

## GENERAL ELECTION IN CEYLON

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The new Parliament was opened by the Governor General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, on April 20. The Speech from the Throne indicated that Ceylon would not join in alliances with any power blocs and confirmed that the position of the British naval and air bases on the island would be reviewed. Proposed internal measures were to include nationalization of transport, extension of social services, and encouragement of agriculture. Legislation would, as forecast, be introduced to declare Ceylon a republic and to make Sinhalese the official language of the state. Later, Cabinet decided that the Colombo Plan Exhibition, originally scheduled to take place early in 1957, has been indefinitely postponed.



### INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL

The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Robert H. Winters, left, and the former Canadian Ambassador to Brazil, Mr. Sydney D. Pierce at the inauguration of the new President of Brazil, His Excellency Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira. Mr. Winters was designated as Special Ambassador for the inauguration ceremonies.

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