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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**IN PARLIAMENT:** The House, in Committee of the Whole, continued consideration of the Emergency Exchange Bill which authorizes restriction of imports to correct shortage of U.S. dollars. A C.C.F. amendment to confine import prohibitions to U.S. dollar countries (C.W.B. February 13, P. 1) was defeated by 49 to 42. A Progressive Conservative amendment to limit life of the Bill to 15 months, unless renewed by parliament, was negatived by 40 to 29. At present, the Bill expires on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

Committee stage on the Bill is not concluded.

The Minister of Finance announced revision of schedules in Exchange Conservative Measures (P. 13-14).

Debate on the Address, which opened Dec. 8 and has been continued at intervals since, was not concluded at adjournment last night.

The special House committee continued its inquiry into recent increases in the cost of living.

**AT THE UNITED NATIONS:** Palestine and Korea have become major issues in the United Nations (P. 12-13). Before the Security Council is a unanimous report from the five-member Palestine Commission asking for armed assistance to avert "great bloodshed and human suffering" in Palestine. Press reports from Jerusalem give an official death toll of 1,281 in the Holy

Land since the U.N. General Assembly voted for partition on November 29.

The Temporary Commission on Korea has asked the Little Assembly for advice and guidance in view of the negative attitude of Soviet authorities in Northern Korea. The six countries of the Soviet bloc again boycotted the Little Assembly when it met yesterday.

The Korean Commission consists of representatives of Australia, Canada, China, El Salvador, France, India, the Philippines, Syria and the Ukraine. But, the Ukraine has not taken part in the commission's work.

Both Security Council and Little Assembly meet again Tuesday.

**IMMIGRATION FROM U.K.:** The Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Glen, announced today that arrangements have been concluded with the Cunard White Star Company for retention of the liner "Aquitania" on the Southampton-Halifax service during 1948.

The Company intends to increase the capacity from the present 1,460 passengers to 11,725. The "Aquitania" will return to the Canadian service about May 25, 1948, and is scheduled to make 11 round voyages between that date and the end of the year. As a condition of the agreement, the Cunard White Star Company undertakes to provide space for priority bookings for between 1050 and 1150 immigrants to Canada on each voyage, making a total of 12,100 berths in all for the 11 round trips.