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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
ON THE LONDON MEETINGS.

SUGGESTED POINTS

1. Origin of meetings -

Proposed conference of Prime Ministers of Commonwealth nations to be held immediately prior to Conference at Paris to conclude treaties of peace with Italy, Finland, Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria.

2. Plans changed by circumstances

Delay and uncertainty in regard to Paris Conference;

Conflict of original date with Dominion-Provincial Conference;

Inability of Field Marshal Smuts to come to London until May;

Inability of Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. Chifley) to remain in London beyond first week of May;

Only practical procedure to have a series of meetings;