

Italy's Declaration of War

Speech by Mr. King June 10, 1940.

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Fellow Canadians:

The News reached Ottawa a few minutes after one o'clock today that Signor Mussolini, in a speech delivered at Rome, had announced that Italy was entering the war on the side of Germany. The official confirmation of this news was not received until the House of Commons met this afternoon. I immediately introduced a resolution which placed Canada at the side of Britain and France in the war against Italy, as was done with respect to the war against Germany in September last. The motion was seconded by the Honourable Mr. Hanson, the Leader of the Opposition, and was in the following terms:

"Whereas Italy has declared her intention to enter the war on the side of Germany and against the allied powers; and,

Whereas a state of war now exists between the United Kingdom and France on the one hand and Italy, on the other; and,

Whereas at the outbreak of war the parliament of Canada decided to stand at the side of the United Kingdom and France in their determined effort to resist aggression and to preserve freedom:

**REPEAT
REPETITION**