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110,000 tons wheat to be bought from growers; cabinet oks

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).—The Council of Ministers met under the chairmanship of the Great Leader of the people Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of PDPA CC and President of the RC at the People's House from 10:30 to 1:00 p.m. yesterday.

At the start of the meeting the great and beloved leader of the people of Afghanistan Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of PDPA CC, and President of the RC of the DRA gave the Council of Ministers a brief account of the internal and international situation.

Then the Council of Ministers discussed the proposals of the concerned ministries and took the following decisions:

On the proposal of the Ministry of Justice the regulations on private practice of medicines by the doctors and the medical personnel has been approved in 35 articles.

Likewise on the proposal of the Ministry of Justice the charter of the cooperative for provision of shelter was approved in 47 articles for provision of housing for the toilers of the country in accordance with the Basic Lines of the Revolutionary Duties of the DRA and the slogan of food, clothing and shelter and it was instructed that the said charter should be enforced after it is published in the Official Gazette.

On the proposal of the Ministry of Mines and Industries the contract for the press compressor pro-

ject of Khwaja Gogirduck at a cost of 11,815,000 rubles and the contract of the loping gas pipeline construction project at the cost of 7,264,000 rubles were approved with the Soviet Union. Fifty percent of which is paid by the Afghan side. The Ministry of Mines and Industries has been instructed to sign the said contracts with the Soviet Union.

At the end the Council of Ministers on the proposal of the Ministry of Commerce decided that an amount of 110,000 tons of wheat should be purchased from the provinces of the country and the cost of wheat should be paid to the private individual afs. two more than the price paid per seer last year and afs. three more to the cooperatives.

Our enemies want to prevent our reforms: Taraki

Text of speech by the Great Leader of the People of Afghanistan, Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the Central Committee of People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and President of the Revolutionary Council addressed to the elders and representatives of five provinces.

My very dear friends, elders and representatives of the five provinces, welcome. You may always come. It is nice that here we see from near. This has always been and is my heartfelt desire to see my dear fellow countrymen from near in order to exchange talks with them and to get acquainted with each other's words and the way of thinking. I have this desire and you have this desire for the reason that we are all one people. I have risen from among you. I am considered your moral son and have not come from another place. I have emerged from such a house and such a family which resembles your house and your family. We too, like you people had such kettles and open fire heaters, we had rooms like those of yours and we were like you. My father was like

you. My grand father was like you and I myself am like you and I enjoy to be among you, to talk with you always and to see each other eye to eye in order to express what we have in our hearts.

One of the greatest victories of the people of Afghanistan lie in this that they overturned the heritage series of the previous world, they abolished those series of oppression, despotism and those families and rescued itself once and for ever from their cruelty and despotism and replaced them only with its own sons and servants. We are proud that on behalf of the people of Afghanistan we destroyed these palaces of cruelty and despotism. Our people destroyed them and we did it with the support of our people. And this work has added to the pride of the people of Afghanistan in the world.

The people of Afghanistan should really be proud of, and it is worthy of pride, the way they threw away the yoke of oppression from their shoulders, the yoke that was placed on their shoulders for hundreds of years. They were never

given the right to visit them from near. They were always hard to be reached. They never appeared in the public to meet the people. There was only a name of them but themselves never did appear. Because they were thieves and were ashamed of themselves to face the people. But we are proud to find ourselves embraced by our people, to shake hands with them, because, I'll repeat again, we are from the people and the people is ours. And this is the place for great pride.

We never claim that we were so and so in the past, that our father or ancestor was so and so, that they were princes or Amirs or Kings. Not only do we claim not such things but whoever remembers such names or such things we will hate it and will be ashamed if some one says that his father was a prince, a king or so and so.

The princes and kings in the past were the symbols of cruelty and despotism. And we are proud that we have not risen from the kind of family that has consumed from the flesh and blood of the people of Afghanistan. We ourselves have emerged from amongst

the people. But around us there are some countries and here there are some people who do not see us with good intention. They ask about how this people's government came into being? How did the sons of people gain power? Why did this happen? This is because they are harmed. Their nu- (Continued on page 2)

South Yemeni Premier's message replied

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).—The Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that Ali Nasser Mohammad, Prime Minister of Yemen People's Democratic Republic while the plane carrying him was overflying the air space of Afghanistan in a telegram addressed to Hafizullah Amin, Secretary and Member of Politburo of PDPA CC, and First Minister has expressed his best wishes for his health and progress and prosperity of people of Afghanistan.

The message was replied.



Hafizullah Amin, Secretary and Member of the PDPA CC, and First Minister talking to representatives and noble people of centre and woleswalis of Jauzjan and Kunar provinces.

OUR GREAT LEADER IS RESPECTED BY ALL TOILERS OF THE WORLD: AMIN

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).—Hafizullah Amin, Secretary and Member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and First Minister while meeting a number of our compatriots yesterday said: We have the honour that the Great Leader of the people of Afghanistan Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the Central Committee of People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and President of the Revolutionary Council, our great and beloved leader Comrade Noor Mohammad Taraki has come from among the people, has risen up from the people, grown among the people and learned from the people and devoting his life to fulfilling the aspirations of the people until he has been introduced to the world as the accepted and beloved leader of the people of Afghanistan and today is respected by all the toilers of the world.

In another part of his speech Hafizullah Amin, First Minister said: With the nature of our Khalqi regime our enemies have

no tolerance.

They level accusations and hatch conspiracy and plot against us. Furthermore, they even make armed aggression against our land and molest the honours of our country. You know that the fanatic leaders of Iran officially declared over radio that the ground and air forces of that country have marched towards the borders of Afghanistan. When we heard this news we were not scared. We have the honour that the fanatic leaders of Iran send force against us. This shows our truthfulness and righteousness and it makes it clear how these medieval fanatic leaders are against the toilers of Iran itself and how they show hostility towards us. When our enemies are of that nature, that backward nature, and stand against us it is then clear we are not liked by them. Or nature is completely against them and this constitutes the best pride of our people.

We have authentic information that Pakistan is at-

tempting and planning to send its militiamen to Afghanistan and attack our Khalqi regime, our land and the honours of our country. As we wiped out repeatedly the aggressive militiamen in the past and dealt them such blow which shattered them and made them black face we are su-

re that our toiling people will take position in front of our Khalqi armed forces will again eradicate their enemies, the militiamen of the foreigners.

The announcement by radio Tehran last night about sending of air and ground forces towards the (Continued on Page 4)

Rostamal presents credentials

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).—The Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Pohand Dr. Ihsan Rostamal, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in Jakarta presented his credentials to Suharto, President of Indonesia.

Dr. Shah Wali attends CMEA meeting in USSR

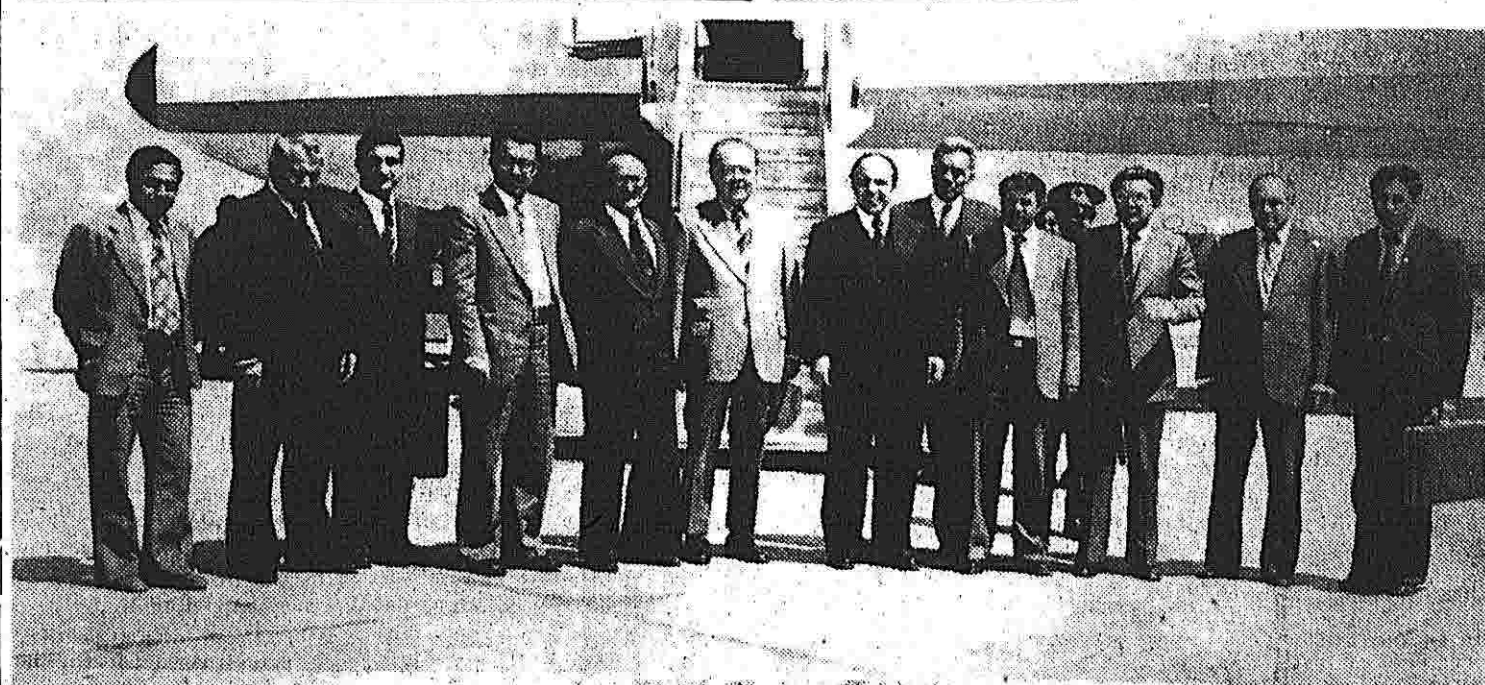
KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).—The Afghan delegation headed by Dr. Shah Wali, deputy first minister and minister of public health left Kabul for the Soviet Union yesterday morning to attend the 30th anniversary of the Council of Economic Cooperation of

the socialist countries. The Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that at the invitation of the Secretary of the Economic Cooperation Council the Afghan delegation led by Dr. Shah Wali, deputy first minister and minister of public health will attend the sessions of this council as observer. The meeting begins June 26 and will last to June 28, 1979 in Moscow.

The Economic Cooperation Council headquartered in Moscow was established in 1948 at the initiative of the USSR and agreement of other European socialist countries.

The council during its 30 years activity has served greatly in economic cooperation not only with the socialist countries of the union but with other developing countries and international organisations and the United Nations.

Bakhtar adds that present at Kabul Internat- (Continued on page 4)



Dr. Shah Wali, Deputy First Minister and Minister of Public Health at Kabul International Airport, prior to his departure to Soviet Union.

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REVOLUTIONARY SLOGAN

Defence of gains of the great Saur Revolution is the duty of all patriots.

Our Khalqi regime secured by our blood

Our great leader, Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the PDPA, CC and President of the RC, while talking to Jauzjan, Pakti-ka, Urozgan and Kunar provinces at the People's House on June 23 said: "I have had said another day also that the people of Afghanistan would not accept the orders of the Farangis as they did not accept them in the past time too. And that is why they are angry with us and their agents are angry with us also. But we have to make known to the people of Afghanistan that they should recognised their enemies with whatever features they reveal and should recognised them and give them hard blow."

Our enemies want to prevent our reforms: Taraki

(Continued from page 1) member is very small. They did not look at our revolution with good intention and they do not see to it with good intention. I repeat that the number of such elements is small and do not need to be counted. But by the princes of this or that country or by themselves they are given big names. They claim to be such and such and that they will down the sky, or raise the earth to the sky, that they will do this or that. Such people really do not look at us with optimism. Because we awaken the people. And when we awaken our people, their people too will awake. They claim that they turn the world with their fingers. And they pose such as they are perfect, that they are higher than the people and that they are not from the people. Truly our enemies will not be in their favour. Therefore they will launch all-sided efforts to prevent the awakening and the development of the people of Afghanistan. We never undergo the wishes and desires of the Farangis as they are our enemies, our traditional enemies and the enemies of all humanity throughout the world. We let the enemies of our regime, our people and our revolution, that is the imperialists, the reactionaries, the fanatics, the reactionaries, the international black reaction and the reactionary circles of Pakistan to obey the Farangis and take their words as they are used to it. Their fathers have been used to it and they have secured wealth and status through this obedience. But we are firmly opposing the Farangis, the imperialists, the international black reaction and their servants and lackeys wherever they are and wherever they might be. We never talk the words of our enemies at any feature they may show themselves. And we say that down with the enemies of our people and people's regime.

Peaceful reunification of Korea

At the beginning of this year, the people welcomed with new hope the news that in the dialogue for reunification of the north and south of Korea. The governments and public organizations of all countries and international organizations must express their support to and solidarity with the Korean people in their struggle for a reunified fatherland and against perpetuation of the division. The International Liaison Committee for the Independence and Peaceful Reunification of Korea hopes that the political parties and public organizations of all countries, the international organizations and personalities sympathizing with the Korean people in their sufferings caused by the division, and interested in the defence of world peace and security, will express their support to this appeal. (Korean Sources)

A Glance at Kabul Press

ANIS: Our people have recognised their enemies in the light of the objectives of the great Saur Revolution, is the title of an editorial published in last Saturday's issue of the daily Anis. Under this title the paper points out that the invincible Saur Revolution along with its epoch making gains reflected the revolutionary role of our toiling people in the world in a manner that today not only the issue of defence of the victorious Saur Revolution, has been accepted as the greatest and most important task of our country but also the restoration of the interest of imperialism and reaction here. "The desperate efforts of black reaction the order of imperialism" is the title of an article published on this page of the daily. The writer in his article discusses in detail the aggressive policy of British imperialism in various countries of the world during different periods of history. DA SAUR ENQELAB: Editorially commenting on the invincible victory of the great Saur Revolution, the daily in its yesterday's issue points out that this revolution in fact woke up the whole region from a long

ATTENTION

The honourable residence of Great Leader of the people, founder of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, and great hero of the glorious Saur Revolution Noor Mohammad Taraki which was announced by the General Directorate of Museums on Saur 7, 1358 as the National Museum is open to spectators. All compatriots can visit the museum of the honourable residence of the Great Leader of the people every day including holidays. Address: Shershah Mena (Karte Char). F (5) 7-7

Needed

Central Authority for Water Supply and Sewerage needs the supply and supervision of installation. Ten deep well vertical turbine pumps, dual drive electric motors, diesel engines, and ancillaries, tools and spare parts. Bid documents can be obtained only from the Authority of Foreign Procurement Department Block 22, Kabul on payment of AfS. 5000 or equivalent (approximately US\$120). Sealed offers will be received upto noon, local time September 30, 1979. A tender deposit in the amount of five percent of the total tender price shall accompany each tender. The project is being financed by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan with the assistance of the credit of Af. 836 from the World Bank tenders will only be accepted from member countries of the World Bank, and Switzerland. (127) 3-2

Needed

Millie Bus needs the following oils for the year 1359: Mobil Oil for summer season, 175000 liter. Mobil Oil for winter season, 83000 liter. Grease for base, 15310 liter. Grease for grease, 33870 liter. C 1 oil, 39650 liter. Franceil CI oil 1400 liter. Dynamore grease, 15 kilo. Circulation grease, 30 kilo. Vicram brake, 1500 liter. Local and foreign firms who are willing to supply should submit their offers until August 20, 1979 to the Supply Section of Millie Bus Department. List and specifications can be seen and securities are required. (125) 3-1

Needed

AFGHAN NENDARI PRESENTS 'KHASHMI KHALQ' COMEDY FOR ALL TASTES. Millie Bus Company needs the following materials: - 5030 Mobil oil filter. - 2570 Diesel filter. Businessmen local and foreign firms who can supply should submit their offers until August 21, 1979, to the Supply Section. List and specifications can be seen and securities are required. (124) 3-2



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Dr. Abdurrahshid Jalili, Minister of Education while distributing certificates to one of the graduates of Russian language course.

COMPLETE CENSUS PROJECT FORGES AHEAD SMOOTHLY

PROVINCES, June 25, (Bakhtar).— The successful progress of complete population census in the country was welcomed yesterday too by thousands of our noble and patriotic peoples in different parts of the country through holding of meetings and great Khalqi marches.

According to the report of Bakhtar correspondents from the centre and provinces, thousands of our noble people, including workers, peasants, members of assisting funds and agriculture cooperatives and Khalqi women and youth organis-

ations, while carrying the photos of great leader of the people of Afghanistan, Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the Central Committee of PDPA and President of the Revolutionary Council as well as the national red flags and placards, held marches, followed by grand meetings.

At the meetings, a number of intellectuals, personnel of Central Statistics Office of Planning Affairs Ministry spoke on the importance of population census and noted that the launching of complete population census in the light of

our Khalqi regime is another step which has been taken towards blossoming of dear Afghanistan and realisation of lofty objectives of liberating Saur Revolution.

The speakers added that it is a matter of pride that the population census is progressing successfully throughout the country with the cooperation of our patriotic people and for implementation of this national project, women, men, youth and elders sincerely and with a sense of patriotism cooperate with the census officials.

At the meetings our noble people with the feelings of patriotism once more expressed their profound support to gains of great Saur Revolution and their khalqi state as well as their full readiness in defending the national honour and helping implementation of useful plans of DRA under the leadership of prideful PDPA, the vanguard of working class, and sagacious directives of able teacher of people of Afghanistan, Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the Central Committee of PDPA and President of Revolutionary Council.

Yesterday's meetings were held at the Alqa Gul village and Shortang woleswali of Hazrati Imam, Nahre Sufi village of Chardara woleswali and Aq Tapa hightschool of Qalai Zal woleswali of Kunduz province and centre of Ghazni province.

At Kabul International Airport they were seen off by some members of the KOAW and some members of the Bulgarian Embassy here.

KABUL, June 24, (Bakhtar).— In honour of the successful start of the first complete population census of the country workers and employees of Afghan Tarkani Enterprise and workers and employees of Commercial Industries Department did voluntary work from 8 a.m. upto 4 p.m. last Friday, which saved afs. 300,000 to the khalqi state.

Similarly workers, officials, drivers and technicians of housing construction unit did voluntary work from 1 p.m. up to six p.m. Thursday which saved afs. 135,000 to their khalqi state.

KAMPALA, June 25, (Reuter).— Seven African heads of state and the leaders of the Rhodesian guerrilla patriotic front have been invited to attend celebrations here on Saturday to mark the overthrow of dictator Idi Amin, government sources said yesterday.

No official announcement has been made for security reasons, the source said.

Amin receives patriots

(Continued from page 1) borders of Afghanistan and the preparations of the Pakistani militiamen for aggression is an indication of the solidarity of the enemies of the people and the conspiracies of the imperialists who want once again to create trouble with cooperation of the left extremists to the toiling people of Afghanistan.

Bakhtar News Agency reports that Hafizullah Amin, First Minister received a number of ulamas, elders, and representatives of the noble and valorous people of the capital and woleswalis of the Jauzjan and Kunar provinces at the Stor Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

When the Secretary and Member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and First Minister entered the great hall of the Stor Palace the audience stood up and welcomed him with long clapping and expression of sincere feeling, and pleasure and shouting of revolutionary slogans.

At this time two persons from among the audience on behalf of the noble peoples of Jauzjan and Kunar provinces, presented to the First Minister a bouquet of flowers to the First Minister.

The text of the speech of First Minister will be published later in the Kabul Times.

Home news round up

KUNDUZ, June 25, (Bakhtar).— Some traders of Kunduz province donated afs. 352,700 and a number of noble people of Khanabad woleswali donated afs. 54,000 to their khalqi state.

The donation was accepted with thanks by the secretary of the provincial committee and governor of Kunduz.

Similarly some patriots in Balkh province donated afs. 18,000 to Revolution Defence Committee of the province.

KABUL, June 24, (Bakhtar).— Jehan carpentry plant has volunteered to take part in the construction of industrial park workers polyclinic.

Sayed Mohammad Zubair Siddiqian, president of Jehan carpentry plant and member of Private Industries Association last Thursday delivered a cheque bearing donation of afs. 250,000 to Dip. Eng. Abdul Ghafar Iqbal, head of industrial development, Ministry of Mines and Industries, which was received with thanks.

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).— Malalai and Aziza, deputy presidents of KOAW, left for Bulgaria yesterday for an officials visit at the invitation of Women's Committee of that country.

Certificates distributed

KUNDUZ, June 24, (Bakhtar).— The greetings and best wishes of the Great Leader of the people of Afghanistan, Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and President of the Revolutionary Council was conveyed by Pohanwal Mohammad Mansour Hashemi, minister of water and power to the noble people of Khanabad woleswali of Kunduz province Thursday.

Pohanwal Hashemi, while accompanied by Hassangul Wafa Kargar, governor of Kunduz, Gul Sayeed Wafadar, governor of Takhar and thousands of noble patriotic people of Khanabad woleswali staged a grand march for defence of the lofty gains of the great Saur Revolution and honours of the country from Takhar—Kunduz highway to Kunduz—Khanabad irrigation project and expressed their patriotic sentiments by shouting of revolutionary slogans.

At the end of the march the Minister of Water and Power attended a function which was held in Khanabad municipality club and delivered a speech which was warmly welcomed by the audience by clapping and expressing of warm sentiments.

Pohanwal Hashemi while speaking on the lofty objectives of the great Saur Revolution said that our path is the path of prosperity of the toiling people and construction of the new Afghan society. We have shovel in one hand and arms in the other by which we fight against the enemies of the country and the enemies of the great Saur Revolution and eliminate them.

Minister of Water and Power added that every project which is built today in the country and every task which is carried out in the interest of the toiling people of Afghanistan is a teeth breaking answer which disclose and disgrace the enemies of the people of Afghanistan to the world.

Later the Governor of Kunduz in a speech said that the valiant and patriotic people of Afghanistan like their valiant ancestors do not let the aggressors and enemies of the toiling people to interfere and resort to aggression and crush and disclose them everywhere.

The Minister of Water and Power also inspected the blue print of Kunduz—Khanabad project. During his visit explanations were provided by the concerned engineers.

According to another report, the Minister of Water and Power while accom-

Hashemi visits projects in provinces

panied by Hassangul Wafa Kargar, secretary of the provincial committee and governor of Kunduz visited the khalqi organisations for youth and women, workers and peasants unions and Spinzar Co. Thursday. The Minister of Water and Power later attended a function held by the peasants unions, agriculture cooperatives and members of peasants assistance funds of the centre of Kunduz. In the function, the Minister of Water and Power spoke in detail on the gains of liberating Saur Revolution and after strongly criticizing the treacherous and hostile acts of the diverse enemies of the people of Afghanistan and the invincible Saur Revolution who shamelessly interfere in our internal affairs and wished for further unity and solidarity of the noble people of Kunduz province in realisation of the lofty objectives of the invincible Saur Revolution and elimination of the enemies of the people of Afghanistan and enemies of the great Saur Revolution.

In response a number of peasants and toilers on behalf of others once more pledged their every sacrifice for defence of the country and supporting the gains of invincible Saur Revolution.

The Minister of Water and Power left for Takhar province at 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

According to another report the greetings and best wishes of the Great Leader of the people of Afghanistan, Noor Mohammad Taraki, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and President of the Revolutionary Council was conveyed in a function in Taluqan to the noble and patriotic people of Takhar province by Pohanwal Mohammad Mansour Hashemi, which was welcomed by the audience

PHILADELPHIA, June 25, (Reuter).— Thirty-two people were injured and 17 arrested during a clash between police and Jorry drivers now in the fourth day of a national strike.

A crowd of about 1,500 gathered around lorries blocking a road junction in the Philadelphia suburb of Levittown Sunday night as part of the strike by 100,000 independent owner-drivers against the price and scarcity of diesel fuel.

Police with dogs moved in to break up the crowd, which replied with a barrage of bottles and beer cans, and chants of "more gas". Scuffles lasted half an hour before the road was cleared.

Hoffmann leaves Kabul

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).— Franz Joseph Hoffmann, ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Afghanistan left for home yesterday.

At Kabul International Airport he was seen off by Deputy Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The term of office of Ambassador Hoffmann ended here recently.

Ayan for Luanda conf.

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).— Mohammad Ayan Ayan, editor-in-chief of Da Saur Enqelab left for Angola yesterday to participate in Asian and African writers conference to be held in Luanda.

1433 kg opium confiscated

KABUL, June 25, (Bakhtar).— More than 1433 kg. of opium, on way from Jalalabad to Kabul and loaded on lorry no. 5781 was seized near Mahipar by security officers yesterday.

The confiscated opium was handed over to Kabul Customs House. The driver is under interrogation.

Dr. Shah Wali

(Continued from page 1) dr. Shah Wali to see of Dr. Shah Wali and his companions were some members of the Politburo of PDPA CC and Council of Ministers, First Deputy Minister of Public Health and Deputy Minister of Transport, Chief of protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador and some members of the Embassy of the Soviet Union in Kabul.

10,567 jeribs distributed to 720 families

PROVINCES, June 23, (Bakhtar).— In view of the chain breaking decree no. eight of the RC and in continuation of distribution of land to landless and petty land holding families in the center and provinces more than 10,567 jeribs land were distributed to 720 deserving families on June 22.

Bakhtar correspondents report from the provinces that thousands of our noble people including workers, peasants member of peasants assistance funds, agricultural cooperatives, KOAY and CDR while carrying the photos of beloved leader of khalqi Noor Mohammad Taraki, President of the RC, red national flags and revolutionary streamers traversed the streets and later attended functions held on the occasion at the site of land distribution.

The functions were addressed by governors, woleswalis and heads of land operational groups. At the end of the functions the pertaining land ownership documents signed by the beloved leader of khalqi were handed over to them.

Bakhtar report adds that the deserving families upon receiving the land ownership documents by chanting of revolutionary slogans and performance of national atan expressed their all out cooperation and dedication for defence of honour of homeland and gains of invincible Saur Revolution.

The Information Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reforms said that 3,233 jeribs were given to 306 deservers in Fariab; 526 jeribs to 23 deservers in Badghis; 1920 jeribs to 112 deservers in Balkh; 184 jeribs to 18 deservers in Samangan; and 2229 jeribs to 182 deservers in Baghlan and 2475 jeribs to 79 deservers in Takhar provinces.

World briefs

BANGKOK, June 25, (AFP).— Thailand and Burma Saturday initialled an agreement on the delimitation of the maritime boundary between the two countries.

It was initialled in Bangkok at the end of a four-day meeting between the two nations' delegations.

The agreement will be submitted to the respective governments for approval before signing.

DAMASCUUS, June 25, (Reuter).— Palestinian commandos claimed responsibility for an explosion at a bus station in Tel Aviv yesterday.

A commando spokesman, quoted by the Palestine News Agency Wafa, said, "The general command of the Palestine revolution forces declares its responsibility for the explosion at the Tel Aviv central bus station yesterday morning.

The spokesman gave no further details but promised to give a detailed statement later.

(In Tel-Aviv, a police spokesman said earlier that at least two people were killed and several wounded when a bomb went off in the city's central bus station yesterday.