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Radio Address by the Prime Minister  
on the Second Anniversary of the  
Surrender of Japan - August 14, 1947.

Two years ago, the world rejoiced at the acceptance by Japan of the Allied terms of surrender. On that day, years of world encircling warfare came to an end. Speaking at that time to the people of Canada, I said our first thought should be one of thankfulness, to Providence, for deliverance from the evil forces of aggressor nations. The past two years have served to emphasize how much we have to be thankful for. Only now is it possible to comprehend how perilously near, in those years of war, our civilization came to annihilation. This anniversary is surely an occasion for renewed dedication to the cause of peace.

The very character of our times, marked as it is by a growing interdependence between all nations, makes it imperative that we strive to the utmost to fashion a structure of enduring peace. In this atomic age, the failure to achieve peace may well mean the complete destruction of civilization. On the other hand, with peace secured,