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## Ban on Manufacture Of A-Weapons Asked

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 31—India today listed the halting of nuclear weapons manufacture by existing nuclear powers as her minimum terms for agreement to a nonproliferation treaty.

The intention, Indian sources said, was to apply to Communist China as well as to other nations with nuclear capacity. "All must point", one observer commented.

India also reserved the right to develop means of conducting nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes instead of inviting existing nuclear powers to carry out such projects for her.

The Indian statement to the United Nations Political Committee did not directly indicate a hardened line as the result of the Chinese test last week of a nuclear-tipped missile, but experts here saw the Indian emphasis as new and significant.

The process of producing materials for peaceful explosions is the same as for nuclear weapons, a diplomatic source asserted.

The Indian delegate, C. V. Trivedi, reiterated that his country, "which has declared itself unequivocally and repeatedly against manufacture of nuclear weapons, believes passionately in this policy."

But, he insisted, a balanced nonproliferation treaty must impose obligations in nuclear powers as well as non-nuclear powers. Although this argument is not new, Trivedi placed additional stress on the necessity for agreement that no more nuclear weapons be produced.

Since China has shown no interest in either signing a

non-proliferation treaty or in halting nuclear weapons manufacture, this could be an out for India if she thought circumstances required it.

On peaceful explosions, Trivedi noted that nuclear technology for digging harbors and canals is still theoretical. But, he said, developing nations cannot afford to remain mere producers of raw material.

One authority here pointed out that although the Indian position still is to oppose national production of nuclear weapons despite China's program, the development of technology for peaceful explosions could make it possible for India to switch quickly to development of nuclear weapons if she should wish to do so.