

for the defense of the Panama Canal, although they were badly needed elsewhere.

ATHERTON: We did not have the equipment at that time, Mr. Fisher.

WRONG: I'd like to point out that standardization is a question of using resources economically and efficiently. After all, it was only in June of last year that the Charter of the United Nations was signed. Its basic principle is the pooling of resources against a breaker of the peace. We may all have been dissatisfied in the way it has worked so far, but we haven't given up that hope. And whatever may be accomplished in the way of developing common weapons and equipment won't be exclusively a matter for our two countries. Nor would it mean that Canada would merely adopt your models, although most people naturally think of it that way.

ATHERTON: I'd like to underline what you just said about the United Nations. But let's not be pessimistic. It was a terrific war and the problems of peace are correspondingly terrific. We are making progress and we are determined to make more.

FISHER: We all know that we must make more. Now---I have another question. It seems to me that the other day I saw figures which showed that over 20,000,000 visits to Canada have been paid by Americans this year.

WRONG: If you include all the crossings of the border by everybody, it would reach that figure.

ATHERTON: I don't suppose you could, strictly speaking, prove this, Mr. Fisher, but it's substantially correct: almost every other family in Canada has relatives on this side of the border. And, in the northern tier of our states, the same holds true for our people.

FISHER: Well, even if it's a standard reference in any luncheon or dinner speech, that doesn't alter the fact that it's a good point -- I'm thinking of the famous "undefended border" between us. The ease with which we can cross that border is one of the main reasons for the flow back and forth between us.