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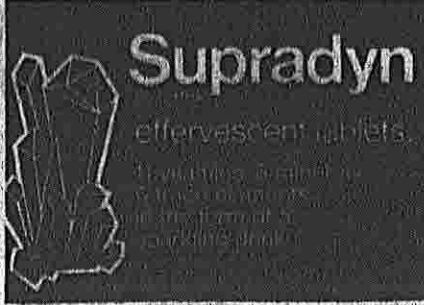
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Thant To Inform LBJ Of Mediation Efforts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, (DPA)—UN Secretary General U Thant will meet U.S. President Lyndon Johnson on Wednesday to inform America's chief executive about his efforts to arrange peace talks on Vietnam.

ring his talk with Goldberg, U Thant "indicated he would welcome a meeting with the president, as he has done in the past few days with other heads of state."

U.S. Jets Intercept USSR Bombers Off Canada

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, (Reuters)—United States fighters intercepted two Soviet bombers off Newfoundland recently, the Defence Department announced yesterday.

Warsaw Pact Chief Says Forces Meet All Needs

MOSCOW, Feb. 17, (Tass)—Marshal Ivan Yakubovsky said that "the armed forces of the socialist coalition fully meet modern requirements."

Iraq Buys French Armoured Cars

PARIS, Feb. 17, (Reuters)—France is to supply Iraq with 70 light armoured cars under an agreement completed during President Abdul Rahman Aref's visit to Paris last week, usually well-informed sources said here Friday.

Royal Audience

KABUL, Feb. 17 (Bakhtar)—The following were received in audience by His Majesty during the week ending Thursday, February 15: First Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Dr. Ali Ahmad Popal; Second Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Yafali; Finance Minister Mohammad Anwar Ziaee; Planning Minister Dr. Abdul Samad Hamid; Minister Without Portfolio Dr. Abdul Wahid Sorabi; Tribal Affairs Department President Sayed Masoud Pohanyar; chief-in-joint-staff Lt. Gen. Ghulam Farouq; Air Defence Commander Lt. Gen. Abdul Razaqi; the Foreign Ministry advisor Mohammad Mousa Shafiq; Balkh Governor Dr. Mohammad Nasser Keshawar; city planning town construction President Mohammad Sarwar Omar; Parwan Governor Dr. Khalil Ahmad Abawi; dean of the College of Medicine and Pharmacy Dr. Abdul Wali Zaki; Miss Razya Khairzadah, a pharmacy graduate of Lille University Dr. Zabihullah El-tzam, economics graduate of Michigan University and Mohammad Shafiq Nabizadah a graduate of Munich University.

Public Health Institute Hosts Anti-Locust Conference

TEACHER TRAINING FILM PLANNED

KABUL, Feb. 17.—Preliminary consultations are underway between the Ministry of Education's Audio Visual Department and UNICEF on the possibilities of making an educational film on new teaching methods.

Erskine Childers, UNICEF advisor and consultant in charge of Human Resources and Mass Communications Unit in Asia, stationed in Bangkok is here to study local resources and hold talks with Afghan Films, and UNICEF.

But he said one made in the country will have more impact because it will serve as a direct communications link among the Teacher training academies in link pursuing new teacher training methods.

Filming will start in 1969. The film will be shot in colour with complete sound effects. The cost cannot be calculated at present; it depends on the amount of Afghan resources available, he said.

Ceasefire Arranged After Israel Bombs Jordanian River Units, Refugee Centres

AMMAN, Feb. 17, (AFP)—Refugee camps on the east bank of the River Jordan "licked their wounds" Friday after a ceasefire was arranged following of Thursday night's Israeli bombardments.

Damage inflicted on the centres, sheltering thousands of refugees, was considerable. But among the greatest confusion helpers were trying to restore order.

First estimates of the damage were obviously too modest. Hundreds of families, panic-stricken by the artillery pounding and the bombs dropped by Israeli planes, fled in the night towards the Amman plateau and in other directions.

Schools, clinics, food stores and buildings for the treatment of refugees were nothing but "heaps of ruins."

Refugees themselves said that the casualties were much higher than the first official reports said.

Efforts yesterday concentrated on trying to prevent a new flight of refugees from the valley towards the plateau. In that area it is difficult to care for them.

De Gaulle, Kiesinger Favour Eventual UK Entry Into EEC

PARIS, Feb. 17, (Reuters)—France and West Germany have agreed on the broad lines of an economic arrangement "to pave the way for Britain's eventual entry into the Common Market."

The proposed arrangement was thrashed out during two days of talks here between President de Gaulle and West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger.

A West German spokesman said the plan could lead "towards a kind of free trade zone" in Western Europe.

"This applies particularly to Britain and means that the evolution already begun by this country should continue," the declaration said.

and industrial fields between the six Common Market countries and the four prospective members of the community—Britain, Denmark, Norway and Ireland.

These arrangements would include a reduction of trade obstacles for industrial products.

President de Gaulle told the German delegation at Thursday's final meeting: "There would be a great advantage for Europe if Britain could one day join our organisation. It would be an advantage for our economic capacity and, who knows, may be so for our political capacity some day."

Kiesinger in Bonn stated he was satisfied with the results of the two day meeting. DPA reports.

Speaking at an airport press conference Kiesinger said new ground had been won in many respects, but no one would have expected that, under the prevailing conditions, we could have secured France's consent to Britain's immediate entry into the European Common Market or to the immediate opening of entry negotiations.

Vance Says S. Korean Talks Were Useful

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, (Reuters)—Presidential envoy Cyrus Vance declined to say Thursday night that he had reached a meeting of the minds with South Korean President Chung Hee Park on the type of response to "future North Korean sabotage in the South."

Vance returned from his mission to Seoul and reported immediately to President Johnson and leading administration advisers in the White House.

He gave this reply when asked specifically if he felt a meeting of the minds had been reached.

President Park and members of his government believe that North Korean sabotage should be met with instant retaliation from the United States and South Korea.

Vance acknowledged that there were "some people" in South Korea who held that view and said he supposed a number of them had not changed their mind despite his mission to Seoul.

HANOI RELEASES 3 CAPTURED AIRMEN; U.S. WELCOMES MOVE

KABUL, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—The International Regional Conference on Desert Locusts in which Afghanistan, Iran, India and Pakistan will participate, opened in the Public Health Institute in Kabul today.

The conference, organised under the auspices of the World Food and Agriculture Organisation, is the fourth annual conference on locust control in Southwest Asia. It will last four days.

The executive committee of the conference will meet on Wednesday, said Abdullah Faizyar, president of plant protection of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

The participants will discuss the reports on the desert locust seen in Africa and Saudi Arabia and will adopt measures on combating them.

Recent reports also indicate that desert locust have been observed in over a scattered area of 500 km. sq. in western Iran.

Africans Threaten Boycott Olympic Committee Re-admits S. Africa To Mexican Games

GRENOBLE, Feb. 17, (Reuters)—The Mexico City Olympics in October are threatened by a mass boycott which could jeopardise the future of the Olympics following the International Olympic Committee's decision to re-admit South Africa.

Several African countries have already threatened not to send teams to the Mexico City games if South Africa were allowed to take part and that the Soviet Union also might stay away over the South African issue.

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UNCTAD Gavel Silences S. Africa

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17, (Reuters)—Participants at the UNCTAD meeting in New Delhi had a surprise relief when the South African delegate to the conference, one of the very few who hitherto have not made any policy statement yet, said he was prepared to do so on Monday.

Actually he was scheduled to speak Thursday afternoon, but Conference President Dinesh Singh brought the meeting to an abrupt end when the South African chief delegate was preparing to speak.

After the adjournment he expected to be the first one to talk on Monday.

Since the conference opened three weeks ago there have been several walkouts by African, Asian, and Latin America countries in protest against South Africa's apartheid policies. Thursday's agenda had listed South Africa as the last speaker in the afternoon session.

Dr. Willem Naude, chief South African delegate, sat with one of his colleagues, waiting to be called as the last listed speaker completed his statement.

But, instead of calling South Africa, the conference president India's Commerce Minister Dinesh Singh, called on the Israeli delegate who had sought permission to make a statement.

After the Israeli statement the president called on the conference secretary to make some procedural announcements.

Immediately after the secretary had completed his announcement, Dinesh Singh sharply banged his gavel and announced: The meeting was adjourned until 10:30 a.m. (Friday) morning."

It was only 17:15 hours local—the earliest hour at which the conference has closed.

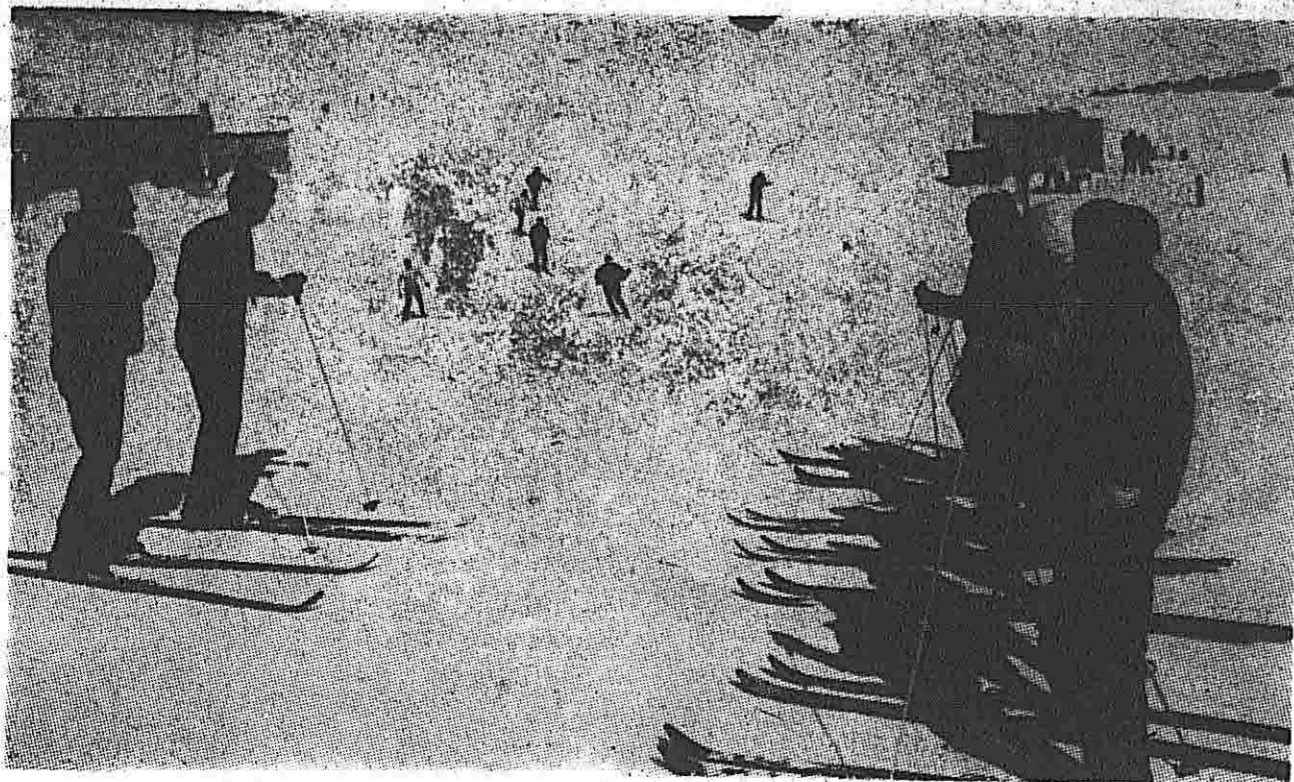
Commerce Minister Returns From UNCTAD

KABUL, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—Dr. Noor Ali the Commerce Minister returned here Thursday after attending the UNCTAD meeting in Delhi as head of the Afghan delegation which is now being led by Atullah Naser Zia Afghan ambassador in Delhi and deputy head of the delegation.

Dr. Noor Ali said here that Afghanistan is a member of UNCTAD committee on the rights of the land-locked countries which is entrusted with the task of recommending measures to do away with barriers to the development of their trade.







Over 300 spectators and skiers took part in the 1st annual 1 ski races at Chauki Ski Bowl yesterday. The record crowd enjoyed good skiing, fine weather and delicious food at the hill and lodge. Events were held for men and women in 3 classes of skiers. Beginners, intermediates and advanced, and the winner each event was presented with "Victor's Cup" from Istaltif by His Royal Highness Prince Nader Shah, a member of the club.

### Kabul Schools' Skiers To Hold Matches Next Friday

By Our Reporter

KABUL, Feb. 17.—After a decade lapse skiing courses conducted by the Ministry of Education have been once again revived. In this year's course, supervised by Eberhard Herbst, a West German peace corps volunteer, 25 students took part. The eight week course will come to an end next Friday when the years tournament will be held in Chauki Arghandeh Ski Bowl. Practice courses were held two days a week—Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Besides the 25 beginners, five intermedi-

late skiers also took lessons. Herbst will conduct the course next year and hopes that one of his five Afghan students who are all skilled skiers will take over when he leaves. Herbst said that the students take a lot of interest in learning the sport but nearly all of them had "weak" knees. More sports and more exercise can strengthen their leg muscle, he said.

Skiing equipment is supplied by the Ministry of Education and the German peace corps pay the bus fare to the skiing area which is about 15 km. east of Kabul. In next week's tournament two matches will be held—one for the skilled and the other for the beginners. The winner will receive the Afghan skiing championship title.

Herbst said that on the average 40 cm. of snow are needed for skiing. This year they had about a metre snow which made skiing conditions favourable. Fortunately, except for some minor injuries there were no serious accidents.

### Ceasefire

(Continued from page 1) was accompanied by the expulsion of 84 Jordanians from the West Bank of the Jordan and the arrests of many others, and by a new wave of torture in the Gaza Strip to force the inhabitants to quit that area. Reuter adds: an unnamed third power acted as intermediary in securing a ceasefire along the Jordan valley, where Israeli and Jordanian forces fought an eight-hour battle with artillery, tanks, mortars and planes Thursday. Authoritative sources said the third power conveyed to Israel a Jordanian ceasefire request as Israeli planes aided by flares, pounded Jordanian position long a 100 km. front. Israel accepted the request provided it was effective all along the frontier.

Jordan's acceptance came through at 2245 local (2025 GMT) and 15 minutes later orders to Israeli troops and planes to halt the fighting became effective.

### Weather Forecast

Skies in the central and northern regions will be cloudy. Yesterday the warmest area was Jalalabad with a high of 19 C. 66 F. The coldest was Shaak with a low of -28 C, -19 F. Wind speed in Kabul was recorded at 5 knots yesterday. Yesterday North Salang had 2 mm rain and Farah 1 mm. The temperature in Kabul at 10 a.m. was -4 C. 25 F. Yesterday's temperatures:

Kabul	2 C	-12 C
	36 F	10 F
Kandahar	9 C	-1 C
	48 F	30 F
Ghazni	1 C	-19 C
	30 F	-2 F
N. Salang	-21 C	-15 C
	21 F	5 F
Gardez	3 C	-16 C
	37 F	3 F
Kunduz	15 C	1 C
	59 F	30 F
Farah	16 C	4 C
	61 F	39 F



ARIANA CINEMA film At 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 American film ILVAREZ KELLY PARK CINEMA At 2:30, 4:30, 7:9 p.m. LONG WAIT

### Duels Across Hue's Perfumed River Still Going On Strong

SAIGON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—The North Vietnamese and Americans still battling in Hue, a city of terror, fought artillery duels across the Perfumed River yesterday sending refugees scattering for cover, reliable sources said here. Destroyers steaming in the South China Sea levelled their five-inch guns and poured shells into the ancient citadel where the North Vietnamese are still firmly entrenched. Carrier-based navy jets bombers, which rarely strike in South Vietnam, lashed the defiant North Vietnamese who still fly the red, blue and yellow flag of the National Liberation Front over the imperial palace.

### U.S. Loses 10,000 In First Six Weeks Of Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, (DPA)—American losses in Vietnam during the first six weeks of this year amount to more than 10,000 American soldiers killed, wounded or missing, it was announced here yesterday. According to a U.S. Defence Department spokesman 1,674 American soldiers were killed in action in Vietnam between January 1 and February 10. In the week ending February 10 alone, 400 American soldiers were killed, most of them in the Viet Cong Tet-offensive against Saigon and South Vietnam's big cities. The Pentagon also reported that since the beginning of the war in Vietnam 936 American soldiers have been listed as missing. An additional 233 are known to have been taken prisoner.

SOFIA, Feb. 17, (DPA)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and his Bulgarian counterpart, Ivan Bashev discussed current international problems with special attention to European security, a communique issued at the close of Gromyko's visit said here yesterday.

### Home Briefs

KABUL, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—The people of Deh Yaya, Bakhtyar, Paimonar, Khwaja Chasht and Tara Khail of the Deh Sabz district of Kabul have donated 2.5 acres of land in Deh Yabha village for the construction of a school there and have also accepted construction expenses. Until the school is completed one of the elders has given his house to be used as a school.

KABUL, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—A movie depicting the recent development of the armed forces of the Soviet Union, including manoeuvres, of the air and naval units was shown in the Soviet Embassy Wednesday. The Minister of Information and Culture, Dr. Mohammad Anas, and some officials attended.

KABUL, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—Soviet ambassador in Afghanistan, Constantine Alexandrov left for Moscow Thursday.

JALALABAD, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—Eng. Mohammad Akbar Reza, minister of agriculture and irrigation, yesterday inspected the Nangarhar Development Project.

GARDEZ, Feb. 17, (Bakhtar)—Minister of Planning Dr. Abdul Samad Hamed, inspected the Pakhtia Development Project Thursday. Hamed, accompanied by Deputy Abdul Sami, Sen. Ali Jan and Governor Lt. Gen. Mohammad Azeem, inspected progress on the water supply system for the city, and the machinery used in the project, and the forests in the area.

They alternated with marine jets bombers which were dropping 250, 500 and occasionally 750 pound bombs in an effort to oust an estimated battalion of North Vietnamese from the citadel. Some of the North Vietnamese are dug in to the three to six feet walls of the ancient fortification itself.

AFP adds: Weather conditions were so bad over the marine outpost at Khe Sanh yesterday that half of the supplies for the besieged dropped by parachute were lost.

For the first time, some of the drops were carried out by instruments because of bad visibility which prevented flights below the clouds.

The pilots used radar to "aim" their foodstuffs, a munition and sacks of cement to strengthen the defenses of the base, where 5,000 marines expected to be attacked by surrounding North Vietnamese troops.

### THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF KABUL ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL

### George Washington Birthday Charity Ball

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1968 Dress: Black Tie Time: 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Available at: ASTCO INTERNATIONAL CLUB AMERICAN EMBASSY

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WELCOME TASK Wishes To Thank Pakistan International Airways Pan American Afghan Swiss Trading Company (ASTCO) For the door prize, a weekend trip for two to Lahore.

## Brezhnev Blames U.S. For Middle East Stalemate

### COLOURED PARLIAMENT PROPOSED IN CAPE PROVINCE

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17, (Reuter)—A government-appointed commission yesterday recommended stripping the nation's coloured—mixed race—population of all representation in the state parliament. It urged strapping the system under which coloureds in the Cape province—where most of South Africa's 1,600,000 coloureds are concentrated—are represented by whites on the Cape Provincial Council.

The commission, in a six-to-four verdict, also proposed legislation to prohibit multi-racial membership of political parties—a blow to the small liberal and progressive parties both of which have some non-white members.

At the same time the commission recommended enlarging the powers and scope of authority of the existing coloured peoples representative council, making it in effect a largely elected coloured parliament.

The government plans to set up a coloured peoples' representative council which will handle a wide range of coloured issues including education, social welfare and pensions.

KARACHI, Feb. 17, (Reuter)—Students protesting against the publication of sketch of the prophet Muhammad in the United States yesterday ransacked the Bank of America building in Lahore and stoned the U.S. consulate-general.

An unofficial report said 28 people were injured when police charged with staves to disperse a demonstrating crowd over 1,000 strong. An official report said several policemen were hurt by stones.

The official statement said the crowd had torn down the U.S. flag from the consulate-general.

Police used tear gas to disperse the crowd, which was chanting pro-Viet Cong guerrilla slogans, and threw a cordon round the consulate-general and information centre.

### U.S. Urges Red Cross Access To Southwest Africans

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Feb. 17, (Reuter)—The United States proposed yesterday that South Africa allow International Red Cross representatives to have continuing and unimpeded access to 33 Southwest Africans imprisoned for alleged terrorism.

The proposal, from Arthur J. Goldberg, came when the Security Council resumed its debate yesterday on how to break South Africa's grip on Southwest Africa.

South Africa administers this huge territory in defiance of a UN resolution desolving its League of Nations mandate. The Security Council is primarily concerned with the fate of 33 Southwest Africans sentenced by a supreme court in South Africa last week at a trial regarded by the UN as illegal.

### World Briefs

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17, (DPA)—Belgium's air force will shortly be equipped with 106 French "Mirage V" jet fighters following a decision taken yesterday by the acting Belgian government under Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants. The aircraft will cost a total of \$ 150 million.

TOKYO, Feb. 17, (DPA)—A heavy snowstorm hitting about two thirds of Japan from Thursday to Friday brought the nations life to a virtual standstill, leaving 16 people dead, five missing and 29 injured in its wake Friday afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, (AFP)—Gov. George Romney of Michigan yesterday accused his main rival to date in the New Hampshire republican primary, former Vice-President Richard Nixon, of taking a "me, too" line on the war in Vietnam.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17, (AFP)—An express train killed 16 people and injured 13 others when it ploughed through a group of Hindu pilgrims crossing the tracks at Lakhiserai station near Patna city, Thursday night.

First reports said the express, bound from New Delhi to Calcutta, failed to stop after the accident. An agry crowd later looted the station at Lakhiserai, smashing furniture and attacking station staff.

## BOSPHORUS BRIDGE

(Continued from page 2) It seems possible that the architects, who are ever conscious of the city's material beauty as opposed to the old timers who take pride in its natural charm, have argued that the first visitor to Istanbul from Europe should not be obliged to go underground and thus miss the grandeur of the Bosphorus. Rather, they must drive over a bridge and see everything.

The contract which was signed recently between the Turkish Ministry of Public Works and the British firm of Freeman Fox provides for a 1,500 metres long bridge with a main span of 1,100 metres. The total width will be 25 metres high to allow the free passage of ships.

According to the original plans, the bridge will carry four lanes of traffic, but is designed in such a way that this can be expanded to six lanes later. Along with the construction of the bridge, dual carriageways, underpass and many other facilities will be built.

Provision has already needed to build the bridge. By next January, everything will be decided—including the exact location of the bridge.

So far, the crossing point has been kept a secret to prevent speculation, although there is general belief that the bridge will be built from near Rumulu Hisar, the ancient Roman (and later Ottoman) fort.

Freeman Fox won the bid over the opposition of the U.S. firm of Amman and Whitney by bidding one million dollars lower. The British firm has built large suspension

bridges in England and Scotland, and reportedly gave good reasons in favour of a bridge rather than a tunnel.

The bridge will not mean the end of the ferry services because, although six lanes of traffic will eventually pass over the bridge, this will be barely adequate to cope with the growth in traffic by 1972.

The ferry boats will thus continue to be needed for transporting passengers and trains. Even if the vehicular ferries are withdrawn from service, scores of ships carrying passengers from Karakoy to Kadikoy and from Yeni Cami to the various islands will still go about their business.

And the architects are taking great pains to site the bridge so that the city's skyline, with its beautiful mosques and other buildings, will not suffer greatly.

### Taxi Drivers

(Continued from page 3) derliness is no concern of theirs. This puts most of the drivers in a fix when they come to an intersection with no traffic lights. This attitude coupled with some drivers having too much faith in heavens can be rectified by a set of rules and regulations which the Traffic Department should publish and enforce in the near future. The inscription "O Allah, I pin all my hopes on You" pasted on some switchboards is a pleading which smacks of ingratitude and is no guarantee against reckless driving.

## Announcement

The Government of Afghanistan has received a loan from the International Development Association in various currencies equivalent to \$ 3,500,000 toward the cost of Education Projects in Herat, Kabul and Kunduz, and it is intended that a portion of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to payments under the contract (s) for which this invitation to bid is issued.

Payments by the International Development Association will be made only upon approval by the International Development of Afghanistan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the loan agreement and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of that agreement.

Sealed bids will be received for construction of:

Education Projects at Herat, Kabul and Kunduz, each consisting of Sewage System, Water Supply and Electrical Distribution System; various structures for Administration, Classrooms, Dormitories—Agricultural and Electro-Mechanical Buildings; recreation and athletic fields. Areas of Structures will be approximately as follows:

Herat	12,500 m <sup>2</sup>
Kabul	12,200 m <sup>2</sup>
Kunduz	16,300 m <sup>2</sup>

In accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Dalton-Dalton Associates, Architects and Engineers, 979 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114, U.S., and on file in the offices of the Architect and the Ministry of Education of the Government of Afghanistan.