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King Suggests U.S. Guarantee for Britain

*Luncheon tendered to Canadian Prime
Minister by Lord Mayor of London
attended by many notables*

Prime Minister Mackenzie King, in his first public pronouncement since his arrival in London from Canada two weeks ago, urged the United States to give Britain an assurance of support against Germany similar to that which Mr. Churchill gave to the United States last week in case of war with Japan.

Mr. King's exact words conveying the suggestion of a guarantee were as follows:—"Your declaration, Mr. Prime Minister, that in the Far East Britain would stand at the side of the United States is a sure sign of the deepening interdependence of the New World. A similar declaration on the part of the United States as respects Nazi Germany would, I believe, serve to shorten this perilous conflict. Such a declaration would be full of meaning for the German people."

The full text of Mr. King's speech follows:

I THANK you, Lord Mayor and members of the Corporation of the City of London, for affording me the occasion to speak on behalf of the people of Canada to the people of Britain.

I also thank you, Lord Mayor, for the honor you have done me in proposing my health, and particularly for the sentiments you have so graciously expressed.

The people of Canada will be quick to recognize that the honor which is being done me today is meant as an honor to all Canada. This the Canadian people will deeply appreciate. This they will never forget.

It is truly a high privilege to speak in this ancient city which has suffered so grievous a martyrdom for the cause of freedom. What London has already endured with undaunted courage has added to her story a chapter so illustrious that her historic glories pale by comparison. These days are reviving the memories of the assertion and the preservation of the freedom of your citizens who still defend with all their ancestral strength the plain, ordinary, men and women not in London only, but in a world resisting as of old, with indomitable and unbroken will, the onset of tyranny.

Fine Example Set

Throughout the past two years the people of Britain in the midst of horror and suffering have given an example of human endurance unparalleled, I believe, in the annals of fortitude. Of London it will be written and spoken in proud memory that when the skies rained destruction upon her she stood amidst the ruins of her ancient monuments unbowed, unweeping, undespairing, but erect, resolute, unafraid. The city today has held a high honor over all the cities of the earth. The very name of London reverberates around the world like some waves of a great bell, calling together all who love and cherish freedom. I am here today to tell the brave men and women of Britain that the call is being answered and will continue to be answered in ever larger measure from across the sea.

In this world struggle to thwart aggression and end oppression, Canada is at Britain's side. The United States of America is lending powerful support. Side by side, we of the new world stand to your defence which we believe to be our own defence. Each at the other's side, each in his own way, but both in unflinching and ever-increasing measure, continue to supply the material, the vital means of ultimate, certain, victory.

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