

would accept the solution put forward by General Burns. This would not give us in theory as high a status as that which he himself proposed for the Production and Resources Board, but it would, in his view, meet the practical requirements. I agree with him on this. We pointed out to him that Canadian membership on his Board would parallel very closely the situation respecting the Food Board. He agreed that this was the case.

Sir Robert has been greatly impressed by what he has seen of Canadian production. His suggestion concerning the Production Board may well have been prompted by this. It was a relief to find such a frank, friendly and realistic approach to the Combined Board problem from a senior British official.

I expect that he will have covered the same ground in his talk with you, but I think you might like to have this note of my conversation with him for the record.

Incidentally, we have not previously made any proposal for Canadian representation on the Combined Production and Resources Board, but we have reserved our position in this respect. At one stage in the negotiations about the Munitions Assignments Board, Hopkins informed Mr. McCarthy that he thought Canada should belong to the Production Board, and he also wrote to Donald Nelson to this effect. Presumably therefore Hopkins would not now oppose Canadian membership on the Production Board.

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