

in 1957, and in the resolution, in 1963, of the troublesome problem of nuclear war-heads for Canadian weapons systems.

In recent years, the Board has found its most useful role in assuring that the medium- and long-range plans for the defence of North America of each of the two governments are formulated in full knowledge of, and in harmony with, the other's plans and thinking. Because of the Board's work in this area, consultations between the two governments on defence matters, whether in times of peace or crisis, may be undertaken on the firm basis of each country's full understanding of the other's position. In addition to assisting in the co-ordination of the plans of the two countries for North American defence, the Board is also frequently seized of bilateral defence problems that may have political implications and thus cannot be solved at the strictly military level by the Military Co-operation Committee.

The mixed military and civil membership of the Board, the prestige and experience it has acquired through the years and the flexibility of its procedures give it unique qualifications for dealing with the sensitive and complex problems that, under modern conditions, arise in connection with North American defence. The Board can be expected to continue to make an important and valuable contribution to the maintenance of mutually-beneficial relations between Canada and the United States.

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