

Perhaps, before I call on Mr. Attlee to speak, he will permit me to say how pleased I am to be again with my fellow members of Parliament, after an absence of seven weeks, and especially after the memorable visits I have just made to England and to the United States.

I should like immediately to express to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom my warm appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me by him and by other members of the British government during my sojourn in London. The exceptional opportunities afforded of conference with Mr. Attlee and his colleagues, as well as with members of the Opposition and with others, enabled me to gain a much wider knowledge of existing conditions in the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe, and of today's world problems. For Britain and for the people of Britain my visit has given me a greater admiration than ever. The courage and determination they displayed throughout the long years of war, have never been surpassed. Their fortitude and endurance in seeking today to overcome the privations caused by the devastation of war and to meet situations resulting from its horrors, are equally heroic and evoke feelings of the deepest sympathy and respect.

I should like also to say to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom how much it meant to me, as Prime Minister of Canada, to share with him in the conferences with the