Farewell Receptions for U.S. Ambassador

At the Cinema

KABUL, JULY 20.—A farewell reception was held at the Cinema in honor of the United States Ambassador to the Court of Kabul, Mr. Alain B. Blum. The reception was attended by numerous diplomatists of the United States and other countries, as well as representatives of the local government and business community.

The event was organized by the U.S. Embassy in Kabul and was attended by many high-ranking officials, including the Afghan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mohammad Azam.

The reception featured a speech by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Blum, expressing his gratitude for the hospitality and cooperation extended to him and his staff during his tenure. He also expressed his hope for continued cooperation and progress between the two countries.

The evening concluded with a prayer service for the health and prosperity of Afghanistan and the United States.
Agricultural Survey

The report on the agricultural survey of the northern provinces is due for release any day now. It is expected that the results of the survey will provide valuable information on the agricultural potential of the region and help in planning future development projects.

The survey was conducted in the northern provinces, which are characterized by fertile soil and a moderate climate. The results are expected to highlight the potential for the cultivation of various crops and the development of new agricultural technologies.

The survey has been carried out in collaboration with stakeholders from the local government and the agricultural sector. The findings will be presented at a conference to be held in the capital.

The survey report is anticipated to be a significant contribution to the planning process for the development of the northern provinces, and it will help in addressing the challenges faced by the agricultural sector in the region.

MOPPING OPERATION AGAINST KURDS TO FINISH IN FEW DAYS

The mopping operation against the Kurdish guerrillas in the northern provinces is expected to be completed within a few days. The operation has been ongoing for several months and has resulted in the capture of several high-profile guerrilla commanders and the destruction of their infrastructure.

The operation has been carried out by the military forces in cooperation with the Kurdish tribes and local authorities. The operation has been praised for its efficiency and has been credited with bringing peace to the affected areas.

The operation is expected to be completed within the coming days, and the government has announced plans to continue with the development of the region after the operation is completed.

The Ministry of Public Works has announced plans to initiate the development of the region once the operation is completed. The development plans include the construction of roads, schools, and hospitals, which are expected to benefit the local population.

The Ministry of Public Works has also announced plans to provide financial assistance to the local governments to support the development of the region. The assistance will be in the form of grants and loans, which will be used to fund the development projects.

The development plans are expected to create job opportunities for the local population and improve the living standards of the residents. The government has also announced plans to provide training and education opportunities to the local population to help them acquire new skills.

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DE GAULLE REJECTS NON-AGGRESSION PACT IN EUROPE

French Leader Refuses to Join Test Ban Accord

KABUL, July 26—President Charles de Gaulle, in a speech yesterday in Paris rejecting any European non-aggression pact as proposed by the Soviets or the United States, said that France was seeking an agreement to ensure peace in Europe.

President de Gaulle said in his address to the French nation at the Elysee Palace that the non-aggression pact proposal was a threat to French security and would lead to dependence.

The President said that France would not sign any agreement that would lead to external control of French forces or economic dependence on foreign countries.

He also called for a European defense treaty that would ensure the independence of European nations.

RESCUE WORK IN SKOPJE CONTINUES

Skopje, July 26—Rescue workers continued their efforts yesterday to save lives after the earthquake that struck the city on July 23.

The death toll rose to 65 and the number of injured was estimated at 200. The U.N. Mission in Yugoslavia said that the situation was critical and that relief efforts were under way.

The President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, arrived in Skopje yesterday to express the sympathies of his government.

Dr. Adenauer said that Germany would provide assistance to the victims of the earthquake.

Quake Destroys Iranian Village

No Casualty Report

Teheran, July 26—A strong earthquake shook the city of Mashad yesterday, but no casualties were reported.

The earthquake measured 7.2 on the Richter scale and caused extensive damage to buildings.

The government has awarded insurance compensation to those affected by the quake.

Popal Receives P Kirk Merit Order

Kabul, July 26—Mr. Popal, a prominent Afghan journalist and politician, was awarded the P Kirk Merit Order yesterday by the government.

The award was given in recognition of his services to the state.

Popal has been involved in the Afghan political scene for many years and has written extensively on various topics.

LONG TIME NEEDED FOR CHINA TO HAVE NUCLEAR POWER OF IMPORTANCE

HARRIMAN QUOTES KRUSHCHEV

WASHINGTON, July 26—Secretary of State Dean Rusk today said that China needed to develop its nuclear power program for many years.

Rusk emphasized that China's nuclear program had been progressing slowly and that it was unlikely to be completed in the near future.

He added that China had not yet developed a nuclear weapon.

Rusk also said that the United States would continue to work with China on non-proliferation issues.

AFGHANISTAN READY TO SIGN TEST BAN AGREEMENT

Premier GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE

KABUL, July 26—Premier Daoud Khan today announced that Afghanistan was ready to sign the test ban agreement.

Daoud said that the agreement was a step forward in the fight against nuclear arms and that Afghanistan was committed to its principles.

The Premier said that the agreement would help to maintain peace and security in the region.

During the press conference, Daoud also addressed the situation in Afghanistan and the need for economic development.

THREE N. POWERS PLEDGE TO CONTINUE WORK FOR DISARMAMENT TREATY

GENEVA CONFERENCE RESUMED

THESSALONIKI, July 26—The three northern powers—Britain, France, and the United States—pledged to continue their efforts for the disarmament treaty.

The powers had earlier suspended talks due to the crisis in the Middle East.

The three nations said that they would continue to work on the treaty and that they hoped to achieve a breakthrough.

THE WEATHER

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1960

MADINA, July 26—(AP) The first significant rain in many months fell last night in honor of the Blessing of Rain, which is the annual rain festival held in the capital.

The rain was accompanied by a strong wind, causing damage to crops in some areas.

In the capital, the temperature dropped to 55 degrees Fahrenheit, and the humidity was high.

The rain is expected to continue for several days, providing much-needed relief to the farmers in the region.

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Sukarno Pledges To Work Toward Malayan Unity

KARIBU, July 26—(AP) President Sukarno of Indonesia today pledged to work toward the unity of Malaya.

Sukarno said that he was confident that the unity of Malaya could be achieved through peaceful means.

In his speech, Sukarno also addressed the situation in Indonesia and the need for unity among the people.

Projects To Be Launched For Hazara Development

Government Delegation Returns

KABUL, July 26—The Hazara Development Committee, which had been in Pakistan to launch projects, returned yesterday.

The committee was formed to develop the economy of the Hazara region and to improve the living standards of the people.

The committee visited several communities and held meetings with local leaders.

GEOLOGY EXPERT IN VISIT

HEPAT, JUDEI—(AP) Dr. George Feit, an expert in geology, arrived in Hepat yesterday.

Feit is expected to work on a project to explore the mineral resources of the region.

The project is being carried out by a government agency and aims to develop the region's natural resources.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Zahir Shah, welcomed the expert and said that the project would help to boost the economy of the region.

Afterwards, Mr. Mohammad Ali Khan, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, hosted a dinner in honor of Dr. Feit.

COCHABAMBA, July 26—(AP) The United States is funding a program to develop the resources of the region.

Elder Mr. E. R. Wood, the U.S. ambassador, recently visited the region and expressed support for the project.

The program is expected to generate employment opportunities and improve the standard of living in the region.

The government has also awarded a contract to a local company to develop the region's resources.

Seminar On Education Improvement

KABUL, July 26—Professor Muhammad Iqbal, a prominent scholar, addressed a seminar on education improvement in Afghanistan.

Iqbal emphasized the importance of education in building a strong nation.

He also thanked the government for its commitment to education and called for greater efforts to improve the quality of education.

The seminar was attended by government officials, educators, and students.

The main theme of the discussion was the role of education in improving the standard of living and in developing the country.

Iqbal also encouraged educators to work towards improving the quality of education and to prepare students for the future.

The seminar was well received and participants expressed their commitment to improve the standard of education in Afghanistan.