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A Farewell Reception for the U.S. Ambassador

KABUL, July 20—A luncheon was given by Mr. Blakes, President of the Afghan-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to honor the outgoing U.S. Ambassador at the Embassy of Khalil Shah. Mr. Blakes, in his speech, praised the American mission in Kabul for its work and expressed his gratitude to the Ambassador for his efforts in fostering goodwill between the two countries.

The luncheon was attended by a large number of Kabul's elite. Among those present were Mr. Blakes' wife, the Ambassadors' wives, and members of the diplomatic corps.

U.S. jet liner plunges into Arabian Sea; all 63 passengers die

A U.S. Airways flight carrying 63 passengers and crew members crashed into the Arabian Sea on July 20. The flight was on its way from Rome to Washington, D.C.

The crash occurred near the island of Malta, and all 63 people on board were killed. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Japanese doctors on medical college

The Japanese government has opened a medical college in Kabul, Afghanistan. The college will train doctors and nurses for the Afghan health care system.

The opening of the college was attended by representatives of the Japanese government, including the ambassador, and Afghan officials.

Classification ADIV:

DOG LOST

A dog has been lost in the city of Kabul. It is a small, brown dog with a white collar. The owner, who lives on Masal Road, has Reward for return.

Weather:

The weather today is clear with a high of 90°F and a low of 60°F. The forecast for tomorrow is similar with some chance of rain in the evening.

Prime Minister opens students' art show

Dr. Yousuf stresses role of art in national life

The Prime Minister opened the students' art show yesterday afternoon at the Exhibition Hall of the Ministry of Education. In his speech, Dr. Yousuf stressed the importance of art in national life and the need for the government to support the arts. He also urged the students to continue their efforts in the field of art.

The exhibition features works by students from the Afghanistan National Academy of Fine Arts and other institutions.

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 Freedoms of Press Limited or Unlimited?

With the advent of democracy, guaranteeing press freedom is both essential and important. It is not just that it is the right of the people to express their ideas, but it is also a tool for the success of democratic governments. Amidst the backdrop of the ongoing war, freedom of the press is the most important tool to keep the government accountable.

At a Glance

Yesterday's newspaper revealed that the Taliban have released an official statement calling for the restoration of peace in the region. The statement emphasizes the need for a negotiated solution to the conflict and the importance of including all stakeholders in the process. It also highlights the role of the international community in supporting peace efforts.

TEXT OF DR. POPAL'S SPEECH BEFORE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

PART 1

The benefits of education are neither limited to the individual nor confined to the classroom. The educated mind is more open to new ideas and perspectives, which leads to the understanding between the different cultures and religions. The goal of education is to produce educated citizens who are capable of making informed decisions and contributing positively to society.

PART 2

The modern world is characterized by rapid changes and technological advancements. It is crucial to ensure that the education system keeps pace with these changes, providing students with the necessary skills to succeed in the 21st century. Education should be inclusive, providing opportunities for all students, regardless of gender, socio-economic status, or other factors.

Presentations are open to all educational institutions and initiatives that are working towards improving the quality of education in Afghanistan. The presentations should be prepared in English, and the duration should not exceed 30 minutes.

The presentations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Clarity of the presentation
2. Relevance of the content
3. Engagement of the audience
4. Use of visual aids
5. Time management

The awards ceremony will be held on the 25th of June. The winners will be announced and receive certificates and prizes for their outstanding presentations.
DE GAULLE REJECTS NON-AGGRESSION PACT IN EUROPE

French Leader Refuses To Join Test Ban Accord

PARIS, Monday—President Charles de Gaulle Monday rejected any European non-aggression pact proposed by the Soviet Union.

The President told a special meeting of the French Delegation to the United Nations that France would not sign any such agreement unless it was assured of NATO's continued existence and security.

President de Gaulle also said that if the United States, Britain and France were to sign such an agreement, it would have to be signed by the Federal Republic of Germany.

RESCUE WORK IN SKOPJE CONTINUES

SKOPJE, Sunday—Rescue work continued in the Macedonian capital where a July 7 earthquake killed 20 people and injured hundreds.

The Yugoslav government said that the death toll could rise as the number of missing persons continues to grow.

The epicenter of the 6.6 magnitude earthquake was located near the town of Petrich, about 100 kilometers southeast of Skopje.

AFGHANISTAN READY TO SIGN TEST BAN AGREEMENT

Premier gives press conference

KABUL, July 13—Premier Habibullah Najibullah today said that Afghanistan was ready to sign the test ban agreement.

"We believe that the test ban agreement is a step towards world peace," Najibullah said.

The premier also said that Afghanistan would support any efforts to negotiate a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

GEOLOGY EXPERT IN AFGHANISTAN

FIRAT, July 13—An expert in geological survey work arrived in Afghanistan to assess the country's mineral resources.

The expert, who is from the United States Geological Survey, will conduct surveys in various provinces to identify potential mineral deposits.

Projects To Be Launched For Hazara Development

Government delegation returns

KABUL, July 13—A delegation of government officials returned from a visit to the Hazara region, where new projects are being planned.

The delegation, which included ministers and senior officials, visited the region to assess the needs and potential for development.

Three N. Powers Pledge to Continue Work for Disarmament Treaty

GENEVA CONFERENCE RESUMED

The Soviet Union, the United States and Britain pledged to continue working for a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.

At the end of the Geneva conference, the representatives of the three countries agreed to resume discussions in Geneva.

Seminar for Education Improvement

KABUL, July 13—A seminar for education improvement was held in Kabul.

The seminar, which was attended by representatives from various provinces, discussed strategies for improving education in Afghanistan.