

2. The War Committee, after discussion, approved the Minister's recommendation.

Air; development of gas turbine propelled fighter aircraft

3. The Secretary submitted a memorandum, signed by the former Minister of National Defence for Air, representing that present conditions presented a favourable opportunity to develop gas turbine engines in Canada for R.C.A.F. purposes and recommending that the Department of Munitions and Supply negotiate contracts for the design and manufacture of twenty such engines and for three air frames of special design suitable for use in conjunction therewith.

These projects would involve estimated expenditures of \$150,000 during the fiscal year 1944-45, \$850,000 in 1945-46, and \$1,060,000 in 1946-47.

Copies of Mr. Power's memorandum had been circulated.

(Memorandum to the War Committee, Nov. 15, 1944 - C.W.C. document 899).

4. The Minister of Munitions and Supply and the Minister of National Defence felt that this proposal was of considerable importance and that approval should be given, at least for the preliminary work involved.

5. The War Committee, after discussion, approved the negotiation of contracts for the design of gas turbine engines and air frames as recommended, it being understood that the question of manufacture would be reviewed at a later date.

Army; allotment of forestry companies to Northwestern Europe

6. The Minister of National Defence reported that the 21st Army Group in Northwestern Europe had requested that five companies of the Canadian Forestry Corps be re-allocated from the United Kingdom to the Northwestern European theatre of operations.

This proposal involved no important manpower or financial considerations but might imply an additional commitment in Europe which might prove of long duration. It might be possible as an alternative to make use of local civilian labour for forestry activities in the theatre.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Departmental memorandum, Dec. 9, 1944 - C.W.C. document 907).

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