

- (b) The foreign relations aspect - Looking forward into the fourth Stage when conditions in Europe and in Germany will be approaching more normal, it would seem advisable for Canada to be represented with the United Nations on the ground from the point of view of "showing the flag". During this period foreign trade will be a subject of major policy between nations, and it is felt that by bearing a share of the Occupying Forces, the name of Canada as an international nation with international interests will be greatly strengthened.

It might be put forward that no occupying Army can possibly enhance either respect or favour for the country supplying it; in the case of Germany such would not seem to be the case, for, after the initial bitterness of defeat has worn off, the firm, but just and paternal rule of the Occupying Armies can hardly fail to be compared favourable with their former Nazi party bosses. Further whatever the reaction from Germany may be, we could hardly look for respect from the devastated countries of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Holland or France, were we to fail to accept our share of the burden of the Occupying Forces on the grounds of expense, or for any other reason for that matter.

On the other hand it is admitted that Canada's main contribution to the rehabilitation and settlement of Europe will be in the field of U.N.R.R.A., where we shall probably be the main source of supply of many of the basic food products so desperately needed. This should have most favourable effect in advertising Canada, but by the time Stage III or IV is reached U.N.R.R.A.'s free distribution of food will probably be over and nations and people have notoriously short memories in cases of benevolence.

Finally on this score the effectiveness of military control of Germany, particularly in the latter stages, would seem to be increased out of all proportion to the forces concerned if the front of the United Nations is maintained intact by a fully representative Army of Occupation. The presence of Canadian Forces would be a visible reminder that Canada is a force in World order and re-construction as well as in World War, and that the United Nations (and Canada as one of them), intend to stand together to finish the job.

- (c) Assuming that Stage II (estimated up to 2 yrs incl Stage I) will carry over after the defeat of Japan, a Canadian Army of Occupation - if on voluntary basis - would provide an outlet of interesting service for those men in the Army who will wish to adopt it as a profession. There is evidence that many of the troops overseas are interested in a more substantial standing Army in Canada, and feel that we should