

American experts. They will be reporting to us on the economics as well as on the engineering aspects of such an undertaking. Following the Commission's normal procedure, we will also be conducting public hearings in the areas directly affected, in both countries. For it has been one of the features of Commission operation to give full opportunity to local interests to make their views known. Finally, in the light of such representations, and of the reports prepared by our experts, the Commission will deliberate in private and, I fully expect, will in due course formulate recommendations for submission to the two governments.

The Commission's responsibilities also extend to improving and maintaining acceptable standards of quality in boundary waters. Here, its efforts over the years have had beneficial results, for example, in greatly improving the situation in the crowded Detroit-Windsor region and in the St. Croix River Valley in N.B., in both of which pollution threatened increasing injury to important national interests on both sides of the boundary.

Conclusion

This then is one method - in one important area of our affairs - for "dealing with Uncle Sam". Over a period of more than 50 years, Canadians have had reason to be satisfied with the results. The fact that Americans have probably had equal cause for satisfaction should not sully but rather enhance that record in Canadian eyes. It contributes a desirable sanity and permanence in our relations.

The principle behind the IJC is that, given mutual goodwill (assumed, despite recurrent difficulties between Canada and the U.S.), neighbouring countries, can, and should, resolve the problems which derive from their "neighbourhood" by an objective process of joint investigation and deliberation in the joint interest. The IJC is, in fact, based upon the conviction that, working together, Canadians and Americans can arrive at common decisions and formulate joint solutions, which are sound and just and to the common advantage of their respective countries.

Whether this same principle and similar procedures could usefully be extended beyond problems of the boundary seems to me worthy of consideration, on both sides, and this especially as Canadian-United States mutual involvement, and our "dealings with Uncle Sam", increase daily, in volume, complexity and significance.