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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**UNITED NATIONS:** Canadian intervention largely contributed towards United States - USSR agreement on a plan for the partition of Palestine (P. 5-8). In the U.N. Palestine sub-committee yesterday, however, Sir Alexander Cadogan (United Kingdom) stated that British authorities in Palestine had been directed to plan for complete evacuation of British troops by August 1 next. I am instructed to make it clear, Sir Alexander added, that British troops will not be available as the instrument for the enforcement of settlement in Palestine against either Arabs or Jews.

Subsequently, L.B. Pearson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, (who was a member of the working group which drafted the U.S. - U.S.S.R. agreed plan) said he was hopeful the group could produce a report which would have in it a workable scheme.

The Political Committee of the General Assembly, on a vote of 29 to 6 with twenty abstentions, adopted a modified resolution on relations with Franco Spain. Canada abstained (P. 5-8).

**THE PRIME MINISTER:** During the week, Prime Minister Mackenzie King visited France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Heads of Governments gave him cordial welcome. Universities conferred honorary degrees. He placed wreaths in Canadian war cemeteries already decked with flowers. Addressing the Netherlands Houses of Parliament at the Hague yesterday he urged democratic

countries to display wartime unity and strength in protecting freedom. Such a spirit, he said, would show other countries that the bonds between free nations are becoming stronger and would be a great deterrent to future attempts at world domination and aggression.

**TRADE MISSION RETURNS:** The Canadian Trade mission to South Africa has returned. The mission visited eleven countries for trade conversations. The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. MacKinnon, states that many millions of dollars of business for Canadian industry was arranged during the course of the mission (P. 8-9).

The mission was the first to lay emphasis on Canada's desire to assist foreign exporters to sell their products in Canada, rather than to concentrate only on assisting Canadian exporters to sell their merchandise.

**DISPLACED PERSONS:** With the arrival today of the S.S. "General Stewart" carrying 863 people from assembly depots in Europe, the total number of displaced persons admitted to Canada to date will be raised to 5,757. Of this number, 1,385 are people brought to the Dominion under the provisions of the close relatives scheme, 113 are orphan children who are being adopted by families in all parts of the country, and 4,259 are workers admitted in groups in response to requests submitted by Canadian industry.