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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT TROY:** On the evening of October 14 the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, is scheduled to speak to members of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, in acknowledgment of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws which is to be conferred on him there. Selections from the text of Mr. St. Laurent's address follow:

"...What I am going to do is to say something about the relationship of my country with yours; and the relationship of our two North American nations, with the rest of the world."

"The United States is now the most powerful nation in the world. Canada is even larger in geographical extent than the United States, but our population is less than one-eleventh, and our developed wealth only about one-sixteenth as great as yours. In other words, ours is a comparatively small nation living beside a very great one."

"Now, in our generation, the fate of many small nations with great neighbours has been anything but happy... How different our Canadian experience has been. It is one hundred and thirty-five years since Canadians and Americans faced one another as foes... In this twentieth century, even the possibility of conflict between your country and ours has receded from the minds of both our peoples... The establishment of a satisfactory relationship between great nations and their less-powerful neighbours is one of the most acute problems of our times. It is a commonplace to say that, in this respect, the attitude of the

United States towards Canada has set an example to the world."

"Certainly Canada has not fallen under your domination and equally certainly you have not threatened our separate existence as a nation. Although your country is more powerful than it has ever been, the Canadian nation today is more securely independent and self-reliant than we have ever been. But it would, I believe, be a mistake to think that the good relations between the United States and Canada are the inevitable result of circumstances; or that they do not need to be cherished, if they are to persist."

"...The present understanding between Canada and the United States for the maintenance of our mutual security is based upon an exchange of pledges made in 1938 by the late President Roosevelt and by my predecessor, Mr. Mackenzie King. The Ogdensburg Agreement of 1940 for the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, the Hyde Park Declaration of 1941, and the agreed statements on defence by your President and our Prime Minister of February 12, 1947, were based upon this common recognition of mutual responsibility for the defence of the whole continent... One of the principles of collaboration laid down in this statement of common policy is the encouragement of common designs and standards in arms, equipment, organization, methods of training and new developments."

"Our two countries have made considerable progress in working out plans for the standardization which is so obviously necessary if