

Before Defence Board

"This matter has already received the attention of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence. Ordinarily, its recommendations are not made public, but this was of such interest that the recommendation of the Board in May 1947, was put in evidence by General Marshall at a Congressional hearing. James V. Forrestal, Secretary of Defence of the United States, gave evidence of the need for the project.

"In these circumstances, it is not surprising that the Governments of the United States and of Canada, accepting the advice of their principal military and civilian advisers, are pressing for authority to proceed with the completion of the St. Lawrence waterways as a combined power and navigation project in the interests of prosperity in peace and security in war."



AIR POLLUTION: REFERENCE TO JOINT COMMISSION

THE Department of External Affairs announced on January 12 that the Governments of Canada and the United States had agreed on terms of reference to the International Joint Commission requesting it to investigate complaints of air pollution along the International Boundary in the vicinity of Detroit and Windsor.

The terms of reference request the Commission to investigate complaints that vessels passing through the Detroit River are causing the pollution of air in the vicinity of those two cities. The reference also requests the Commission to ascertain other major factors which might be contributing to this air pollution by the discharge of smoke, soot and fly ash in quantities sufficient to be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare of citizens.

The reference, which is made under the provisions of Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty signed January 11, 1909, asks the Commission to conduct inquiries and to report to the two Governments upon a number of questions, and also calls for recommendations as to remedial or preventive works which may be considered necessary to prevent pollution of the air in the vicinity of the International Boundary.

