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£2,000,000 S. LONDON CONCERT HALL FOR 1951 FESTIVAL

A long-cherished London dream is about to be realized. On the South Bank of the Thames - near Waterloo - is being built a concert hall that will inaugurate, throughout Britain, a new era in the realm of art. The two million pound building will be opened in 1951, at the Festival of Britain. To lay the foundation stone of what will become a landmark in the heart of the Empire, comes Mr. Attlee. The Prime Minister, a Londoner by birth, comments on the capital's and Britain's lack of musical centres - and goes on to say:-

SPEECH

Underneath the foundation stone are buried documents and a daily newspaper together with a lead casket containing a new set of silver coins.

1951 will celebrate Britain's achievements over the last century. London's new concert hall will ring with praise of a nation's proud record.