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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

UNITED NATIONS: The second session of the United Nations General Assembly has reached its final phase. The only question remaining is decision on the report of the ad hoc Committee on Palestine recommending partition into two states -- one Arab, one Jewish -- which would gain full independence not later than Oct. 1, 1948. The ad hoc Committee (which needs only a simple majority vote) adopted the report by 25 to 1. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting will, however, be necessary for adoption of the report by the Assembly (P. 9-11).

PRODUCE CONTROLS RESTORED: Wartime Prices and Trade Board has re-imposed price ceilings on canned peaches, pears, plums, peas, corn, green and waxed beans, tomatoes and tomato juice. In an earlier statement, Minister of Finance Abbott said the Government had noted with concern marked price increases, during the past week, particularly in some processed foods, which could not be justified by increased costs (P. 5-6 and 12).

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS HIGHER: Reversing the downward trend of the preceding three months, the value of Canada's merchandise exports moved up sharply in October to \$250,800,000, showing an increase of 14.7 per cent over the September figure of \$218,600,000 and a gain of

22.8 per cent over October last year when the total was \$204,200,000, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The October trade was the third highest monthly total in the post-war period, being exceeded by May and June this year. In the first ten months of this year, exports aggregated \$2,255,600,000 compared with \$1,868,100,000 in the like period of 1946, an increase of 20.7 per cent.

10,000 DUTCH IMMIGRANTS: Under arrangements between the Netherlands and Canadian Governments, 10,000 Dutch agriculturalists are to migrate to Canada. Their ultimate aim is farm ownership (P. 11-12).

ONLY 1.4 P.C. UNEMPLOYED: At the peak of industrial activity last summer, only 1.4 per cent of the total labour force was unemployed, according to the current manpower summary released by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell.

Seasonal employment is nearing completion and many displaced summer workers now are being channelled into winter industries. In the meantime, the number of applicants for work is on the increase. This is the usual seasonal trend, and is largely due to employment declines in agriculture, transportation, and construction.