

THE CRISIS OF THE UNION. GREAT SPEECH OF MR. SEWARD, OF NEW YORK. Delivered in the United States Senate, Saturday, January 14, 1861.

Mr. Seward: Congress adjourned last summer amid a general abundance, contentment, tranquillity and happiness. It was re-assembled this winter in the presence of a general gloom, and a general feeling of public as well as private credit, and in the face of additional combinations to overthrow the Union.

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