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*During the debate in the House of Commons on the Prime Minister's statement on February 22, 1944, many speakers referred to Mr. Churchill's words on Poland.*

*In this important debate Poland was but one of many problems discussed. To provide, in convenient form, for students of international relations the references to Poland during the two days' debate, we reprint below excerpts from Hansard, the official British Report of Parliamentary Debates, February 22nd and 23rd, 1944.*

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## The Prime Minister (Mr. Churchill)

. . . I took occasion to raise personally with Marshal Stalin the question of the future of Poland. I pointed out that it was in fulfilment of our guarantee to Poland that Great Britain declared war upon Nazi Germany and that we had never weakened in our resolve, even in the period when we were all alone, and that the fate of the Polish nation holds a prime place in the thoughts and policies of His Majesty's Government and of the British Parliament. It was with great pleasure that I heard from Marshal Stalin that he, too, was resolved upon the creation and maintenance of a strong integral independent Poland as one of the leading Powers in Europe. He has several times repeated these declarations in public and I am convinced that they represent the settled policy of the Soviet Union.