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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

JOINT U.S. - CANADA COMMITTEE: The Department of External Affairs announced on April 12 that a Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee was established on that day by an exchange of notes between the two Governments in Ottawa, following a series of discussions that began last June. This joint Committee will consist of the following:

For the U.S.: Dr. John R. Steelman, Acting Chairman, National Security Resources Board; Mr. Donald F. Carpenter, Chairman, Munitions Board.

For Canada: Mr. Harry J. Carmichael, Chairman, Industrial Defence Board; Mr. S.D. Pierce, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Trade and Commerce.

The agreement recognizes the mutual interests and complementary characteristics of the resources of the two countries. It will be the function of the new Committee to exchange information and co-ordinate the views of the two Governments in connection with planning for industrial mobilization in the event of an emergency. The new Committee is further charged with co-operation with the existing United States-Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defence, established in 1940 by the late President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, then Prime Minister of Canada.

A meeting of the Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee is contemplated in the near future.

MR. SAWYER TO OPEN FAIR: Hon. Charles Sawyer, United States Secretary of Commerce, has accepted the invitation of the Government of Canada to open the 1949 Canadian International Trade Fair on May 30, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on April 12.

"I welcome Mr. Sawyer's acceptance as a gracious expression of the growing interest in the Trade Fair in both government and business circles in the United States", said Mr. Howe. "It is a significant recognition of the community of interest of our two countries in all matters that have for their purpose the strengthening of our trade relations with each other and the expansion of international trade at large."

"In the preparations for this year's Trade Fair, special efforts are being made to attract a greatly increased attendance of buyers, and of business visitors generally, from the United States. Our Exhibition Commission, in placing particular emphasis on that objective, has had the benefit of generous and helpful co-operation from the Department of Commerce, at Washington, and from its field offices throughout the United States."

Mr. Howe pointed out that prospects for the 1949 Trade Fair are most encouraging. Manufacturers from thirty-two nations will display their products this year compared with twenty-seven in 1948.