and shook from the violence of the terrific impact. Few, very few indeed dared to voice their Faith in Russia's Great Armies. People would say:

"If Russia lasts a few months only, it would be good." But the wise leadership of Stalin with his brilliant Generals, Generals of whom the world knew nothing as yet and the indomitable will of people of the Soviet Union achieved an apparent Miracle. Not only did the Country withstand the onslaught and the deep penetrations by the enemy, but slowly, gradually it began to gather strength and suddenly delivered a crushing blow to the enemy.

The German Hordes with their unfortunate "allies in misfortune" over 250 divisions strong comprising the flower of the proud German Army, have at last found their masters.

After all their boastful claims they now face defeat and annihilation. In vain will Hitler look to his stars, he will read in them only the fate of Napoleon.

Moscow, Stalingrad, Leningrad, Epics of the utmost heroism, these names will stand as an example of what Human Will can achieve. Every method known to Modern Warfare has been tried and all failed, all broke down against the iron will of their defenders. One recalls the words of Bismark: "Russians are slow to harness their horses, but they drive very fast." And he also said that a military decision was impossible over Russia.

Flinging to the winds the wise counsels of his Generals, Hitler thought he could stand alone against the world and win.

The proud arrogant German divisions, those same divisions, who overwhelmed and crossed Belgium, after plundering their way to Stalingrad found their fate when they came up against the Rightful, indignation of a new united, Brotherhood of People

JUST LOOK !

The vast German Hordes are Rolling back along the entire 2000 miles front. Already 31 divisions had to be brought up from the west while frantic efforts are being made to draft into this struggle.

More of Hitler's hopeless subordinates.

This indomitable spirit of the People of the Union is born of their inner most conviction that their cause is in the Right Cause. It is the aroused wrath (anger) of Rightful indignation over Justice Outraged, over Freedom Trampled down, Achievements of so many years destroyed, Country-side laid waste and Countless Families bereaved. This Heroism is born of a strong and vital spirit so well exemplified in the farewell words of a girl to her Fiancee leaving for the Front: "Remember always, a dead hero is infinitely greater than a living coward."

In silence I bow before this glorious spirit, when today I think of our Armed Forces and all those who participate in this struggle.

I also salute all the Armed Forces of our Allies ranged in a formidable array all the men who have answered the supreme Call of duty - have inscribed for the welfare of his Fellow Beings. And those who will not return to us from this glorious Baptism, they will still live : - Their spirit will be the Binding Force of Achievement and Understanding, their Memory our Inspiration and Pride.
