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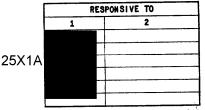
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- An Indian military mission headed by Major General Y.S. Paranjoe has been in Nepal since Feb 1952, engaged in a two-year program of building up a Nepalese fighting force.
- There have been organized: 15 infantry battalions, 2 mountain batteries, 2
  engineer companies, a machine gun company, a transport company, and a supply
  organization.
- 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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