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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

ARMED FORCES STANDARDIZATION: Tripartite arrangements for collaboration in military standardization among the armed forces of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada were announced on December 19 in London, Ottawa and Washington.

These arrangements will insure that in time of necessity there will be no material or technical obstacles to full co-operation among the armed forces concerned and the greatest possible economy in the use of combined resources and effort will be obtained.

These arrangements are decentralized to the working level agencies of the armed forces of the three nations for study in the various fields of military equipment and operational procedures.

The studies which are carried on by exchange of observers among the three nations in connection with exercises and the development and testing of material of common interest, aim at the gradual development of common designs and standards in arms, equipment and training methods.

Co-operative arrangements for this purpose do not impair the control of any country concerned over any activities in its territory. No treaty, executive agreement or contractual obligation has been entered into by the participating nations.

These arrangements between Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, which

have been under discussion since July 1947, are a step towards the fulfillment of the wider arrangements under the North Atlantic Treaty Military Production and Supply Board which call for the promotion of "standardization of parts and end products of military equipment" in the North Atlantic area. They are similar to arrangements already made by the Brussels Treaty Powers.

CANADA AT THE UN: On December 17, 1949, the Security Council of the United Nations instructed the President of the Council to hold informal discussions with the parties to the Kashmir question and examine with them the possibility of finding a mutually satisfactory basis for dealing with it. Pursuant to this decision the President of the Security Council for the month of December, General A.G.L. McNaughton, the representative of Canada, has been meeting with the representatives of India as well as other interested parties. The consultations have been of an exploratory nature and are continuing. General McNaughton has also consulted with the Chairman and Members of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, with Lieutenant General Maurice H. Delvoie, Military Adviser to the Commission, and with Mr. Eric Colban, personal representative of the Secretary General to the Commission.