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The Department of External Affairs announces that a Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee was established today by an exchange of notes between the two Governments in Ottawa, following a series of discussions that began last June. This joint Committee will consist of the following:

For the U.S.:

Dr. John R. Steelman
Acting Chairman, National Security Resources Board

Mr. Donald F. Carpenter
Chairman, Munitions Board

For Canada:

Mr. Harry J. Carmichael
Chairman, Industrial Defence Board

Mr. S. D. Pierce
Associate Deputy Minister
Department of Trade and Commerce.

The agreement recognizes the mutual interests and complementary characteristics of the resources of the two countries. It will be the function of the new Committee 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. The new Committee is further charged with cooperation with the existing United States-Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defence, established in 1940 by the late President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, then Prime Minister of Canada.

A meeting of the Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee is contemplated in the near future.

Text of the notes follows:

TEXT OF UNITED STATES NOTE

Ottawa, Canada.

April 12, 1949.

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the common interests of Canada and the United States in defence, their proximity and the complementary characteristics of their resources clearly indicate the advantages of coordinating their plans for industrial mobilization, in order that the most effective use may be made of the productive facilities of the two countries.

The functions of the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Industrial Defence Board in Canada and those of the National Security Resources Board and the Munitions Board in the United States suggest that, for the present, it would be appropriate to use these agencies to assist the two governments in coordinating their industrial mobilization plans.

Therefore, my Government wishes to propose that the two Governments agree:

- (a) that a Joint Industrial Mobilization Committee be now constituted consisting, on the United States side, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and the Chairman of the Munitions Board and, on the Canadian side, of the Chairman of the Industrial Defence Board and a senior official of the Department of Trade and Commerce;
- (b) that the Joint Committee:
 - (i) exchange information with a view to the co-ordination of the plans of the United States and Canada for industrial mobilization;
 - (ii) consider what recommendations in the field of industrial mobilization planning in areas of common concern should be made to each Government;
 - (iii) be empowered to organize joint sub-committees from time to time to facilitate the discharge of its functions;
 - (iv) be responsible for cooperation with the Permanent Joint Board on Defence on matters of industrial mobilization.

/If....

If your Government is agreeable to the above proposals, it is understood that this note, together with your note in reply agreeing thereto, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter in force on the date of your reply and shall remain in force indefinitely subject to termination by either Government at any time on giving six months' notice.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Laurence A. Steinhardt.

His Excellency the Honorable
The Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa.

TEXT OF CANADIAN NOTE

OTTAWA, April 12, 1949.

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of April 12, 1949, in which you inform me that the Government of the United States of America wishes to propose that our two Governments agree:

- (a) that a Joint Industrial Mobilization Committee be now constituted consisting, on the United States side, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and the Chairman of the Munitions Board and, on the Canadian side, of the Chairman of the Industrial Defence Board and a senior official of the Department of Trade and Commerce;
- (b) that the Joint Committee:

- (i) exchange information with a view to the coordination of the plans of the United States and Canada for industrial mobilization;
- (ii) consider what recommendations in the field of industrial mobilization planning in areas of common concern should be made to each Government;
- (iii) be empowered to organize joint sub-committees from time to time to facilitate the discharge of its functions;
- (iv) be responsible for cooperation with the Permanent Joint Board on Defence on matters of industrial mobilization.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Canada concurs in the foregoing proposals and agrees that Your Excellency's note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this day and shall remain in force indefinitely, subject to termination by either Government at any time on giving six months' notice.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

L. B. Pearson

Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

His Excellency, The Hon. Laurence A. Steinhardt,
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