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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

MR. PEARSON'S NEW YORK SPEECH: A plea for the acceptance among the free nations of "each other's assurances of sincerity and good faith in dealing with these questions of security and subversion" was voiced by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, at the annual dinner of the English-Speaking Union of the United States in New York City on November 23.

"The occasional traitor in any of our countries can do much harm to all of us," he said. "But I venture to say he cannot do nearly as much harm to our security as suspicion and lack of mutual trust can do to the co-operation and unity of the coalition on which our security must largely rest."

The following is the partial text of Mr. Pearson's address:

"It is customary these days, and very wise, to plead, for patience in the face of the difficulties that stem from the Cold War, for a minimum of provocation and a maximum of steadiness and understanding. I suggest that one way of strengthening English speaking unity is for the rest of us to show some of that patience - and understanding - of American leadership and American policy. We should also not hesitate to speak out in public recognition of the generosity, the constructive energy and imagination of the American people as they carry the Atlantean burden of world leadership and power; something which they

never sought but which they are bearing in a way which may already have meant our salvation from those aggressive, expansionist forces eager to destroy our freedom and erase our future.

"We Canadians claim the special privilege, as a close neighbour and a candid friend, of grousing about our big, our overwhelming partner, and of complaining at some of the less attractive manifestations of her way of life. It makes our own junior status seem relatively superior and helps us forget some of our own problems and mistakes. But we Canadians also know, from our own experiences and from our relationship with the United States, which is closer than that of any other country, that the sound and fury of contemporary clamour, while it may at times mar and even conceal, cannot destroy the noble qualities and the deep strength of this land on whom there now rests (for there is no other strong foundation) the hopes of all peoples, not merely English-speaking peoples, for free existence.

"The ceaseless roar of Broadway is only a small part of the American scene and behind the pushing and shoving of the Manhattan crowds are millions of good and godly people, in quiet New England towns, on the rich soil of the Midwest, or in thousands of other places where Americans are working hard and unselfishly to build up a good society in a decent world. We other English speaking peoples do