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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**IN PARLIAMENT:** The two Houses of Parliament have resumed sittings following the Christmas recess (P. 11-12). In both Senate and House of Commons debate on the Address proceeded but was not concluded. In the Upper House, Senator Rupert Davies, replying to critics, said he hoped nothing would be done to change the Senate. I think, he said, the Senate is all right just as it is.

In the Commons, yesterday, John G. Diefenbaker (P.C. Lake Centre), referring to a charge of conspiracy to publish a defamatory libel now before the Alberta courts, urged amendment of the Criminal Code to safeguard the principle that editors and publishers can be tried for libel only in the province where their publication originates.

For two days, the Commons debated the Emergency Exchange Bill on second reading. The debate will be continued.

**U.N. ECONOMIC COUNCIL:** Canada will be represented at the sixth session of the U.N. Economic and Social Council (which is to be held in New York beginning February 2) by the following delegation:

Delegate: Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare  
Alternate: Dr. G.F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare (Welfare)  
Advisers: Miss Dorothy Burwash, Economic Division, Department of External Affairs  
R.B. Curry, Department of National Health and Welfare

S. Pollock, Department of Finance  
L. Roy, American and Far Eastern Division, Department of External Affairs  
J.H. Warren, United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs.

R.G. Riddell, United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs, will attend the preliminary meeting of the Agenda Committee and will be present from time to time as alternate delegate.

**NEWFOUNDLAND DISCUSSIONS:** The Newfoundland National Convention, January 28, voted 29 to 16 against recommending to the U.K. Government the inclusion on the ballot of any question about union with Canada. Replying to questions in the House of Commons yesterday, the Secretary of State for External Affairs said the vote did not close the door to further negotiation. The Convention was an advisory body. Its decisions, according to advice received, were not binding either on the people of Newfoundland or on the U.K. Government.

The Canadian Government, Mr. St. Laurent added, had stated terms which, in its opinion, would be fair for union and was taking no part whatever in presenting those terms to the people of Newfoundland, nor would the Canadian Government venture to do so nor say anything which might be regarded there as an effort to influence the decision of the free people of Newfoundland.