

cerned should not have to rely on Reston of the Times for their detailed information.

Articles of the Draft Treaty

6. *Article 1.* The draft as reported in your WA-3237 of December 24² is acceptable.

7. *Article 2.* I understand that the present draft reads as follows:

“The parties will encourage cooperative efforts between any or all of them to promote the general welfare through collaboration in the cultural, economic and social fields. Such efforts shall, to the greatest possible extent, be undertaken through and assist the work of existing international organizations.”

You may have noticed that the Prime Minister and I, in recent statements made both in the House of Commons and outside, have been stressing the paramount importance of the Treaty providing a basis for positive economic cooperation among the signatories and for it not being a mere military alliance. Article 2 is the only definitely non-military article in the draft treaty and it could scarcely be much weaker than it is. The Canadian Parliament and people will expect the Canadian Government to secure something a good deal stronger. Unless we can secure something a good deal stronger, we may face a definite weakening of support for the Treaty in the House and in the country. I should therefore be grateful if you would explain to your colleagues in the discussions the Canadian Government's position in terms of practical political considerations and do your best to get the article strengthened by the addition, after the first sentence, of sentences along the following lines:

“The parties agree to make every effort in common to eliminate conflict in their economic policies and to develop to the full the great possibilities of trade between them. The parties also undertake to make every effort in common to promote the attainment of a higher standard of living by their people and greater economic and social justice, and to bring about a better understanding of the principles which form the basis of their common civilization.”

8. *Article 3.* I think that the introductory phrase, “in order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Treaty” is unnecessary. All the Articles of the Treaty are included for the purpose of achieving the objectives, and it seems illogical to include this phrase in one Article alone. Should it be impossible to reach agreement on deleting the introductory phrase, I suggest as a matter of grammar that “more” should be deleted, or alternatively, “most” substituted.

9. *Article 4.* I continue to favour the inclusion of an article along the following lines, but have no serious objections to Article 4 as drafted at present:—

“The parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them,
(a) the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the parties is threatened;

or

² Volume 14, Document 481.