

I have made this statement rather lengthy because I felt it was due to the House to know the foundation on which the decision was built, and the story of the four years, and also the nine years before that, that brought into being the necessity to do what the United Kingdom has done.

I would be happy, if honourable members are willing, and if they think that there are some things that I have not dealt with, to try to give them the effects of the decision in relation to our own country. This statement I have made will automatically be printed in *Hansard*, but I think it would be helpful if I moved that it be laid on the table of the House so that each honourable member would have a copy. If that is the wish of honourable members, I could go further and give additional information. Whilst this would be a lengthy document it would be helpful if honourable members also had attached a copy of the statement of the Right Hon. Sir Stafford Cripps, in print, and the statement made by myself following Sir Stafford Cripps, together with the recommendations of the Washington Conference. If these statements and recommendations were printed with the statement which I have made this afternoon, it might help us to discuss the question with knowledge of the facts in the months that lie ahead.