

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Legation of the United States of America,
Wellington, N.Z., 26th May, 1944.

SIR,—

I have the honour to extend to the New Zealand Government by direction of the President of the United States the following invitation to participate in a conference of the United Nations for the purpose of formulating definite proposals for an international monetary fund and possibly a bank for reconstruction and development.

A note similar to the following, which has just been telegraphed to me by the Secretary of State in Washington, will be presented to the New Zealand Minister at Washington to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, Washington time:—

“The publication of the joint statement of technical experts recommending the establishment of an international monetary fund and setting forth the principles for such a fund has been deeply gratifying to this Government as marking an important step toward post-war international economic co-operation. Undoubtedly the Government and people of New Zealand have been equally pleased by this evidence of the desire of the United Nations and the nations associated with them in the war to co-operate in meeting the economic problems of the post-war world.

“The President of the United States of America now proposes, as a further step toward the realization of this objective, to call a conference of the United Nations and the nations associated with them, for the purpose of formulating definite proposals for an international monetary fund and possibly a bank for reconstruction and development. It would be understood, of course, that the delegates would not be required to hold plenipotentiary powers, and that the proposals formulated at the conference would be taken up with the respective Governments and authorities for their acceptance or rejection.

“I have the honour, therefore, on behalf of the President cordially to invite Your Excellency's Government to send one or more delegates to participate in a formal monetary and financial conference of the United Nations and the nations associated with them to be held in the United States, beginning July 1, 1944. I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the delegation of the United States to the Conference will be headed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The names of the other delegates of my Government, as well as information regarding the seat of the conference and arrangements for the meeting will be communicated to Your Excellency at a later date.

“Because of my Government's belief that the formulation of definite proposals for an international monetary fund and a bank for reconstruction and development in the near future is a matter of vital concern to all of the United Nations and the nations associated with them, my Government sincerely hopes to receive the favourable reply of Your Excellency's Government at the earliest possible moment, together with the names of all members of the New Zealand delegation.”

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) PRESCOTT CHILDS,

Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

31st May, 1944.

Sir,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th May and to thank you for the invitation you so kindly extended to the New Zealand Government on behalf of the President, to participate in a conference of the United Nations for the purpose of formulating definite proposals for an International Monetary Fund and possibly also a bank for reconstruction and development.

I have taken note of the terms of the communication which is being communicated by the Secretary of State in Washington to the New Zealand Minister there, and representatives of other Governments, and observe from this that the conference is to commence in the United States at some place yet to be nominated on the 1st July next.

I am not yet in a position to inform you of the name of the leader and other members of the New Zealand Delegation, but I shall get in touch with you again immediately I am in a position to let you have this information.

The New Zealand Government do share the view of your Government that the formulation of definite proposals for an International Monetary Fund and possibly also a bank for reconstruction and development is a matter of particular concern to the future wellbeing of all the United Nations and the nations associated with them.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) D. G. SULLIVAN,

Acting Minister of External Affairs.

The Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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