

The following statement by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands was issued by the Government of the Netherlands on June 23, 1948:

Before leaving your beautiful country where I came to spend a few restful days with my family I had the hope to return before leaving this address. I would like to express my very sincere appreciation of the warm reception the people of Canada have given me.

I had been looking forward very much to meeting the Governor General and Princess Alice. And I am glad that by extending my stay I was able to greet them and thank them for their very kind hospitality.

It is already two years since you whimsically extended your welcome to my daughter and myself, and no words of mine can express my gratitude for all the friendship and sympathy shown to them in these trying times.

I would like to take this opportunity to give utterance to my profound admiration for the courage and sustained efforts of the British Empire of which I have seen the best outstanding examples in Great Britain, and in which, as I well know, Canada plays such a great and important part.

A hard and difficult struggle still awaits us and we all are well aware that no efforts can ever be too great, no sacrifices too exacting to assure the final triumph of our common cause, freedom and justice in the world.

Temporary reverses should not dishearten us, united in full and purpose our confidence in ultimate victory remains unshaken.

Her Majesty, King George VI of Greece arrived in Montreal on June 23rd, 1948, and later proceeded to Ottawa on July 2nd. The King was accompanied by the Queen, the Princess Olga, the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Nikolaos Trikoupi, the General of Greece at New York, Mr. Nikolaos Trikoupi, Secretary to the King, and Mr. George Papadimitriou, Greek Minister in Canada. During the visit the King and the members of his party were the guests of the Governor General and the Princess Alice at the Ottawa Hotel. The King held a press conference in Ottawa on July 2nd, and on July 23rd participated in the United Nations Day ceremony held on Parliament Hill.

Mr. Patrick Duff of the United Kingdom High Commissioner's Office, Ottawa, during June for a brief visit to the United Kingdom.