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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

IN PARLIAMENT: On a vote of 173 to 38, the House of Commons last night voted down a C.C.F. motion of non-confidence. It was the first division in the debate on the Address which began in the Commons Dec. 8 and, with intervals for urgent business, has continued since.

The vote came on a C.C.F. sub-amendment to a Progressive-Conservative amendment. Progressive Conservatives had moved, in amendment to the Address, that "Your Excellency's advisers do not possess the confidence of the Canadian people".

The C.C.F. sub-amendment read:

"This House regrets that your Excellency's advisers have failed to use the powers provided by Parliament to control prices, and by their actions have caused alarming increases in the cost of living and a dangerous lowering of the living standards of the Canadian people.

In the division, Progressive-Conservatives voted with Government members against the C.C.F. sub-amendment.

F.D. Shaw (S.M.C. Red Deer) then moved a Social Credit sub-amendment advocating:

(a) Exemption from income tax on incomes of married persons of \$2,400 and less, and of single persons of \$1,500; these to be progressively increased to \$3,000 and \$2,000 as production increases in relation to demand.

(b) Elimination of the sales tax, and substantial reduction in excise, processing

and all other hidden and nuisance taxes.

(c) Substantial increases in family allowances; increases in old age pensions, together with elimination of the means test and a reduction in the pensionable age.

(d) Adequate provision for all disabled adults.

(e) Selective subsidies, especially on food products and necessities of living.

Debate continues.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS: In the Security Council, Gen. McNaughton (Canada) made an urgent plea for conciliation in Palestine.

The Security Council also adopted a Canadian resolution on Indonesia (P. 7-12).

Discussion of Palestine continues before the Security Council today.

COST-OF-LIVING INDEX UP: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index, on the base 1935-39=100, rose from 148.3 on January 2 to 150.1 on February 2, 1948. The increase in this series between February 1947 and February this year amounted to 22.3 points. From August, 1939 to February 2, 1948, the increase in the Dominion cost-of-living index was 48.9 per cent.

The increase over January 2 was equal to the average monthly advance recorded during the preceding 12 months, but slightly less than gains recorded in each of the past two months.