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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

RAILWAY STRIKE AVERTED: On the basis of a 17-cent an hour wage increase, retroactive to March 1, the railway unions and the railway companies reached agreement on Wednesday, averting a country-wide railway strike scheduled for 6 a.m. local time yesterday. The agreement followed a series of union-company-Government conferences stretching over five days. The original demand of the men, made last December, was for a 35-cent an hour increase.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS: The United States has submitted a draft resolution to the Security Council under which the Council would determine the situation in Palestine as a threat to peace within the meaning of Article 39 of the Charter and order the governments and authorities concerned to cease fire within three days after the passage of the resolution. The United States proposal, supported by Canada, Britain, France, Columbia and Belgium, will require seven votes to pass the 11-member Security Council.

Andrei Gromyko (U.S.S.R.) favoured a cease-fire order but supported Israeli objections to a section of the resolution restricting immigration and importation of arms into Palestine.

Gen. McNaughton (Canada) supporting the resolution said the Council had no alternative but to employ imperatives under present circumstances. Canada fully recognized the gravity of the step but considered that hostilities had to be ended in order that efforts towards a lasting settlement could be resumed.

On the question of the Security Council veto, the Interim Committee of the General Assembly adopted an Argentine resolution recommending that the General Assembly at its next session should consider whether the time has not come to call a general conference of the United Nations for revision of the United Nations Charter (P. 6-7).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL: The United Nations Economic and Social Council opens its seventh session in Geneva, July 19. The Canadian delegation will consist of:

Delegate: L.D. Wilgress, Canadian Minister to Berne.

Alternate: Dr. G.F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Advisers: H. Allard, Canadian Embassy, Brussels;

S. Pollock, Department of Finance;

L.A.D. Stephens, Canadian Legation, Berne.

The Economic and Social Council is composed of representatives of 18 states, members of the United Nations. Members are elected for three years. Canada's term of service expires at the end of this year.

DEATH OF R.B. HANSON: The death occurred in Fredericton, N.B. July 14 of Hon. R.B. Hanson who for three war years led the Progressive Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons. Mr. Hanson was Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Bennett Government.