

The following statement by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands was issued by the Department of External Affairs on June 23, 1942

Before leaving your beautiful country where I came to spend a few restful days with my family, (and where I hope to return before leaving these shores), I would like to express my very sincere appreciation of the gracious 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 wholeheartedly extended your welcome to my daughter and grandchildren, 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 immense and sustained war-effort of the British Empire of which I have seen the most 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 toil and purpose our confidence in ultimate victory remains unshaken.

4. His Majesty, King George II of Greece arrived in Montreal on June 28th, 1942, and later proceeded to Ottawa on July 2nd. The King was accompanied by the Hon. Emmanuel Tsouderos, Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Nicholas G. Lely, Consul General of Greece at New York, Mr. D. Nicolareizis, Secretary to the King, and Mr. George Depasta, 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, and the Canadian Government. The King held a press conference in Ottawa on July 3rd, and on July 4th participated in the United Nations Day ceremony held on Parliament Hill.

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