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19. Establishment of Canada-United States Joint Defense Production Committee

It was announced on November 5, 1941 that the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States had accepted a recommendation of the Joint Economic Committees of Canada and the United States that a Joint Defense Production Committee be established for the purpose of coordinating most effectively the capacities of the two countries for the production of defense material.

The Resolution of the Joint Economic Committees is as follows:

WHEREAS:

(A) At Hyde Park on April 20, 1941, the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States agreed "as a general principle that in mobilizing the resources of this continent, each country should provide the other with the defense articles which it is best able to produce, and above all, produce quickly, and that production program should be coordinated to this end"; and

(B) The two Governments have established joint bodies in the field of military strategy (the Permanent Joint Board on Defense), in the field of primary materials (the Joint Materials Coordinating Committee), and in the field of general economic relations (the Joint Economic Committees); but

(C) No machinery has been established for the specific purpose of most effectively coordinating capacities of the two countries for the production of defense material;

THEREFORE, The Joint Economic Committees

RECOMMEND:

(1) That the Government of Canada and of the United States establish a joint committee on defense production to survey the capacity and potential capacity for the production of defense material in each country to the end that in mobilizing the resources of the two countries each country should provide for the common defense effort the defense articles which it is best able to produce, taking into consideration the desirability of so arranging production for defense purposes as to minimize, as far as possible and consistent with the maximum defense effort, maladjustments in in the post-defense period;

(2) That the said joint committee be directed to report report from time to time to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the President of the United States, with such recommendations as are found to be necessary to secure the purposes set forth above, as well as reports on progress made under their recommendations.