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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**PARLIAMENT SUMMONED:** The Prime Minister announced at an Ottawa Press conference yesterday that Parliament will meet Dec. 5 to discuss, among other important matters, the Geneva trade agreements. (P. 8)

Twenty-three countries, including Canada, signed a multilateral agreement in Geneva yesterday, the final act of the Geneva Trade Conference. The agreement was drawn up after six months of negotiation. Max Suetens, Belgium, chairman of the preparatory commission, who presided at yesterday's Geneva ceremony, described the agreement as a landmark in the economic development of the world, as unique in its character, scope and application.

Subsequent to the Press Conference, Mr. Mackenzie King left Ottawa for London to attend the Royal Wedding. During his absence, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. St. Laurent, will be acting Prime Minister.

**NEW PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS:** Six new Parliamentary assistants have been appointed. They are:

Ralph Maybank, Liberal M.P. for South Winnipeg, to assist Health Minister Martin;  
Walter E. Harris, Liberal M.P. for Grey Bruce, as External Affairs Minister St. Laurent's assistant;

Paul Emile Cote, Liberal M.P. for Montreal Verdun, assistant to Labour Minister Mitchell;  
Robert McCubbin, Liberal M.P. for Middlesex,

as Agriculture Minister Gardiner's assistant;  
Robert H. Winters, Liberal M.P. for Queens Lunenburg, as Revenue Minister McCann's assistant;

Gleason Belzile, Liberal M.P. for Rimouski, as Finance Minister Abbott's second assistant.

**UNITED NATIONS:** The Assembly Political Committee, on a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution presented jointly by Canada, France and Australia urging active propaganda for peace. (P. 7-8). In the Social Committee, Canada, with Britain and South Africa, defended the Press freedom of Western democracies. (P. 7-8). In the Political Committee on the issue of Korean independence, J.A. Bradette M.P. for the Canadian delegation supported the U.S., as against the Russian Proposal. The U.S. proposal calls for the early general election of a Korean national assembly and the formation of a Korean national government, then withdrawal of all occupation forces. All subject to U.N. supervision. The U.S.S.R. proposed the simultaneous withdrawal of U.S. and Soviet forces by the beginning of 1948 "to enable the Korean people to establish a government of their own."

Mr. Bradette held a premature withdrawal of occupation forces would serve only to precipitate chaos and disunity, especially in view of the political and economic division imposed on Korea during the occupation.