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The Department of External Affairs announces that the first meeting of the Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee was held in Washington today (June 1). The meeting was primarily limited to a discussion of the organizational pattern to be followed in the light of the exchange of notes in Ottawa on April 12 that established the Committee. This exchange stemmed from a general agreement reached on June 7 of last year that the two Governments should exchange information on problems of mutual interest concerning the industrial mobilization planning activities of the two countries.

All members of the new committee were present and participated in the meeting. Those present were Mr. Harry J. Carmichael, C.M.G., Chairman, Industrial Defence Board of Canada; Mr. Sydney D. Pierce, C.B.E., Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, Canada; Dr. John R. Steelman, Acting Chairman, National Security Resources Board, United States; and Mr. Donald F. Carpenter, Chairman, Munitions Board, United States. The function of the new committee is to exchange information and co-ordinate the views of the two Governments in connection with planning for industrial mobilization in the event of an emergency.

There was general agreement on the following procedural points pertaining to the Committee's operations:

- (a) That the Committee would function under a joint chairmanship;
- (b) That the chairman for the U.S. would be the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and that the chairman for Canada would be the Chairman of the Industrial Defence Board;
- (c) That meetings in Canada would be chaired by the Canadian chairman and that meetings in the U.S. would be chaired by the U.S. chairman;
- (d) That meetings should be held at least semi-annually with the place of meeting alternating between the two countries;
- (e) That a single executive from each country responsible to his national chairman should be designated. Mr. Daniel Cox Fahey Jr. of the National Security Resources Board and Col. W. Gordon Denney of the Industrial Defence Board were so named to exercise the following functions:
 - (1) To co-ordinate all matters scheduled for consideration at meetings of the principal committee;

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- (2) To co-ordinate, in a central staff capacity for the principal committee, the specific activities of such joint sub-committees as may be required in the exchange of information in connection with industrial mobilization planning;
 - (3) To make all necessary advance preparations for each meeting of the principal committee;
 - (4) To maintain appropriate staff liaison with other agencies within his own Government.
- (f) That joint sub-committees as appropriate and under the co-ordination of the two executives shall be designated by the principal committee to consult and exchange information on specific activities of mutual U.S.-Canadian mobilization planning interest; that the summary of points discussed by the joint sub-committees and the action recommended be submitted through the two executives for consideration or review by the principal committee as necessary.
- (g) That the magnitude and scope of subjects for possible consideration and exchange of information is so great as to warrant careful study within both Governments as to the priority of approach to be taken in exploring these problems of mutual interest to Canadian and U.S. mobilization planning against the contingency of an emergency.
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