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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE:** The paragraphs in the Speech from the Throne which forecast parliamentary action at the 21st Session of Parliament, opened on September 15 by His Excellency, the Governor General, are as follows:

"...With the admission of the new Province of Newfoundland the Canadian nation attained the geographical limits planned by the Fathers of Confederation. You will be asked at the present session to approve measures designed to facilitate the attainment of the constitutional limits of our nationhood. To this end, a Bill will be introduced to amend the Supreme Court Act so that the Supreme Court of Canada will become the final Court of appeal for Canada.

"You will also be asked to approve addresses praying the Parliament of the United Kingdom to vest in the Parliament of Canada the right to amend the constitution of Canada in relation to matters not coming within the jurisdiction of the Legislatures of the Provinces nor affecting the constitutional rights and privileges of the Provinces or existing rights and privileges with respect to education or the use of the English and French languages.

"My Ministers will seek to arrange for early consultation with the provincial Governments with a view to agreeing upon an appropriate procedure for making within Canada such other amendments to the constitution as may from time to time be required.

"The hopes held four years ago for world peace and security under the aegis of the United Nations have not yet been realized. The menace of Communist totalitarianism continues to threaten the aspirations of men of good

will. It is however, gratifying that the North Atlantic Treaty has been brought into effect and is already proving its worth in lessening the risks of armed aggression....

"A measure will be introduced to consolidate the legislation respecting the defence forces and the Department of National Defence....

"While more housing units are being built this year than ever before the demand for housing continues. Following discussions with the Governments of the Provinces your approval will be sought for legislation to broaden the scope of the National Housing Act.

"A Bill to provide for the continuance of functions now vested in the Department of Reconstruction and Supply, including the ministerial responsibility for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, will be placed before you for your approval.

"You will also be asked to approve a measure to enable the Government to assist in the provision of a trans-continental highway....

"Measures demanding your consideration will include a Bill respecting a National Trade Mark and True Labelling; a Bill respecting Forest Conservation; a Bill to incorporate the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation; a Bill respecting assistance to the ship-building industry and merchant shipping; a Bill to extend the life of the Export and Import Permits Act; and Bills to amend the Exchequer Court Act, the Industrial Development Bank Act, the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act, the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, the Customs Act, and the Veterans' Land Act of 1942...."