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BRITAIN AT WAR

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**LEND-LEASE TO U.S.
TOTALS £216,000,000****BRITAIN'S £179,000,000
OF ARMS TO RUSSIA**VAST MUTUAL AID GIVEN - NO
RECORD KEPT

Up to the middle of 1943 the United Kingdom had made payments to the other members of the United Nations by way of Lend-Lease to a total of £2,250,000,000 in excess of the sums received from the Allied Nations.

This contribution to the Allied war effort was disclosed in a Government White Paper on mutual aid issued simultaneously with a report to Congress by President Roosevelt on Lend-Lease in reverse, summarised below.

Reports have been made regularly in the past on United States Lend-Lease, but this is the first occasion on which comprehensive reviews have been presented on the reverse operation. Following are among the outstanding contributions the British Commonwealth has made to June last.

United States received:

Buildings erected in U.K. for U.S. forces £92,000,000

Goods and services transferred in U.K. £82,000,000

Shipping services £42,000,000

Total to US from U.K. £216,000,000

From Australia £49,000,000

From New Zealand £12,750,000

From India £14,225,000

Russia received from U.K.:

Vehicles and tanks £93,000,000

Guns and ammunition £16,000,000

Aircraft and equipment £65,000,000

Industrial materials and naval supplies £5,000,000

These financial estimates, it is explained, do not cover more than part of the field in which aid has been given. For instance, the United States totals above are exclusive of the expenditure for supplies transferred in colonial theatres of war.

Then, too, no account has been taken of manifold services not to be estimated in terms of pounds and dollars.

An impressive range of such services is given by the President, who mentions, for instance, the provision of specially heated winter flying suits for American airmen, improved R.A.F. gunsights for American fighters, and special radio equipment

There are other vast omissions of which, designedly, no detailed record has been kept. For detailed accountancy, as the White Paper points out, over the whole field, our reciprocal aid to the United States alone would require several thousand of clerks and accountants.

Again, in the case of aid to Russia, the figures do not include the very large expense of conveying the stores and keeping open the routes - across Persia or the very hazardous sea voyage to the North.

Emphasis is laid on the way in which mutual aid between comrades in arms, and the transfer of goods and services without charge or calculation, assists the efficient prosecution of the war.