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"It was agreed as a general principle that in mobilizing the resources of this continent each country should provide the other with the defence articles which it is best able to produce; and, above all, produce quickly, and that production programs should be coordinated to this end."

On this cornerstone we have built, in two and a half years, the vast mutual war industry that has surprised the world, that has tilted the scales of warfare in the direction of victory.

The landmarks of our cooperation are recorded in the various pieces of working machinery we have created, - the Ottawa office of the War Production Board, the Washington office of Munitions and Supply and of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board; and the various committees we have established, such as the Materials Coordinating Committee, formed in May 1941; the Joint Economic Committees, June 1941; the Joint War Production Committee, November 1941; the Standing Agricultural Committee, March 1943, and the Joint War Aid Committee, *August*, 1943.

("Mike" Pearson, our Washington friend and a member of the Joint War Aid Committee, has recently, as you know, been named Chairman of the United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture.) So listed these ably-manned cogs in our joint war machine sound dull and uninteresting, but each is a monument to the triumph of the cooperative idea in a new area of the war effort.

The Hyde Park Declaration and the steps taken to implement it have resulted in the complete integration, the complete interlocking of our war production programs. In forging the tools of war we have cooperated from aye
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