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B2. Position which will exist when restriction is removed.

The government is now asking you to give it freedom to ask parliament for the same power regarding the use of the services of men and women beyond the borders of Canada. Whether it may ever become necessary to Canada's security to exercise such powers, the future course of the war alone can determine.

An affirmative vote will not be regarded by the government as a mandate to adopt conscription for overseas service. It will constitute, simply and solely, a mandate for the government to consider the question of conscription ^{or US conscription} for overseas service on ^{as it would consider any other issue} its merits in the light of the needs of our own national security. It will free the government from any obligation to refrain from recommending conscription to parliament, if the necessity should ever become apparent. Moreover, it will free parliament, and the individual members of parliament, from any obligation to refuse to debate and decide the question of conscription on its merits. It will not oblige any member of parliament to support conscription. It will certainly not result in the automatic adoption of conscription for overseas service by parliament or by the government.