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MAGNITUDE OF BRITAIN'S TASK

You in this island are putting forth your utmost effort; we, in Canada, and the people of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and indeed of all parts of the British Empire, are giving you our utmost support. In Canada, we have been filled with admiration, mixed perhaps with a little envy, of the deeds of valour of your troops, of the men of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and in India, on the battlefields of Africa and the Middle East. We took heart from the desperate courage of the Yugoslavs and the epic bravery of the Greeks. The men of Poland, of Czechoslovakia, of Norway, of Holland, of Belgium and of France who carry on the fight are giving gallant aid to the forces of freedom. Their action finds an echo in the desperate and often unrecorded acts of those in the conquered lands who will not submit. The magnificent resistance of Soviet Russia has encouraged us all. But these forces must be measured against the magnitude of the task. We must look the prospect squarely in the face. Nothing is gained by refusing to see it in all its grim magnitude.