

energy and even violence, they have insisted upon supporting a power that would inevitably destroy themselves, as the record overwhelmingly demonstrated that it always has done.

Their reliance has been aristocratic government, which appears to them so friendly and so gracious, but it always fails. Democracy alone can be made permanent. It, and it only, can resist the steady encroachment of special interests. It does this by the simple process of reserving to itself the profits of special interests, that necessarily evolve in a growing society. By the same act it preserves for private pockets the untaxed earnings of private effort.

Such disposition of the powers of human society is absolutely just, and justice alone renders peace possible, or even desirable. Such disposition is also full recognition of the fact that, within the limits of their capacity and the natural environment in which they exist, unless artificial restrictions are imposed, men are free.