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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT: Measures to provide more jobs for workers and to improve unemployment benefits were forecast in the Speech from the Throne with which the Governor General, Mr. Massey, opened the Second Session of the 22nd Parliament on January 7.

The traditional ceremonies, held in the Senate Chamber, were televised for the first time in Canadian Parliament history and would be viewed ultimately by an estimated 5,000,000 Canadians.

The Speech from the Throne customarily reviews important events of the year past and touches on the Government's intended legislative programme, although it does not necessarily announce all of it. The programme of legislation at this session is expected to be the heaviest of recent years.

Commencing with mention of the visits of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Speech touched on the menace of war, the London and Paris Conferences and the participation of the Canadian delegation in the United Nations General Assembly deliberations in the following paragraphs:

"While there is hopeful evidence that the increasing strength of the free world has lessened the likelihood of aggression, the terrible destruction that war would bring to North America and indeed to all mankind has

been magnified by the increase in the number and effectiveness of atomic and thermonuclear weapons and the means of delivering them.

"My Ministers are convinced that, while the resources of diplomacy must never be neglected in the search for peace, the efforts of the free nations in building their deterrent forces must be maintained. To this end, Canada was represented at the London and Paris Conferences which formulated an alternative to the European Defence Community and provided for the entry of the Federal Republic of Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. You will be asked to approve the agreements reached at those meetings.

"Our country continues to give full support to the United Nations. The Canadian Delegation took an important part in the deliberations of the recent meeting of the General Assembly in New York. It is earnestly hoped that the adoption of the resolution on disarmament introduced in the political committee by the Canadian Delegation may lead to agreement on an effective system of international safeguards."

It proceeded with references to the lessening of the threat of renewed aggression in Korea and Canada's acceptance of the heavy responsibility of serving on the Armistice Commissions formed to supervise the restoration of peace in the Associated States of Indo-China.