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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

IN PARLIAMENT: Two no-confidence motions were submitted in the House of Commons this week, as Parliament got under way on its first full week of deliberations. First among the party leaders to participate in the opening debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, George Drew, moved the main amendment to the Address. After the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, had intervened with a speech in reply to Mr. Drew, the Leader of the C. C. F. Party, M. J. Coldwell, moved his party's submission in the form of an amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Drew's four-point proposed amendment read as follows:

"We respectfully submit to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's advisers have:

"(1) failed to take adequate measures to preserve and expand markets for Canada's surplus products of farm, forest, sea and mine, and to deal with the problems of increasing unemployment and reduced income to Canadian farmers and other producers; and

"(2) failed to take steps to inaugurate a national contributory system of old age pensions without a means test; and

"(3) deliberately violated a law of this Parliament by illegally suppressing the report of the Commissioner under the Combines Investigation Act on the flour milling industry for ten months, including the period of the recent general election campaign, and denied

to Parliament information essential to the performance of its duty and the maintenance of responsible government; and

"(4) failed to take adequate measures to curb espionage and other harmful activities of communists in Canada.

"For these and other reasons we respectfully submit that your Excellency's advisers are not entitled to the confidence of this House."

Mr. Coldwell's subamendment would make the proposed main amendment read:

"We respectfully submit to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's advisers have:

"(1) failed to take adequate measures to preserve and expand markets for Canada's surplus products of farm, forest, sea and mine, and to deal with the problems of increasing unemployment and reduced income to Canadian farmers and other producers; and

"(2) failed to take steps to inaugurate an over-all social security programme including national health insurance and the removal of the means test from the old age pension; and

"(3) deliberately violated a law of this Parliament by illegally suppressing the report of the Commissioner under the Combines Investigation Act on the flour mill industry for ten months, including the period of the recent general election campaign, and denied to Parliament information essential to the performance of its duty and the maintenance of responsible government...."