

production of atomic bombs, is because of the potentialities of vast destruction involved.

It should not be supposed that the control of the raw materials presently enjoyed by Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States will, for any length of time, prevent developments in other countries. Neither should it be imagined that the processes in manufacturing atomic bombs - now secret - will prevent, indefinitely, similar developments in other countries. Even with international measures of supervision and control, it will be but a matter of time before all processes are known to practically all nations. Hence the need for immediate action to seek every available means to end all possibility of war itself.

Preliminary discussions on Atomic Energy.

I come now to the Declaration on Atomic Energy signed at Washington, on November 15th last.

As hon. members are aware, I visited President Truman at the White House on September 30th, the day before I sailed from New York for England. During this visit, matters related to the atomic bomb were referred to in conversation between the President and myself. Mr. Truman invited me to visit him again on my return from abroad. He also told me that he was looking