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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

ASIAN COMMUNISM: There are few countries inside the Western Alliance willing to extend their obligations to the defeat of communist Governments in North Korea and Peiping, and not merely to the defeat of military aggression, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, said in addressing the Harvard University Alumni Association, Cambridge, Mass., on June 11.

With an armistice apparently imminent in Korea and a political conference on Korean and related problems to follow, we were moving from the military to the political aspect of Far Eastern problems, he said, "and it is to be hoped that we on the United Nations non-communist side can move in unison. I can think of no more important subject for discussion at the forthcoming conference in Bermuda than how to ensure this unison."

Mr. Pearson spoke, in part, as follows:

"A coalition such as ours can only function on the basis of full consultation and agreement on basic policies and objectives. It must combine freedom of the parts with concerted and effective action by the whole. This is a terribly difficult combination to achieve and it can be brought about only by working out policies together on the principles of give-and-take. Concession and compromise, which we have learned to apply, however grudgingly at times, in domestic affairs are essential for freedom and order.

"In this spirit, the leader of the coalition, the United States, has had to accept - and it is not always easy - some of the penalties as well as the privileges of leadership. These include being misunderstood and criticized, being urged to go forward and asked to hold back. All this requires the exercise of patience and tolerance and magnanimity; and an understanding of the fact that pulling the eagle's feathers is one of the ways by which his ascendancy among the birds is recognized."

"The other members, the less powerful members of this partnership have also their own obligations and duties. These include full recognition of the greater responsibilities of and the essential contribution by the United States in our combined effort. They call for concessions and compromises also; at times the abandonment of a particular point of view in the interest of effective direction and action. They require that - within our resources - every member of the coalition must play its part in carrying out agreed policies, even though that part may be secondary, and at times not easily recognizable."

"There is no disgrace in playing second fiddle to the United States; a part in the international orchestra which Mr. Gromyko contemptuously gave Canada a few weeks ago in New York. The second fiddle is a respectable instrument and can be very important if the

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