

ordinating production plans and policies in the two countries. Effective co-ordination in this respect would be an important contribution to the joint war effort. The joint Agricultural Policy Committee would not be a committee of the Combined Board but it would work in collaboration with it. It would receive information from the Board regarding requirements from North America and would supply information to the Board regarding Canadian and United States production plans. The joint Agricultural Policy Committee would make its recommendations directly to the two Governments.

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Mr. Pearson and Mr. Deutsch had an opportunity for an informal discussion with Mr. Wheeler in Washington. The possibility of the above approach came up in the discussion and, offhand, Mr. Wheeler thought that it was worth exploring. He emphasized the desirability of establishing a joint Agricultural Policy Committee along the above lines. He said he had briefly discussed his proposals, which he had made earlier, regarding the joint policy committee with Secretary Wickard and other officials in his department and that they had indicated general approval of the idea.