(G) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND AGREEMENTS

1. CREATION OF PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE

On the 17th of August, the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States met at Ogdensburg, N.Y., to discuss common problems of mutual defence. After the historic meeting, the following joint statement was issued:—

The Prime Minister and the President have discussed the mutual problems of defence in relation to the safety of Canada and the United States.

It has been agreed that a Permanent Joint Board on Defence shall be set up at once by the two countries.

This Permanent Joint Board on Defence shall commence immediate studies relating to sea, land and air problems including personnel and material.

It will consider in the broad sense the defence of the north half of the Western Hemisphere.

The Permanent Joint Board on Defence will consist of four or five members from each country, most of them from the services. It will meet shortly.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PERSONNEL OF JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE

It was announced on the 22nd of August that the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States had appointed the following to serve as members of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence:—

For Canada

Mr. O. M. BIGGAR.

Brigadier K. Stuart, Deputy Chief, General Staff.

Captain L. W. Murray, Deputy Chief, Naval Staff.

Air Commander A. A. L. Cuffe, Air Member, Air Staff, Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, Counsellor, Department of External Affairs, to be Secretary of the Canadian section.

For the United States

Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia,
President, U.S. Conference of
Mayors.

Lt.-Gen. Stanley D. Embick, Commanding the Fourth Corps Area Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga.

Captain Harry W. Hill, United States Navy War Plans Division, Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

Commander Forrest P. Sherman, United States Navy.

Lt.-Col. Jos. T. McNarney, Army Air Corps.

Mr. John D. Hickerson,
Asst. Chief, Division of European
Affairs, State Dept., to be
Secretary of the United States
section of the Joint Board.