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## Canada's Position Is Outlined

**C**ANADA'S attitude toward the League of Nations and the basis on which the Dominion is prepared to lend its support in restoring the shaken authority of that organization were outlined clearly and forcibly by Mr. Mackenzie King at Geneva yesterday. He emphasized that final decision as to participation in any war would have to be taken by the Canadian parliament and that decision would be inspired by existing circumstances. In other words the Dominion does not propose to tie herself to collective pacts or sanctions programs that involve the obligation of going to war. At the same time, the prime minister said, Canada reaffirms her adherence to the fundamental principles of the League covenant as originally drafted—peace by conciliation and peace by collective coercion—but predicated upon universal acceptance of these terms. Today the United States, Germany, Italy and Japan—all leading nations—remain out of the League thus depriving it of that world-wide authority visualized as essential at the outset of the organization.

Mr. King's utterance has been already characterized at Geneva as isolationistic in tone. There is a growing volume of opinion in this country against involvement in European political intrigues. This trend of thought has been strengthened by developments in Europe just before and since the Italo-Ethiopian war. There is growing impatience in Canada as well as in the United States over the failure of leading nations in Europe to establish a permanent peace. Dictators are hourly threatening trouble and feverishly arming for another war, while the bitter memory of the last war is still fresh in mind. A disposition to give and take, to arbitrate differences of opinions, is entirely lacking. Two European nations stand outside the League of Nations and flout its prestige. Collective security has become a chimera for the time being while the dictators scoff at League consultations.

But so long as Great Britain remains in the League there is still reason to hope for rehabilitation of its prestige. British moves to that end are far from exhausted and out of the present state of ineffectiveness at Geneva more promising plans for the promotion and maintenance of peace in Europe may emerge. Canada and the other dominions stand prepared to give the Mother Country loyal support in any effort of the kind.