

11. Also for the information of the Board, Admiral Jones stated that, should the programme for the establishment of Arctic weather stations be approved, the United States Navy would collaborate and provide transport to northern waters in the summer of 1947. They would welcome one or more Canadian naval vessels on this expedition.

12. The Secretary of the Canadian Section referred briefly to developments which had taken place since the last meeting with respect to military planning and cooperation, the most important of which had been the discussions between the Prime Minister and the President. The Canadian Government were examining with great care the various proposals put forward by the Board or under its auspices. In particular, the Draft 35th Recommendation had been considered and it was now possible to state that a recommendation by the Board along these lines would be approved by the Canadian Government. On this, and on other current matters, the Canadian Government were impressed with the importance of the political implications which must be taken into account as, indeed, were the Board. The Canadian Government concurred with the view of the President of the United States that it would be desirable to have certain defence questions reviewed jointly by the two Governments at this time. A proposal for diplomatic discussions had, therefore, been made by the Canadian Government through appropriate channels. The Board agreed that the outcome of these discussions would have an important bearing on its work.

13. Discussions which have taken place in the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, established on August 17th, 1940, have reaffirmed the importance of continuing to maintain in peacetime a close relationship between the armed forces of Canada and the United States. It is submitted that the obligations of the Governments of Canada and the United States under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security would be fulfilled more effectively through such a relationship. The Board, accordingly, makes the following Recommendation:

In order to make more effective provision for the security of the northern part of the western hemisphere, Canada and the United States should provide for close cooperation between their armed forces in all matters relating thereto, and in particular, through the following measures:

- (a) Interchange of personnel between the armed forces of both countries in such numbers and upon such terms as may be agreed upon from time to time by the respective military, naval and air authorities.
- (b) Adoption, as far as practicable, of common designs and standards in arms, equipment, organization, methods of training and new developments to be encouraged, due recognition being given by each country to the special circumstances prevailing therein.
- (c) Cooperation and exchange of observers in connection with exercises and with the development and tests of material of common interest to the armed services to be encouraged.