

# Medaris, Gunewardene Added to SCONA List

Two names have been added to the list of speakers in the Fifth Conference on National Affairs to be held in the Memorial Student Center Dec. 9-12.

R. S. S. Gunewardene, Ambassador of Ceylon to the United States, will be one of the principal speakers.

The title of his speech will be "Coping with Crisis Areas in the Cold War".

Born on Nov. 3, 1899, at Matara in the south of Ceylon, Gunewardene studied at St. Thomas' College, Colombo, and gained his Bachelor of Arts degree at London University in 1920.

He was founder-member of the Ceylon National Congress which led the country through the path of constitutional development to ultimate independence in 1948.

In 1937, he was elected to the State Council for the Gambia party. He served continuously on the State Council until 1947 when he was elected to the First Parliament of Independent Ceylon. Gunewardene was a minister of State in the First Cabinet, Chief Government Whip and Chairman of the Committee on the Privileges until 1949 when he was appointed by the Government as Chairman of the Board of Indigenous Medicine. In 1952 he was appointed as Ceylon's first minister to Rome.

In 1952 he led the Ceylon delegation to the annual assembly of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and was elected Vice-Chairman of the FAO Committee on Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations.

Appointed Ceylon's Ambassador to the United States in 1954, and concurrently Alternate Governor of the World Bank, the Ambassador took an active interest in the latter's activities.

Gunewardene was appointed observer from Ceylon to the United Nations in 1955, and was specifically charged with the responsibility of securing Ceylon's admission to that body.

In 1955 he was knighted for distinguished services by Queen Elizabeth of England. The same year he was also appointed head of the Ceylon delegation to the annual sessions of the World Health Organization held in Mexico City.

The Ambassador was appointed Ceylon's first high commissioner to Canada and his country's first

permanent representative to the United Nations, which post he held concurrently with that of Ambassador to the United States.

Gunewardene led both his country's delegations to the emergency sessions of the U. N. during the Suez crisis and the Hungarian problem and was elected Vice-Chairman of the first main political committee. His efforts during the Suez Crisis were recognized by his election to the seven-member Advisory Committee of the U. N. Emergency Force.

He was leader of the Ceylon delegation to the U. N. General Assembly sessions in 1957, and was elected vice-president of the General Assembly, polling one of the highest votes yet recorded.

### Maj. Gen. Medaris

Maj. Gen. John Bruce Medaris will speak on "Facing the Challenges of the Space Age." Gen. Medaris, who plans to retire in January from his present position as commander of the Army Ordnance Missile Command, studied mechanical engineering at Ohio State University where he was Cadet Captain of the ROTC. He left the University prior to graduation to accept a commission in the Regular Army.

Volunteering for service in the U. S. Marine Corps at the age of 16, he served in France during World War I and was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal. He returned to Europe in 1944 as Ordnance Officer, First U. S. Army, and served in that capacity until the end of World War II.

Gen. Medaris served with II Corps in Tunisia and Sicily before joining Headquarters, First Army, whose campaigns included those of Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe. It fell to him to identify the first German V-2 rocket fired against First Army in Europe. A decade later he was chosen to direct Army's long-range missile and outer space programs conducted by a team whose core consisted of the technical personnel who developed the V-2.

Gen. Medaris, who holds the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster) among several other high medals and awards, activated the Army Ballistic Missile Agency February 1, 1956. Since then he has managed to successful com-

pletion the development and production of the REDSTONE and JUPITER Missile Systems. He was responsible for the launching of the free world's first earth satellite, Explorer I, Jan. 31, 1958.

His present command extends from the west to the east coast. He is represented on the staffs of the commanding generals, Atlantic and Pacific Missile Ranges. The development and production of the missile systems for which his command is responsible requires the support of a large segment of the U. S. industry, numerous government agencies, research laboratories and universities throughout the country. The command likewise is responsible for support of the missile weapons systems so long as they are in the hands of troops here and abroad.

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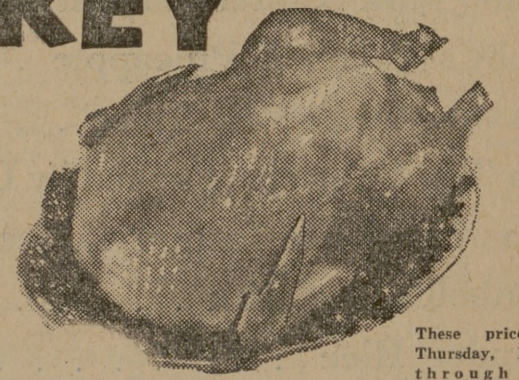
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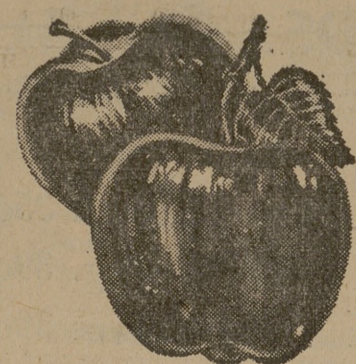
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