

## Link with the Future

**O**UR COMMUNICATIONS equipment is destined to cover yet another far country east of the Bay of Bengal. Those who fought in Burma will know to their cost what the jungle can do, and since the war it has rapidly swallowed up open tracts and strangled landlines, now lying neglected and useless. Much of the country's former excellent communication system has disappeared.

The contract between this Company and the Burmese Purchasing Commission for a quarter of a million pounds' worth of equipment, signed in July, will on completion give Burma a system of radio telephone and telegraph communication without the great task of clearing the jungle to lay wires.

The network will be for official use only, linking by radio telephone and telegraph the twelve main centres, including, of course, Rangoon, the capital and chief port. These, in turn, will be linked to smaller towns and stations by radio telegraph, the longest link in the system stretching for nearly 600 miles.



*Signing with Burma. Front (left to right): A. W. Cole, M.W.T.; U. San Thein, Chairman, Burmese Shipping Board; Bo Min Gaung, Minister for Public Works; W. J. Richards, M.W.T. Standing: U. Kyi Win, Chief Engineer, Burmese Railways; B. K. Hallow, M.W.T.; and Saw Ohn Tin, Commercial Attaché*

*The jungle and forests where the elephants used to work will now be spanned by radio*

