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meet several times a day on the front stairwell to compare pounds shed and muscles foned. It remains to be seen whether the convenience of RATS will signal the "the most physically fit" group on Sutter Street, they Health Club, an involuntary association of building employees organized during the construction. Labled perfenced severe leg cramps during the six months of the construction will certainly welcome this news. However this example of the creceived with mixed emotion by members of the Center's Statiwell Health Club, an involuntary association of building make its mangural voyage on August I. Most tenants and visitors to the Center who have ex-

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and the influence of others, particularly China's, will The international relations among these governments Bhutan, and Ladakh - all stops on the three-week trip. cover a number of countries including India, Mepal, this faccinating area, but will be specially beneficial to members of the tour group. In his talk Dr. Rose will Himalayas." The forum is open to everyone interested in On August 27 Dr. Leo Rose, Editor of Asian Survey and the resource person who will accompany the Council's tour to the Himalayas in October will speak at a Council Forum on the subject, "Geopolitics in the Himalayas." The forum sendpect, "Geopolitics in the Himalayas." The forum sendpect in the subject of the subject of

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was appointed Assistant Director of the Council, formed to determine a successor. On the recommenda-tion of this committee DR, MINA TANNER ROBBINS Following Jean's resignation a search committee was

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AFGHANISTAN

The year 1968 began with the newly-formed Government under the leadership of H.E. Nour Ahmad Etemadi trying to build public confidence in the Cabinet and hoping to achieve a new stability in the wake of general disaffection with the former, Maiwandwal, regime. The people, as epitomized by the deputies in the Wolesi Jirgah (Lower House of Parliament), were skeptical, particularly since the new Cabinet was primarily a reshuffling of the old familiar faces.

The Ministry of Education increasingly has become a public target for its failure to keep up with the rising popular demand for more, and more relevant, education. Villagers, who a decade ago were at best suspicious of education and often would not allow their children to attend schools, now, impatient with the Government's failure to meet its promises of education for all, have built their own schools and are demanding teachers and texts in numbers the Government cannot begin to supply. Even in Kabul, only about 20 percent of the eligible seven-year olds can be accepted in schools. The need for complete curriculum overhaul at all levels is urgent. In the Faculty of Letters, Kabul University, for instance, some 37 subjects are required of students during the course of a year, equipping them for no available job.

In taking charge from his unpopular predecessor, the new Minister of Education, Ahmad Ali Popal, put into effect some unpopular measures of his own, which incited the restless students of several institutions to demonstrate. What began as a localized strike in the secondary-level Afghan Institute of Technology (AIT), gathered momentum as students from other institutions supported the AIT strike, and later pressed the Ministry with demands of their own. After approximately two months of strike, at first sporadic, from the time the academic year began in late March until late May, virtually every university faculty, lycee, technical school and teacher training institution in Kabul, as well as in many of the large provincial cities, was affected. The Faculty of Education, Kabul University, closed its doors until the second term began in September, writing off the first semester as a total loss.

Leftist student and non-student organizers capitalized fully on the situation. Workers in several of the larger factories struck in sympathy with the students, for higher wages, and in protest of general Government inaction. Perhaps one of the most noteworthy events was a march on Kabul by some 600 workers of the Petroleum Company from the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif. The company, which is a semi-autonomous department of the Ministry of Mines and Industries, has probably the best treated employees in the land in terms of employee benefits and privileges. Still, though the workers were halted midway and turned back, they apparently were successful in making known to the Government their desire for yet a bigger cut of the pie.

As the Government dealt with the demands of each group, the strike movement ran out of steam. Students, though remaining restless, returned to their schools for the few remaining weeks before the summer break. Rumors were rampant that the Government would be brought down during the time of the 50th Annual Jeshyn celebration in August. Some predicted attempts on the King's life.