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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**CANADA AT THE U.N.:** "So far as the Canadian Government is concerned, we will not support any military action in Korea that is not United Nations action, and we would be opposed to any attempt to interpret existing United Nations objectives as including the unification of Korea by force," the Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the Eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. L.B. Pearson, said in the opening general debate of the Assembly on September 23.

Mr. Pearson, who is Secretary of State for External Affairs in the Government of Canada, added: "On the other hand, we are aware that the signing of an armistice does not discharge us from obligations we have already taken in Korea as a member of the United Nations."

Following are additional excerpts from the Canadian Statement:

"... Our co-operation is not synthetic; our unity is not imposed nor is it of that monolithic type that Mr. Vishinsky proudly ascribed yesterday to Soviet society. Honest differences, openly expressed are bound to exist within and between free governments. Not only do we acknowledge them. At times we seem gratuitously to advertise them. But anyone who seeks to divide us, in the United Nations or elsewhere, by misinterpreting or exploiting these differences will soon find that the things that hold us together are far stronger and more enduring than those which, at times, divide us.

"The Soviet Bloc deny that our policies make for peace. They claim that our coalitions and our associations, particularly what they call the aggressive North Atlantic bloc, are a menace to their security and are designed for aggressive war. Nothing could be more remote from reality.

"It may be that their fear on this score is merely manufactured by propaganda as a cloak for plans and policies of their own, which in their turn rouse deep and anxious fear in us. But even if the Communist fear were genuine, it is unfounded. The peoples of our free coalition are passionately pacific, and its leader, the United States, as Canadians have special reason to know and appreciate, is one of the least imperialistically minded powers that ever had world leadership and responsibility thrust upon it. But even if anyone were tempted to believe these untrue Communist charges of American warmongering imperialism, does anyone really think that the United States could decree aggressive or provocative collective action by, say, the North Atlantic, the inter-American or the ANZUS groups?

"Furthermore, this friendly association of other countries with the United States some of which have had as tragic an experience of the miseries and destructions of war as the Soviet Union itself, should be a reassuring rather than a disturbing fact to all those who seek peace....

"I know that without the active participation of world agencies of communication and