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EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE TO COLONIES

Lord Cranborne, Secretary of State for the Colonies,
has sent the following Empire Day message to the Colonial Empire:

"The year that has passed since Empire Day 1941 has seen many dangers and some greivous losses. But it has also seen great exertions, and steady mounting of the power and resources of the Allied nations; and it has brought us to a stage where we can not only face the future with unshaken confidence - but can discern, perhaps as yet only faintly and in the distance, the promise of victory to come.

"In this wholehearted effort, the people of the Colonial Empire have shared and are sharing in full measure.

"Their devotion and their service have not only been of great material help to the cause for which we are fighting, but are an unfailing source of inspiration and encouragement to all of us here. To those people who are this day facing the enemy in the front line of his aggression, the heroic example of Malta must be a shining lamp and we all share the pride of that great little island in the award of the George Cross with which His Majesty the King has honoured its people and its garrison. To all of you I send from Britain an Empire Day ^{message} of good wishes and high confidence."

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