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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**MR. ST. LAURENT ON SECURITY:** "It is unfortunate that we should have to expend so much energy and so much money in order to keep constant guard over our positions," said the Prime Minister, Mr. L. St. Laurent, in an address at the new Royal Military College, St. Johns, Que.; on October 13. "However, everybody realizes that the defence of our country and of the other free nations is essential to our well-being and to our security and we, therefore, are willing to accept the sacrifices that a constant vigilance demands."

"The method we have adopted to prevent war is to align forces which no power will dare attack. If an aggressor dared to take the risk he would find himself subdued by those forces."

The Prime Minister spoke on the international situation, in part, as follows:

"The uncertainties of the international situation and the need for us to be ready to defend ourselves against any possible attack add to the importance which the Government and the country attach to the success of the Royal Military College of St. Johns. That need, unfortunately, leaves us no choice, no alternative. We know what happened to the independence and the freedom of those countries which did not meet that need soon enough."

"Military defence has become in Canada as it has in a great many other countries a permanent institution whose efficiency does not

depend solely on the resources, the manpower and the financial means of the nation.

"That defence, for which the nation provides what I would call the tools, must be organized, prepared and kept up to date by the military experts, who must not only have the technical knowledge but also those qualities of physical and moral discipline indispensable to any soldier who is anxious to carry out his professional duties effectively."

"In this age of mechanization and numerous scientific developments, warfare undergoes swift changes and its techniques are always in need of adjustment. Your curriculum is constantly being revised and the weapons of war are constantly being improved, but the moral and intellectual qualifications of the soldier remain the same: a sense of duty, discipline and order, courage, quick thinking, imagination, steadfastness of purpose."

"These qualities which you are striving to acquire, you will have to foster in those you will be called upon to command later on."

"While teaching you warfare, your instructors no doubt remind you of the reasons which justify and necessitate these defence preparations which the nation is building up, but as one who, with his colleagues, is responsible for the Government of your country, may I remind you briefly of the reasons for our defence policy."