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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

MR. ST. LAURENT'S TORONTO SPEECH: The following is the text of the concluding portion of the speech delivered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, on International Day, September 7:

"....Canada and the other democracies, while making no compromise over their fundamental freedoms, must try to find some basis of co-existence with totalitarian governments, if only on that of mutual toleration. The best way to do that, I suggest, is to broaden the areas of democratic freedom and deepen the sources of democratic strength. The human spirit cannot permanently be enslaved even by the most ruthless despotism. Freedom will be sought, even if it means jumping out of windows! Without intervening in the domestic affairs of any country, the democracies must, by precept and example, encourage freedom everywhere. The democracies must also stand firmly together against every Communist aggressive action or demand.

"We must do our best - as Canada has done along with other peace-loving states - to make the United Nations an effective agency for international co-operation and understanding; and prevent it becoming - as the communist states are trying to make it - an agency for bitter and aggressive political war-mongering. If there are those who are determined to debase the United Nations to these evil ends,

well - as Mr. Vishynski said at the recent Belgrade conference - 'They were free to come - they are free to go.'

"The United Nations is our present vehicle for universal and organized international co-operation. It embodies the hope for the solution of differences without resort to force. It would be a supreme tragedy if this hope were brutally destroyed by the actions of certain states who have suffered so terribly from war and who have so much to gain from the effective operation of an organization designed to prevent a recurrence of that suffering. We want, with all our hearts, to keep in that organization of the United Nations, all states who subscribe to the principles and purposes of its Charter. But better no United Nations at all than one permanently reduced to futility and worse, by the actions of some of its members.

"If the United Nations in present conditions cannot - and we know it cannot - guarantee the security of its members, that does not mean we need sit back and wait for tyranny and aggression to attack and destroy the democracies one by one.

"If co-operation to preserve the peace within the United Nations is impossible on a universal basis, it is possible for the free and peaceful democracies to organize their forces on a regional basis, to ensure collective resistance to and collective defeat of aggression, direct or indirect, from whatever