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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**APPROVE PARIS AGREEMENTS:** The House of Commons on January 26 voted 213 to 12 for ratification of the Paris agreements for admittance of a rearmed West Germany into the North Atlantic Alliance.

All 12 opposed were C.C.F. members, whose leader, Mr. M.J. Coldwell, had supported the Government's resolution. Liberal, Progressive Conservative and Social Credit groups voted solidly for ratification.

The 24-man C.C.F. group split three ways. Twelve voted against, five abstained and five voted in favour. Two were absent.

The debate had lasted five days and was concluded, prior to the vote, by an appeal from the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, for unanimous approval.

Reaffirming his confidence "that we are now on the right path, and that the agreements we drew up in London and Paris will make an important contribution to security and peace," the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, moved in the House of Commons on January 20 for the approval of the protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the accession of the Federal Republic of Germany.

"From the foundations of defence strength and constructive unity which they will provide the West," he said in the closing paragraph of his address on that occasion, "I sincerely trust that it will now be possible to convince

the Soviet leaders of our firm intention, and indeed determined resolution, to defend ourselves without in any way menacing them, or without rejecting any opportunity to ease a state of international tension which is both sterile and dangerous."

He said at the outset that, incomparably, the most important political problem facing Canadians today was the danger of the cold war becoming a blazing thermo-nuclear one which would threaten the existence of the whole human race.

Speaking of the proposed participation of the Federal German Republic in NATO, he said:

"I think hon. members would delude themselves if they conceived of the people of the German Federal Republic today as a nation of militarists straining at the leash for freedom to rearm, to tax themselves for weapons, and to conscript themselves for military service.

"The fact is that in Germany, as elsewhere, there is revulsion against war and militarism from which Germans as well as the rest of us have suffered so much and so recently.

"In the Federal Republic of Germany today as elsewhere in free countries, rearmament, when it is supported - and there is a strong body of opinion in Germany which does not support it, some from good motives and some from bad motives - but where rearmament is supported in Germany today, as it is supported by the