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has not been sought for these developments. The principal bodies have been established by agreement between the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, which alone are represented on them. There are, however, some other international bodies concerned with the problems of certain theatres of war on which other Governments are represented. The chief of these is the Pacific Council and another example is the Far Eastern Supply Council.

The machinery for co-ordinating the general direction of the war tends to be centered more and more in Washington in the six Combined Boards created there by the United States and the United Kingdom Governments. There are also two Combined Boards in London (Munitions Assignments and Shipping Adjustment), which match corresponding Boards in Washington. If the Boards grow in authority and prestige, as it is to be hoped that they will, their work will affect more and more the interests of other United Nations not represented on them. Canada is already concerned with the activities of all of the Boards. The prospect is that we shall become progressively more concerned. The Boards are advisory bodies, the proposals of which can be accepted or rejected. If they are to operate effectively, however, it is clear that their recommendations must command such weight that they will normally be carried out by all authorities concerned. The Boards in some degree supplement and in some degree replace the normal means of conducting international business.