

Imperial Ethiopian Government that a state of war exists between Ethiopia and Germany and Japan as well as between Ethiopia and Italy.

The Canadian people have witnessed with pleasure the restoration of the Imperial Ethiopian Government to its rightful place in control of the destinies of its nation. I should be grateful if you would inform the Ethiopian Minister that the Canadian Government recognizes the Imperial Ethiopian Government as being the legal and rightful Government of Ethiopia. This restoration of the Government of Ethiopia, the first of the victims of aggression to throw off completely the yoke of its conqueror, is a portent of the return to liberty of the rest of those nations who have fallen victim to the Axis powers in this war.

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Dear Mr. Robertson,

In paragraph 11 of his telegram to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Circular D. 116 of the 2nd March[†], the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs outlined a programme of relief shipments of wheat or flour for Greece which it had been decided to carry out in addition to the temporary relief measure which had already been agreed upon.

I have now received a telegram from Mr. Attlee on the subject of this wider scheme. The position is that the United Kingdom Government are still awaiting a reply from the Axis Governments to the proposals which the Swedish Government have put to them on the lines set out in the telegram to which I have referred. In the meantime they have been considering the procedure to be followed from the financial standpoint in the event of Axis consent to the scheme being secured.

The Swedish Government have undertaken to pay the expenses of the Control Commission, but it will of course be necessary to reimburse them for the use of their ships. The present view of the United Kingdom Government is that the money for this purpose should be found by the Greek Government themselves,