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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

MR. PEARSON ON UNITED ACTION FOR PEACE:
The following is the partial text of the statement given by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, Chairman of the Canadian Delegation, in Committee I of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the question of the resolution, "United Action for Peace", October 11:

"Yesterday the leader of the Soviet Union Delegation in his usual vigorous, and indeed entertaining fashion, gave the views of his Delegation on some general questions arising out of the draft resolution under discussion. During that statement he wandered rather far afield - and I, of course, have no complaint on that score.

"Among other things, he told us that it was time to stop repeating the nonsense that there could possibly be anything for other countries to fear from Soviet policy. Mr. Vishinsky once again implored us to rely on the pacific answers of the leader of his Government given to the questions of a United States journalist some years ago, answers which were meant of course, for external consumption and which have been subsequently contradicted by other words and, more significantly, by actions of the Soviet Union Government.

"In the last analysis, of course, policy and action are the only valid proofs of pacific intention, and we shall wait with eagerness for that kind of proof. Verbal arguments, one

way or another, on such matters in debates of this kind seem to me to be a waste of time.

"Mr. Vishinsky then went on to give us his favourite lecture on the importance of the principle of unanimity among the permanent members of the Security Council, and the iniquity of those who would destroy that principle. But what is the virtue of unanimity when it can be achieved only by agreement to do nothing? It is easy to be unanimous on the basis of zero. The fact is of course, that what is at issue here is not the principle of unanimity or the veto but the abuse of that principle, the abuse of the veto which has frustrated the work of the Security Council, and also the impossibility of securing unanimity on the basis of constructive co-operation and compromise.

"The leader of the Soviet Union Delegation also explained yesterday and at some length that the veto was the only weapon which his Government had in its possession to protect itself from the wrong action of the majority of the Security Council from, as he called it, the 'method of dictat', exercised by the members of what he termed the 'Anglo-American camp'.

"A plea for the protection of minority rights must of course always command sympathy, especially from a Canadian, more sympathy in fact than Mr. Vishinsky himself displayed for the minority when he was a chairman of a con-