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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**PROVISIONAL REGIME:** The following is the text of the statement made by General McNaughton on May 4 in connection with the Cuban Resolution adopted by Committee 1 of the United Nations:-

"While reserving the right to speak on the amendment submitted by the representative of Cuba after I have seen the text I should like to make some preliminary remarks on his suggestion that this Committee might establish a sub-Committee to formulate and report to this Committee a proposal for a provisional regime for Palestine. I should like to emphasize that the purport of my remarks yesterday was that we are dealing with an immediate emergency situation of finding ways and means to prevent serious conflict from breaking out in Palestine, and to this end we should give priority to the consideration of what further measures can be taken by the United Nations in helping the parties to make effective the truce called for by the Security Council.

"In this connection, reference has been made to the need for some custodian commission, some neutral body to which certain specified functions might be transferred temporarily by the mandatory power after May 15, as suggested to this Committee yesterday by Mr. Creech-Jones. It seems to me that, in order to secure effective action in this regard, we should

bear in mind the importance of co-ordinating the various activities which are now going on in various organs of the United Nations.

"In addition to our own discussions in the Committee, we have the efforts of the Security Council to secure a truce for the whole of Palestine, the efforts of the Trusteeship Council to secure special arrangements for the protection of Jerusalem, including the Holy Places, and the Truce Commission of the Security Council which is operating on the spot.

"Attention has also been drawn to the difficulties in which we find ourselves, owing to the swift march of events in Palestine and the inevitable delays in communication consequent to the disturbed conditions in that country. These conditions must also be taken into account if our plans are to be related effectively to the realities of the situation.

"I would suggest therefore that, rather than attempt to work out some provisional arrangements on a theoretical basis here in a sub-Committee, we should try to work out provisional arrangements of the kind to which reference has been made on a practical basis. I think we might consider asking the Truce Commission, with the assistance of the mandatory power and the representatives of the Jews and Arabs, to co-operate in working out specific proposals which might then be con-