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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

ADDRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER: The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, discussed world affairs in an address at a Richelieu Club luncheon in Montreal on March 5. The Prime Minister spoke in French. In translation his remarks read, in part, as follows:

"...The Christian nations have not lost hope of seeing some day the triumph of the universal principles of the San Francisco Charter. But they are all conscious of the necessity for them, until these ideals finally materialize, to ensure their security through the conclusion of regional pacts such as the North Atlantic Pact.

"As far as I am concerned, I am convinced that the best and most practical means of preserving the peace is to achieve, as soon as possible, union between all peace-loving nations.

"It is not enough to have right on our side; we must also have the necessary strength to ensure that it is respected. Only union can provide us with the required strength. Because I am convinced of that, I deem it my duty to spare no effort, with my fellow-countrymen as well as with the governments concerned, to obtain the early establishment of such a system of alliances.

"We do not want a third world war. We wish to go on living in peace with those who are dear to us. We must do everything to avoid a new catastrophe.

"You all know that Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg have signed

the Brussels Treaty. You know that the Brussels Treaty is a guarantee, for these members of the Western Union, of the closest political, economic and military co-operation. But these European nations, weakened by the last war, are no more able to ensure by themselves their own security and the preservation of international peace than could the United States or Canada alone.

"This is why it is important to achieve union of all these nations as soon as possible through a powerful system of collective security.

"In that spirit, representatives of Canada, the United States and the Western Union countries have already been studying for several months the possible terms of a North Atlantic Security Pact.

"I hope that these talks, now taking place in a cordial atmosphere, will bring about the negotiation of a treaty. Once its clauses have been defined the Canadian Parliament, as far as our country is concerned, will be called upon to accept or reject them.

"You will all admit, I think, that our geographic position, our historic ties, our security and our Christian traditions demand that Canada take a place within this community of European nations.

"It is a secret to no one that the Communist leaders of the Soviet Union are dreaming of world domination. To achieve this end, they rely as much on the weakening of the democracies as on the might of their own armies.