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Broadcast to Australia by the Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada, October 4, 1942

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Rt. Hon. J.

Curtin's assumption of the office of Prime Minister of Australia,
and in connection with the Commonwealth Loan campaign.

I am greatly pleased to have an opportunity of speaking from Canada to the people of Australia. I am happy that the occasion should coincide with the first anniversary of the assumption of office of your present Prime Minister. I think I know something of the responsibilities of a leader of a government at a time of war. I should like, therefore, to extend to Mr. Curtin my congratulations upon so significant an anniversary.

Your High Commissioner, Sir William Glasgow, has told me that, in Australia, at the present time, a Commonwealth-wide loan campaign is in progress. Within a few days, a similar campaign will be launched in Canada. Here, as in all other aspects of war effort, our two countries, by common methods, are pursuing a common aim.

In each of our countries, the proceeds of these loans will make possible a national war effort on a scale that otherwise could not be achieved. They will make possible a greater combined effort on the part of the nations of the British Commonwealth. They will vastly strengthen the total effort of the United Nations.