

Canadian case we should be in a position to explain clearly why this is so.

For better or worse our action will be measured alongside what appears to be American action; e.g., if the United States insists on an 80 per cent. extraction ratio as an emergency measure, and the United Kingdom raises its ratio to 85, it will be difficult for us to hold to a 72 per cent. ratio. Similarly, it will be hard to justify maintenance of normal grain supplies for the brewers and distillers in the face of world food needs and specific United States restrictions.

I feel too we must be prepared to raise our wheat target acreage for next year - not at the expense of coarse grain acreage - but by reducing summer fallow.

Until policy is determined on the questions raised in the attached note it will not be possible to reply to the messages you have received from Mr. Attlee and Governor Lehman or to issue any useful statement to the Canadian people.

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