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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**LOWER TARIFFS AND IMPORT CURBS:** Long-range and short-range policies of international trade were announced during the week. The long-range policy is embodied in a multilateral agreement on Tariffs and Trade concluded at Geneva in the Summer but not made public till a few days ago. The agreement provides for reciprocal tariff reductions and greater opportunities for Canadian trade.

The short-term policy --- an emergency and temporary policy --- is designed to meet Canada's shortage in U.S. dollars. It provides for prohibitions of certain imports, for quota restrictions on others. It curbs pleasure travel in the United States. Gold production is to be stimulated, an excise tax imposed on a wide range of durable consumer goods which contain a high percentage of parts or materials from the United States. On the other side are tax reductions intended to lower prices of some essential goods.

Main features, with explanatory notes, on pages 2-9 of this issue.

**THE PRIME MINISTER HONORED:** His Majesty, the King, has conferred the Order of Merit on the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King. Yesterday, the Prime Minister represented Canada at the wedding in Westminster Abbey of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (Lieut. Philip Mountbatten). Mr. Mackenzie King subsequently described the wedding service as surpassing in solemnity and beauty anything one had expected.

He plans to be back in Ottawa before the opening of Parliament on December 5.

**UNITED NATIONS:** Proceedings of the General Assembly of the United Nations are drawing to a close. During the week, Canadian attitude was indicated on such varied questions as Korean independence; the International Court and interpretations of the UN Charter; the Little Assembly; treatment of Indians in South Africa; Franco Spain and use of the veto in the Security Council (P. 10-13).

In the Palestine Committee yesterday, Sir Alexander Cadogan (United Kingdom) rejected the proposal in the Palestine partition plan to share administration with the five member UN commission during the transitional period of the next few months. So long as Britain held the Palestine mandate, Sir Alexander said, she must insist on undivided control of the country.

He added: No better way could be found of creating confusion and disorder in Palestine than to establish an authority which would operate concurrently with the existing mandatory administration. . . . Even in a stable political situation, confusion of authority is dangerous. In Palestine it would obviously have disastrous consequences. . . . I should also make it no less clear that my Government have every right to relinquish the mandate at an early date.

**DEATH OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:** The death has occurred in his 55th year of Henri Albert Gagnon C.B.E., Deputy Commissioner, R.C.M.P. Mr. Gagnon took a leading part in R.C.M.P. investigation of Russian espionage activities.