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NOTIFICATION OF A STATE OF WAR WITH FINLAND.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom conveyed to the Finnish Government by means of a note addressed to them on the 28th November by the United States Minister at Helsingfors, as being charged with British interests in Finland, a message in the following terms:—

"On the 22nd September the Norwegian Government delivered to the Finnish Government on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom a message to the effect that if the Finnish Government persisted in invading purely Russian territory a situation would arise in which Great Britain would be forced to treat Finland as an open enemy not only while the war lasts, but also when peace comes to be made; but that if Finland should terminate her war against Russia and evacuate all territories beyond her frontiers of 1939 His Majesty's Government would be ready to study proposals for the improvement of relations between Great Britain and Finland.

"The Finnish Government's reply showed no disposition to respond to this overture nor have they ceased to pursue aggressive military operations on territory of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ally of Great Britain, in the closest collaboration with Germany. The Finnish Government have sought to contend that their war against Soviet Russia does not involve participation in general European war. This contention His Majesty's Government find it impossible to accept.

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in these circumstances find it necessary to inform the Finnish Government that unless by the 5th December the Finnish Government cease military operations and in practice withdraw from all active participation in hostilities, His Majesty's Government will have no choice but to declare the existence of a state of war between the two countries."

Since the reply of the Finnish Government made it clear that they had not complied with the above conditions, and did not intend immediately to do so, His Majesty's Government took steps to inform the Finnish Government that a state of war would exist between the two countries as from 12.01 a.m. (Greenwich Mean Time) on the 7th December.

NOTIFICATION OF A STATE OF WAR WITH HUNGARY.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom conveyed to the Hungarian Government by means of a note addressed to them on the 29th November by the United States Minister at Budapest as being charged with British interests in Hungary, a message in the following terms:—

"The Hungarian Government have for many months been pursuing aggressive military operations on territory of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ally of Great Britain, in the closest collaboration with Germany, thus participating in the general European war and making a substantial contribution to the German war effort. In these circumstances His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom find it necessary to inform the Hungarian Government that unless by the 5th December the Hungarian Government have ceased military operations and have in practice withdrawn from all active participation in hostilities, His Majesty's Government will have no choice but to declare the existence of a state of war between the two countries."

Since the Hungarian Government have returned no reply to this communication, and since the information at the disposal of His Majesty's Government affords no indication that the Hungarian Government intend to comply with the above conditions, His Majesty's Government have taken steps to inform the Hungarian Government that a state of war exists between the two countries as from 12.01 a.m. (Greenwich Mean Time) on the 7th December.

NOTIFICATION OF A STATE OF WAR WITH ROUMANIA.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom conveyed to the Roumanian Government by means of a note addressed to them on the 29th November by the United States Minister at Bucharest as being charged with British interests in Roumania, a message in the following terms:—

"The Roumanian Government have for many months been pursuing aggressive military operations on territory of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ally of Great Britain, in the closest collaboration with Germany, thus participating in

the general European war and making a substantial contribution to the German war effort. In these circumstances His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom find it necessary to inform the Roumanian Government that unless by the 5th December the Roumanian Government have ceased military operations and have in practice withdrawn from all active participation in hostilities, His Majesty's Government will have no choice but to declare the existence of a state of war between the two countries."

Since by midnight on the 5th/6th December no reply to this communication had been received from the Roumanian Government, and since the information at the disposal of His Majesty's Government afforded no indication that the Roumanian Government intended to comply with the above conditions, His Majesty's Government took steps at midnight on the 5th/6th December to inform the Roumanian Government that a state of war would exist between the two countries as from 12.01 a.m. (Greenwich Mean Time) on the 7th December.

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