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Canada's Part in Political Warfare to Enemy
and Enemy-Occupied Countries.

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1. In view of the importance of morale as a factor in the present war, intensive propaganda to enemy and enemy-occupied countries is being conducted on a considerable scale by the United Kingdom and the United States authorities. The activity is called political warfare in the United Kingdom and psychological warfare in the United States. The two major objectives are:

- (i) to weaken the morale of the enemy;
- (ii) to strengthen the morale of enemy-ruled populations.

The propaganda is spread chiefly by radio and by the distribution of printed material in various ways.

2. It has been found that Canada has a distinctive contribution to make to political warfare, within the framework of Allied strategy in this field, and in close cooperation with the United Kingdom and the United States. Only by participating in Allied political warfare directed towards Europe and the Far East can the Canadian authorities have a voice in the policies followed, control and direct the distribution of information relating to Canada and strengthen our position in an important sector of world information, not only in wartime but also with a view to Canada's place in the post-war world. The experience gained should prove useful when our own short-wave station is completed.

3. The particular contributions which Canada can make are shown by the many requests that have come from the United Kingdom and United States agencies. Officials of these countries who have been in consultation with Canadian officials have been eager to obtain our cooperation. While no facilities exist in Canada for disseminating information directly to enemy and enemy-occupied countries, considerable material has already been provided for distribution through United States and United Kingdom agencies to Europe and the Far East. This includes written material in various

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