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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

IN PARLIAMENT: Over four days of the week, the House of Commons debated -- at times with considerable warmth -- a motion by the Prime Minister for creation of a special fact-finding committee on recent increases in the cost of living. Both Progressive Conservatives and C.C.F. moved amendments to broaden the scope of inquiry and authorize the committee to make recommendations. The amendments were ruled out of order and, on appeal, the House sustained the Speaker's rulings (P. 8-9). At adjournment last night debate was not concluded.

(The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index rose 2.3 points during December 1947. Increases in the index between January 1947 and January 1948 amounted to 21.3 points. Yesterday, for the second day in succession, grain prices dropped the permissible limit on all United States markets).

UNITED NATIONS: During February, General McNaughton presides at meetings of the U.N. Security Council. The Council has under consideration the issue between India and Pakistan. Meeting also at Lake Success N.Y. is the U.N. Economic and Social Council to which the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Paul Martin, is chief Canadian delegate (P. 5-7).

Yesterday, the Economic and Social Council dealt with the report of the Commission on Human Rights. Debate on parts of the report

dealing with the general plan of work was concluded. Remaining chapters of the report dealing with communications, freedom of information and the Press, prevention of discrimination, protection of minorities and other matters were referred to the Social Committee of the Council for further examination.

MISS SCOTT CAPTURES OLYMPIC: Miss Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa captured the women's Olympic Figure Skating championship at St. Moritz, Switzerland, today. Miss Scott's performance in the free skating trials was almost perfect. Her marks are reported at from 5.3 to 5.6 out of a perfect score of six. In the earlier compulsory figures, she also held top position among 25 women from 11 countries.

She is the first Canadian to capture the Olympic in figure skating.

WHOLESALE PRICES INDEX: The index number of industrial material prices rose from 145.0 for the week ending December 26 to 147.6 for the week ending January 30. Among the more important commodities to show increases were wood pulp, oats, livestock and tin ingots.

Canadian farm products moved from 130.9 to 133.7 in the same period. Declines, concentrated mainly in the latter half of January, for hides, eggs and wool, were outweighed by advances in grains, livestock, milk and potatoes.