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## COMMENT ON SOVIET TALKS PLAN to reconcile East-West views ARMAMENT PROPOSAL DISMAYS DIPLOMATS

It would agree to a world disarmament conference, as proposed by Russia at the only if this week's meeting in London of the United Nations disarmament sub-committee press in reconciling East-West views, a spokesman announced.

commenting on the Russian plan, broadcast by radio, for a world conference to be called by the end of this year to reduce armaments and ban hydrogen bombs, Russia suggested that all nations pledge themselves to destroy any stocks of hydrogen weapons and not to increase their armaments or military budgets above the level of 1955.

A spokesman declined to comment on the Soviet statement, which has dismayed diplomats in London on the ground that it might



An airman searches the wreckage of the burnt-out Lincoln bomber, in which the crew of six lost their lives on Saturday. The aircraft crashed half a mile from the Githunguri police post, killing four Africans and seriously injuring another.

## PROSPECTS OF FAURE CABINET 'ONLY FAIR'

Fourth attempt to form Government

M. EDGAR FAURE, Foreign Minister in the outgoing French Government of M. Pierre Mendès-France, has accepted

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### Observations by Tanganyika

A PROPOSAL to introduce in "specified areas" of Tanganyika Government's inability to accept a timetable should be fixed for constitutional development, announced in Dar es Salaam on the United Nations Visiting

The plan for a common Tanganyika Government's report. It was stated it was based on a common roll with appropriate voting qualifications "in specified areas where there may be a substantial demand and where their introduction is practical."

The success of such a step would depend to some extent on the prior establishment of a multi-racial outlook in the area selected, it was stated.

The British decision on the report also rejects the recommendation that a date should be specified "which would generally have to be an arbitrary date" by which the territories would be granted self-government.

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Another point made in the Tanganyika Government's observations is that all Unaffiliated Members of the Executive Co-

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THE crew of six of a Lincoln bomber, based at the R.A.F. Station, Eastleigh, were all killed on Saturday when the aircraft crashed near Githunguri Police Station in the Kiambu district. Four Africans, including two women and a child, were killed and another African child was seriously injured.

Eye-witnesses stated that the aircraft, which was returning from a bombing mission over the Aberdare Forest, got into difficulties while flying low over the police station. Its starboard wing caught the roof of the European officers' mess and demolished the building.

### Burned to death

The bomber then began to rise, but stalled. A few seconds later it crashed into an African hut on a hillside *shamba* half a mile from the police station and about 100 yards from the main Githunguri-Kiambu road.

A woman who was working in the hut was burned to death when it caught fire. Another African woman and a child, who were working in the *shamba*, were killed by flying debris.

The aeroplane, which had left its rudder entangled in the barbed-wire fence of the police station, caught fire. Africans were unable to approach it because of the intensity of the fire and danger from exploding petrol tanks and ammunition, and by the time police officers arrived the wreckage was almost burnt out.

### Died in hospital

Fifty yards away police found a member of the crew — believed to be the rear-gunner — who had been thrown clear. His clothing was on fire and he was badly burned. He was taken to Kiambu for treatment, and from there to the Military Hospital in Nairobi, but died on Saturday evening.

The R.A.F. put a guard round

the wreckage, and yesterday morning airmen were still probing for belongings of the crew. Photographs were taken, and it is understood that these will be produced at an official inquiry.

The names of the crew are being withheld until the next of kin have been informed.

### Fourth Lincoln crash

This is the fourth Lincoln crash since heavy bombers were introduced into the fight against Mau Mau in 1953. Last March the crew of five was killed when a Lincoln crashed high on Mount Kinangop. The aircraft was burnt out.

Previously, there had been two accidents during take-offs at Eastleigh, but none of the crews was injured.

Another Lincoln was caught in the blast and splinters from its own bomb-load while on a mission over the forest south-west of Mount Kenya in August. The plane was brought back to Eastleigh, but one of the crew died from injuries soon after it had landed.

A year ago the pilot and a police inspector were killed when a R.A.F. Harvard crashed after taking off from Nyeri. It was the second Harvard disaster in a month. In April, three Harvards were wrecked when they crashed in the Aberdare Forests.

## U.K. ELECTIONS IN AUTUMN FORECAST

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# NAMES OF AIR CRASH VICTIMS RELEASED

The names of the six airmen who were killed in the R.A.F. Lincoln bomber crash near Githunguri on Saturday were released yesterday.

Only one of the crew, Sgt. Stanley Albert George Bartlett (29), of Ramsay, Huntingdonshire, was married. He was the rear gunner, who died in the British Military Hospital after the crash.

The others were the pilot, F/O Allan Leonard Hunt. (26), of Sandrige, St. Alban's, Herts.; two navigators, F/O Alexander King (24), of Kelso, Scotland, and F/O John Graham Perry (20), of Sheffield; and two signallers, Sgt. Norman Victor Hollands (20), of Ashford, Middlesex, and Sgt. Allan William North (26), of Edgware, Middlesex.