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Calvin Coolidge Says:

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 3.—Among the other defections that have taken place in the past months there appears to have been a very wholesome defection of a spirit of too much arrogance. Individuals and nations are not so self-satisfied as they were. They are more tolerant, more humane and more charitable one towards another.

In the reaction the world has gone through the period when nearly everybody was engaged in helping themselves with little regard for anybody else. An excessive nationalism and excessive individualism were apparent. They continued into the first phase of the business decline. If they are not yet entirely dissipated they have been modified by the more reasonable attitude of concession and co-operation. Friendly individual interest has furnished credit. Charity has given relief. Diplomatic negotiation has solved problems of armament and colonial relationship which were insolvable under the reign of arrogance.

In the midst of defection the world has made a moral progress. It is probable that this arrival of reason marks the turning point. We are entering the second phase where men and nations realize that they need the help of each other and that salvation must be sought in helping each other. When people work together nothing is impossible.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 4.—The general reaction of the country at the final adjournment of the Congress will be one of relief. When the people are in distress legislation always reflects their condition. In the national government this inconsistently took the form of spending money. Temporary help for the needy may have been justified, but large expenditures only delay business recovery. Normal income taxes are already 1 per cent higher than last year and a prospective deficit threatens a large increase in taxes. New debts seem impending.

The Congress threw away a great opportunity to help the people. If it had granted all necessary relief and then by a policy of rigid economy reduced governmental costs, avoided a deficit and more debt, the country would have looked on it as a savior.

Politics is always present. Probably there were those who thought they would profit politically by being able to charge that business is bad and taxes and debt have been increased. Those making the charge in the future will have to explain what constructive measures they proposed to revive business, promote economy and reduce taxes and debt. Those voting for the largest peace-time expenditures any Congress ever authorized cannot escape responsibility.

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