

V. Recommendations.

The shipping problems involved in the U.K.-U.S. plan come primarily within the purview of The Canadian Shipping Board which has made certain recommendations in all of which the Committee on Merchant Shipping Policy concurs, more particularly:

- (i) That the U.K.-U.S. proposals for the establishment of an international maritime authority to exercise control of all shipping for a period of six months after the conclusion of hostilities in the Far East be approved in principle.
- (ii) That the invitation to attend the conference be accepted.
- (iii) (a) That in view of the fact the decisions which will be arrived at by the conference may be of considerable importance to Canadian Merchant Shipping, particularly to our Canadian Government owned fleet, and that the British Government has appointed Lord Leathers, British Minister of War Transport, to be head of their delegation, it is desirable that Canada be strongly represented at the conference, possibly with a Minister of the Crown as head of the delegation, and with the Chairman of the Shipping Board as one of the delegates.
 - (b) That the delegation be provided with qualified assistants competent to advise on the specialized questions which will arise.
- (iv) That the U.K. Government be informed:-
 - (a) That the Canadian government would be reluctant to impose general requisitioning but assumes that its present control will be recognized by the other governments concerned as being equivalent to or stronger than control by requisition because practically all Canadian tonnage is government-owned and the remainder is under the close direction and control of the Canadian Shipping Board.
 - (b) That the Canadian government would be prepared to accept the U.S. stipulation that controls be continued until six months after the end of the war with Japan if satisfactory agreements are reached elsewhere in the scheme whereby Canada's vital export and import shipping requirements are assured of consideration in all respects equal to that of other countries.

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