

Our common task has brought our two countries closer together. Essential weapons, munitions and foodstuffs are going forward regularly from Canada to sustain the Russian people in this struggle which will determine the world's future for generations to come. The people of Canada have welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the purpose of sending vital medical supplies to the Russian front. This desire to share more fully in a common effort to win the war and to cooperate more effectively in times of peace has found official expression in the arrangements which have recently been made between Canada and Russia providing for the establishment of direct diplomatic relations between our two Governments by the opening of Legations in our respective countries. We, in Canada, stand ready to extend a warm welcome to the official representative of the U.S.S.R. We greatly welcome the exchange of views that this exchange of representatives will make possible.

Today our peoples are fighting side by side. Tomorrow, when the scourge of Fascism is ended, our peoples will work side by side to aid in the establishment of a world order based upon the dignity of all men and the inter-dependence of all nations.

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Establishment of Joint United States and United Kingdom Boards on Production, Resources and Food, statement of Prime Minister June 11, 1942

Right Hon. W.L. MacKenzie King (Prime Minister): I promised my hon. friend the leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (Mr. Coldwell) that I would give him a brief statement to-day with respect to closer coordination of United Kingdom and United States production programmes, to which he made reference yesterday.

The Canadian government cordially welcomes the new arrangements for the closer coordination of the United Kingdom and United States production programmes, which were announced in Washington on June 9. The United Kingdom-United States combined production and resources board and combined food board should help greatly in the vitally important task of integrating, for war purposes, the productive capacities of both countries.