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The Department of External Affairs has been advised that the British Commonwealth Siamese Claims Committee is now prepared to receive claims against the Siamese Government in respect of property and personal injury sustained as a result of the war.

These claims are to be submitted under the terms of the formal agreement between the United Kingdom, India and Siam dated January 1, 1946, and of the final peace agreement between Australia and Siam dated April 3, 1946. In accordance with arrangements made with the United Kingdom authorities through the Commonwealth Relations Office, Canadian claimants are entitled to submit their claims to this department for transmission to the <sup>B</sup>ritish Commonwealth Siamese Claims Committee in Bangkok.

Claimants must prepare their claims on the official claims form which will be supplied with notes for guidance on application to the Department of External Affairs. It should be noted that there is a separate form to be filled out in respect of property losses and personal injury or personal prejudice. All claims must be filed with the Siamese Government within eighteen months from the date of this announcement.