

Arrow Left Canada 'Boy Alongside Man' Urges Ties With U.K.

Montreal, Feb. 25 — (CP) — Canada should have maintained her defence connection with Britain after World War II as a counter-balance to growing U.S. might, Willson Woodside, permanent secretary of the United Nations Association of Canada, said yesterday.

"Had we (Canada) insisted that the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD) be set up as part of NATO, with at least token participation by other NATO members, we would not be left all alone today, a boy alongside a brawny man," he told a service club luncheon.

Despite the fact it seemed best after the war to shift from reliance on British armament and aircraft design to American—because of the danger of being cut off from Britain in a war—it would have been better to keep our British ties, Mr. Woodside said.

"Had we stayed with British arms, and put those we needed most into production here, we would have helped maintain the counter-balance at half the money cost," he said.

Behind the recent crisis caused by the Canadian government's cancellation of the Avro Arrow contract lies a far more serious issue, the effect on Canada's defence policy of increased dependence upon the U.S.

Three considerations point toward the case for arms reductions—the skyrocketing cost of defence weapons, the growing terror of extinction by war and the danger of atomic weapons spreading to other nations.

"Some people think the United Nations is not strong enough to bring peace," said Mr. Woodside. "I sometimes think they expected peace to come in out of a thundercloud. I am sure that we will have to take a thousand steps to peace, the kind which are being taken every day by the working agencies of the U.N."