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the skies rained destruction upon her she stood amidst the ruins of her ancient monuments unbowed, unweeping, undespairing, but erect, resolute, unafraid.

This city to-day is held in high honour above all the cities of the earth. The very name of London reverberates around the world like the sound waves of a great bell, calling together all who love and cherish freedom. I am here, to-day, to tell the brave men and women of Britain that the call is being answered, and will continue to be answered, in ever larger measure, from across the sea.

In this world struggle to thwart aggression and to end oppression, Canada is at Britain's side. The United States of America is lending powerful support. Side by side, we of the new world stand in your defence, which we believe to be our own defence. Each at the other's side, each in its own way, but both in unfailing and ever-increasing measure, continue to supply the material and vital means of ultimate and certain victory.

*Tribute to Mr. Churchill*

I thank you, Prime Minister, for honouring this occasion by your presence. To me it is indeed a source of pride that behind our relationship in the affairs of State at this time of war, there lies an unbroken friendship extending over more than one-third of a century—a friendship kept warm by personal visits of one or the other to Britain or Canada. We have not, at all times, seen eye to eye. But in viewing the course which it has seemed wisest to take, we have seldom had difficulty in reconciling our views, and have never had reason to question their sincerity. To-day I stand at your side, one with you in thought and purpose and determination, never more honoured than that long years of public service should have afforded me an opportunity so to represent, before the world, the proud position of Canada at the side of Britain.

Perhaps you will permit me to express, in the presence of your fellow countrymen, something of the feelings which Canadians, one and all, cherish towards yourself. In the hour of Britain's greatest need, we have seen you personify the unbending determination, the dogged courage, and the unyielding perseverance of the British people. We have seen you do more than this. By the power of your eloquence, by the energy of your conduct, and by the genius of your leadership, you have galvanized a great people into heroic action, rarely equalled and never excelled in the history of warfare.

You have consistently upheld the right of men and nations freely to order their own affairs, in their own way, within the framework of international friendship and goodwill.

To-day, Nazi Germany, led by a man possessed by the power of evil, and corrupted by the evil of perverted power, seeks to crush all free peoples. Mankind may well be grateful that, here in Britain, a free man, who believes in the ultimate power of free men, has become the champion of the hosts of freedom.