

As regards action in other theatres of war and the means and measures that might be taken, certain essential information touching the character of British and allied action and contemplated plans must be available before any intelligent and definitive decision could be made as to Canadian action even in the immediate future. The Canadian Government, like the Governments of some others of the Dominions, is in consultation with the British government. We will continue to consult with the purpose of determining the course of action which may be regarded as most effective. The question of an expeditionary force or units for service overseas is particularly one of wide reaching significance which will require the fullest examination. I note that Sir Henry Gullett, Australian Minister for External Affairs, told the Australian House of Representatives on Wednesday that <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ Government had not yet seriously considered despatching an expeditionary force overseas. He declared that when the Commonwealth had discharged its first duty to the Empire, which was to ensure its own safety, and when it was better able to assess the strength of its enemies and the nature of the conflict, it would