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FRENCH DEPUTIES IN U.S.A. BACK HERRIOT AND JEANNENEY

The following declaration has been made by French Deputies
at present in the United States:

The five French Deputies at present in the U.S.A. associate themselves wholeheartedly with the courageous declaration made against the Vichy Government's abuse of power by MM. Jules Jeanneney and Edouard Herriot, presidents of the Senate and of the Chamber of Deputies.

Their forceful protest proves the illegitimate and arbitrary character of this Government. The acts it performs do not bind France, which at present lacks a regular Government.

The undersigned deputies - convinced that they express the opinion of the great majority of their colleagues - are aware that MM. Jeanneney and Herriot are interpreting a sentiment which is almost unanimous among the French people. In allying themselves with ^{the} two presidents, these deputies also express the feelings of Frenchmen scattered throughout the world and especially of those who are at present the guests of the generous American nation.

As this is their first opportunity to make a joint statement, they are eager to express to General de Gaulle their feelings of admiration and of gratitude for the task which he has undertaken in creating and inspiring the movement of Fighting France.

(Signed) PIERRE COT, Deputy for Savoy and former Minister
EDOUARD JONAS, Deputy for the Alpes Maritimes
HENRI DE KERILLIS, Deputy for the Seine
HERVE DE LYROT, Deputy for Ile-et-Vilaine
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