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1. An Indian military mission headed by Major General Y.S. Paranjoe has been in Nepal since Feb 1952, engaged in a two-year program of building up a Nepalese fighting force.
2. There have been organized: 15 infantry battalions, 2 mountain batteries, 2 engineer companies, a machine gun company, a transport company, and a supply organization.
3. Further plans provide for equipping and training 7 more infantry battalions. Supply and provisioning are provided for by a special agreement between Nepal and India.
4. The mission of these troops is to secure the Nepalese border against Chinese and Tibetan infiltration and to combat Nepalese bands.
5. The Indian military mission presumably provides an effective support for Indian influence in Nepal.

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