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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT: Canada's Parliament will be asked "to approve further assistance for relief and rehabilitation; for technical assistance and for continued participation in the Colombo Plan," it was announced in the Speech From the Throne, read by the Governor General, Mr. Massey, at the formal opening of the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Parliament in Ottawa on November 12.

The Speech, which customarily indicates much, but not necessarily all, of the legislative programme of the Government, said at the outset that this was a time when, if peace were maintained, "we have every reason to look forward to the continuing development of this prosperous and happy nation," and touched on international affairs as follows:

"Much remains to be done before there can be a permanent and durable peace in the world. My Ministers therefore consider it would be unwise for the free nations to slacken our efforts to build up and maintain the necessary strength to deter aggression and they intend to continue to work to that end.

"We have every reason for satisfaction that through the use for the first time of collective police action the objective of the United Nations in Korea has been substantially achieved. The aggressors have been driven back, the fighting has ceased and an armistice has been concluded. My Government earnestly hopes that a political conference will ultimately succeed in restoring peace in Korea.

"Canada has continued to contribute to those international projects which will promote human welfare and thereby remove some of the causes of unrest and dislocation. You will be asked to approve further assistance for relief and rehabilitation, for technical assistance and for continued participation in the Colombo plan.

"The Alliance of the North Atlantic nations has been effective thus far in preventing aggression in Europe. My Government continues to regard the Treaty as one of the foundation stones of Canada's external policy. The formation of the air division of the Royal Canadian Air Force in Europe is now completed. The Brigade group of the Canadian Army is performing its role effectively in the integrated force. Canadian Naval strength is increasing.

"Canada's total volume of external trade has reached record levels. But dollar shortages in many countries have persisted and continue to create problems for some of our exporters. Another Commonwealth Conference with respect to financial and economic matters is to be held in Australia early in the New Year.

"Tariff concessions negotiated at Geneva in 1947, at Annecy in 1949, at Torquay in 1950 and 1951 under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have been extended for an additional period.

"My Ministers are convinced that nations can best achieve economic strength and security through more liberal trade and overseas