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## RED CRESCENT TAKES UP NEW PROJECT

### Details Of Contract With Czechoslovakian Firm

**KABUL, Nov. 9, (Bakhtar).—**The Afghan Red Crescent Society, on the basis of the principle of social cooperation and international practice, has undertaken an Af. 60 million project for the construction of depots to store medicine and medical equipment and a new home for the destitute. A mobile unit is also to be formed.

The buildings for the new project will be completed in 30 months after the beginning of work and finalisation of the plans.

The Czechoslovak Covo Company has agreed to accept payment of the 60 million afghanis in installments from the Red Crescent Society in five years.

A contract for this project has been signed by Dr. Abdul Ahad Barakzai, president of the home for the destitute and acting president of health and social affairs services of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, and Nedelka, chief of the foreign trade department of Covo Company. The contract was first studied by the central assembly of the Society.

Explaining the purpose of the project, Barakzai told Bakhtar in an interview that His Royal Highness Prince Ahmad Shah, High President, and officials of the Red Crescent Society wanted to expand the Society's activities to help the destitute and victims of catastrophes.

The financial limitations of the Society had been hindering its plans. But in recent years the Society's financial status has somewhat improved and the latest project has been undertaken with a view to extending more assistance to the weak and the needy.

He said the mobile unit costs 11 million afghanis and will be manned by a 500-man unit. It will include a hospital, kitchen, laundry, an electric generator, boarding and surgical tents, and other facilities. Barakzai added the unit will be able to go to any part of the country to help victims of any catastrophe. The unit will start operations as soon as work on the depots are completed.

The depots, Barakzai said, will be able to store 50 tons of medicines and medical equipment. The medicines will be used to help deserving persons and at Red Crescent health centres. Under normal circumstance medicines will be dispensed as at the present to those who can not afford to buy them. To help people in the provinces establishment of

branches is also being considered. The new home for the destitute will be built near the existing destitute home. He said these buildings will provide accommodation for 500 children. Its dining hall will be able to hold 250 persons at one time. The laundry will be able to handle 250 kilos of clothes daily. There will be a gymnasium, and carpentry, lapidary, shoe-making and tailoring shops are also envisaged to train the children in useful professions.

Barakzai said that the new Red Crescent building plans have been drawn up by Czech architects, the draft has been scrutinised by the general constructions department of the Public Works Ministry.

He said several foreign companies were contacted for work on the project. Covo Company offered the most favourable terms, allowing a longer period for repayment than the others and so the agreement was signed with this company.

Barakzai explained that the second part of the destitutes home project drawn up under the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Ahmad Shah envisages the construction of residential quarters for 600 persons. He thought the new project will set assistance from world Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and he hoped they will cooperate in the implementation of the Afghan Red Crescent Society's plans.

## Committee Studies Election Law

**KABUL, Nov. 9, (Bakhtar).—**The Meshrano Jirgah's Committee on Justice and Legislature, and Budgetary and Financial Affairs yesterday debated the draft election law and the development budget of the Ministry of Mines and Industries, respectively.

The Committee on Education and Culture, which met under the chairmanship of Senator Abdul Shakour Wali, discussed matters relating to the posting of graduates of institutes of higher education from here and from abroad in their specialised fields.

There was a committee discussion also on the working hours of physicians. A high-ranking official from the Public Health Ministry is to be invited to appear for questioning on this issue.

The Wolesi Jirgah's Budgetary and Financial Affairs Committee discussed the budget of the Ministry of Information and Culture.



**Dr. Abdul Ahad Barakzai, president of the house for the destitute (left), and Nedelka, chief of the Covo foreign trade department, signing the contract for the Afghan Red Crescent new project.**

## Trusteeship Committee Votes On Rhodesia Motion Today

**NEW YORK, Nov. 9, (Reuter).—**Quick and overwhelming approval was expected today when the General Assembly's Trusteeship Committee votes on a resolution proposing that Britain use force against Rhodesia.

The 12-point resolution is sponsored by 53 nations of Africa and Asia, most of whom have strongly rebuked Britain for not resolving the Rhodesian problem.

The document also suggests that the UN Security Council consider using military power to end the rebellion.

It also condemns any arrangement between Britain and Rhodesia which would "fail to recognise the inalienable rights of the people of

Zimbabwe to self-determination and independence."

Other major points of the resolution are condemnation of Portugal and South Africa for supporting the rebel regime in Rhodesia, and a call for foreign monopolies and financial interests to cease their activities in Rhodesia.

Britain has repeatedly rejected the idea of force to end the rebellion. It has promised to ask the United Nations before the end of the year to apply selective mandatory sanctions if no agreement is reached with the rebel regime by then.

In London, Prime Minister Harold Wilson and a few key advisers Tuesday studied Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith's reply to the British government's last offer for a settlement with the break-away central African regime.

They will report to the full cabinet either Wednesday or Thursday. The Prime Minister may also make a statement in the House of Commons Thursday afternoon.

### UN BONDS ISSUE

In the Budgetary Committee, reports AP, the United States and Britain denounced a proposal that would reduce the financial obligations of the majority of UN members for repayment of the UN emergency bond issue.

Argentina and Nigeria were among the sponsors of a resolution that would remove interest and amortisation payments from the regular UN budget and place them in a special category.

The U.S. delegate, Arthur J. Goldberg, told the committee that any attempt to regard the bonds other than in accord with the regular scale of assessment "would constitute a major breach of faith, and raise serious questions about the reliability of the United Nations."

He said any change would require the United States "to take a very careful and hard look at the entire range of United Nations finances."

The United States pays about 32 per cent of the regular UN budget, and has paid up to 50 per cent of special peacekeeping costs.

He recalled that the United States decided to give up its demands that voting rights be suspended for the Soviet Union, France and other nations which refused to pay for peacekeeping operations. This was done despite Article 19 in the UN Charter calling for such penalties.

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## Erhard Promises To Resign; New Coalition Is Proposed

**BONN, Nov. 9, (DPA).—**

West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard Tuesday succumbed to the pressure of his own party and promised to resign as soon as a suitable successor has been found.

Late last night the executive committee of Erhard's Christian Democratic Party nominated four politicians from which the parliamentary group of the party will choose the new chancellor on Thursday or Friday.

Nominated were Christian Democratic Parliamentary group leader Rainer Barzel, the speaker (President) of parliament Eugen Gerstenmaier, the Prime Minister of the state of Wuerttemberg, Kurt Georg Kiesinger, and Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder.

The parliamentary group will vote without discussion on the merits of the four nominees. It is expected that at least several ballots will be necessary until one of the four will receive an absolute majority.

After his election the chancellor and the committee set up last night for negotiations with West Germany's other two parliamentary parties—the Free Democrats, Erhard's coalition partners until they left the government last week and caused the present crisis, and the opposition Social Democrats—on the forming of a new coalition.

The negotiating committee is headed by Erhard and includes representatives of the party executive committee and the parliamentary group.

No decision has been taken with whom the Christian Democrats should form a new coalition. The committee will talk with both, the Free Democrats and the Social Democrats.

The negotiations will centre on the distribution of cabinet posts and on the political course the new government will steer.

Both, the Free Democrats and the Social Democrats, have indicated that, in principle, they would be willing to form a coalition with the Christian Democrats after Erhard has resigned.

However, both have made it clear that a number of policy changes, especially in foreign policy and financial policy, would be necessary.

Once these negotiations have been completed and a new coalition partner has been found, Erhard will resign and the chancellor-designate will be elected by parliament.

## Venice Threatened By New Floods

**VENICE, Nov. 9, (Reuter).—**All able-bodied men were working feverishly Tuesday to bolster Venice's sea defences against the menace of new floods in an area already devastated by one of the worst disasters in Italy's history.

In this sector of the Adriatic coast the situation remained critical after the worst storms in Italy's recorded history which ravaged and flooded more than one third of the country's territory.

The loss of life is probably higher than the figures of 72 dead and 35 missing.

Venetians heaved a sigh of relief yesterday when the sun shone for the second day. But if forecasts of more storms prove correct, the historic city and its lagoon may be threatened.

ed agared against Tuesday, but a spokesman said no details were yet available.

American and South Vietnamese planes were pounding the guerrillas, estimated at two battalions, as they fell back into the jungle.

American infantrymen battled an estimated 1,000 charging Viet Cong for four hours in Tay Ninh province Tuesday and reported 302 enemy bodies counted after the fighting ended.

The battle resumed at dawn for troops of the U.S. 1st division who lost contact almost completely Monday with the tough Viet Cong force that had battled American troops for four days.

U.S. officers at operational headquarters told AP that 302 enemy bodies had been counted after the fighting ended, that large numbers of weapons, grenades and ammunition had been taken and that an 80-bed Viet Cong hospital had been found.

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## Hanoi Says US Elections Won't Change Vietnam War

**TOKYO, Nov. 9, (AP).—**North Vietnam served notice Wednesday it was not interested in the results of Tuesday's U.S. elections nor in President Johnson's peace offers and would continue to seek a battlefield decision in Vietnam.

Viet Cong leaders, quoted by Hanoi's Vietnam news agency (VNA), also repeated the vow "to fight to the end even if it takes five, 10 years or more and even if the U.S. increases its aggressor army to 400,000, 500,000 or more."

"Whether the Republican or the Democratic party wins in the congressional elections in the U.S., it can in no way change the aggressive and war seeking nature of U.S. imperialism," a commentary of the "Voice of Vietnam," quoted by VNA said.

The Hanoi commentary said President Johnson at his Nov. 4 news conference "exerted his efforts to misrepresent the Vietnam question in an attempt to mislead the Ame-

## Martin, Rapacki Agree On Need For Immediate Settlement

rican electors and deceive public opinion.

The commentary also included a hint that Hanoi intended to carry on the war without asking for foreign volunteers.

It said President Ho Chi Minh's appeal of July 17, 1966, and the Viet Cong appeal of Oct. 27, 1966, "expressed the Vietnamese people's determination to rely mainly on their own strength in carrying on their fight against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and to defeat them."

Reuter adds: Meanwhile, United States troops lastnight appeared to have won one of their biggest victories of the Vietnam war with 758 Viet Cong killed in a battle raging near the Cambodian border, according to U.S. reports.

The bloody battle around Tay

Ninh city, about 65 miles (104 kilometres) northwest of Saigon, has been raging for five days.

American and South Vietnam infantry, operating at almost division strength, have engaged strong Viet Cong forces in pitched battles after locating a headquarters complex of underground caves and tunnels in an area which has long been a guerrilla stronghold.

As the U.S. troops advanced, they found more dead Viet Cong defenders they had expected. The known Viet Cong death toll rose from 446 at noon Tuesday to 758 at midnight, a military spokesman said.

Overall U.S. losses are described as light, but there have been heavy casualties in three companies which led the attack.

After a lull Monday, fighting flar-

## Home News In Brief

**FARAH, Nov. 9, (Bakhtar).—**Governor Mohammad Naser Keshawar of Farah yesterday inaugurated the telephone service between Farah and the woleswalis of Golestan and Purchaman. Work on the extension of lines between these locations began over two weeks ago.

The 55 km. lines are carried by 1,400 wooden poles donated by the people of the area.

**KANDAHAR, Nov. 9, (Bakhtar).—**Certificates were given to nine graduate nursing assistants trained in the Kandahar civil hospital yesterday by Governor Dr. Mohammad Anas. Dr. Mohammad Ismail, chief of public health in Kandahar, said the course was opened two and half years ago.

**KABUL, Nov. 9, (Bakhtar).—**The final examinations for 1st to 5th graders in the colder parts of the country, including Kabul, starts today.

**KABUL, Nov. 9, (Bakhtar).—**Miss Mehrwar, a nurse in the Ibra Sina Hospital, left Kabul yesterday for Tehran to participate in a seminar there sponsored by the World Health Organisation.

## STOP PRESS

Late returns from U.S. elections California—Ronald Reagan over Pat Brown. New York—Nelson Rockefeller over Frank O'Connor. Michigan—George Romney over Zoltan Ferency.

### Governors

Illinois—Charles H. Percy over Paul Douglas. Massachusetts—Edward Brooke over Endicott Peabody.

### Senators

Michigan—Robert Griffin over Mennen Williams. Texas—John G. Tower over Waggoner Carr.

## AIR CRASH RESCUE SEMINAR OPENS

**BEIRUT, Nov. 9, (Reuter).—**An international seminar on air crash rescue and search operations opened here Tuesday, attended by delegates of 26 countries.

India, Iran and Afghanistan are represented.

Two practical demonstrations of search and rescue operations will be organised during four-day conference.

The seminar is held under the auspices of the civil aviation safety centre in Beirut in cooperation with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.





