

imports of uranium for civilian consumption through its enrichment regulations. Reference was made also by ministers to the importance of coal produced in the United States to the steel industry and to thermal power in Eastern Canada and the importance of the Canadian market to United States producers.

"It was noted that a prolonged and drastic disruption in overseas shipments of crude oil to the east coast of North America might require the diversion of some U.S.-produced oil to Eastern Canadian markets to meet shortages there. Ministers recognized that in such circumstances it would be reasonable to expect that Western Canadian supplies in excess of normal shipments would be available to offset United States supplies diverted to Canada. Any plans for such contingencies would need to be kept under review in the light of prospective demand and supply positions in Canada, the United States and the rest of the world. For 1971, it is expected that pipeline capacity would need to be fully used and it was agreed that arrangements should be worked out quickly to permit in subsequent years full and unimpeded access to United States markets of Canadian crude oil and petroleum products, surplus to Canadian commercial and security requirements.

"The Committee reviewed developments under the Automotive Products Agreement of 1965. It was agreed that officials would meet at an early date to discuss the question of the continuing need for the transitional arrangement and mutually beneficial improvements to the Agreement.

"The Committee noted with satisfaction, from the report of a joint working group established at the twelfth meeting of the Committee, that most of the problems relating to the movement of Canadians into the United States had been resolved by recent United States legislation.

"The members also reviewed ways of dealing with problems in cross-border trade in certain agricultural commodities and noted that agreement had been reached on establishment of a new consultative procedure in this regard.

"Discussion of the various matters considered during the meeting reflected the continuing adherence of the two governments to the original purpose of the Joint Committee, which is to ensure that their bilateral economic relations are conducted in a fully co-operative spirit marked by close, continuing and frank consultation.

"Ministers agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee in Washington, D.C., at a date to be announced."