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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS
TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

London
May 24th 1927.

Anglo-Soviet Relations. Text of second part of statement to be made in Parliament is as follows. Begins:-

The Soviet Government cannot escape responsibility for the actions of the Trade Delegation and abuse of the facilities afforded to it. But the matter does not rest there. It would in any case be difficult to believe that while one organ of the Soviet Government, namely - the Trade Delegation, was thus breaking the solemn undertaking on the faith of which it was received, the other organ of that Government in this country, namely - the Soviet Mission, and the Government itself, were not parties to these proceedings. But the case against them does not depend on inference.

The Trade Agreement provided, inter alia, "that each party refrains from hostile actions or undertakings against the other and from conducting outside its borders any official propaganda direct or indirect against the institutions of the British Empire or the Russian Soviet Republic respectively". His Majesty's Government have on several occasions found it necessary to draw the attention of Soviet authorities to breaches of this angagement by the Soviet Emissary in China. These have always been denied.

Part II

On February 1st last Monsieur Rosengolz, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in this country informed his Government that it was essential to give a short explanation to the press.

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