

# 'Peacekeeper' Is Here

California, at the initiative of... contracted with some of the... the state expert assistance... socio-technological... air pollution... problem of... Johnson... notice... estimate... Act... this topic... of Del Monte... cated... cal Research... cooperation of... police work from... space age. The companies have... and Chief Davis suggests that police... over the country should do... area of cooperation... already... police...

and corporations in their common solicitude for law and order. The particular concept that has emerged from the... tente in Del Monte is the 'Peacekeeper'... police... signed to give the police... their lawless adversaries... the kind of... that... the tranquility of Watts in 1965 and... later, Newark, Dallas and other cities. Peacekeeper looks more like a tank than a passenger car, but it... makes it... persuade to people who are hard to persuade. A production... will cost about ten times... as the usual... car, but its sponsors believe it would... feature is legs which can be extended... from the sides to make the vehicle... proof. The... is armored; additional armor protects floor and... All glass is bulletproof. But the most striking element of Peacekeeper is a revolving turret on the roof, controlled by an operator who sits safely inside at a master console. Atop the turret is mounted a parabolic reflector which combines radar and acoustic pickup, so that the operator, ensconced in his armor, can hear the howls of the frustrated criminals in the street and follow their movements by personal radar, perfected (or nearly so) by field trials in Vietnam. He also sees them by an advanced kind of TV which needs hardly any light. He can command them with a bullhorn mounted on the turret, turn searchlights on them, gas them and, if nothing else avails, shoot at them

with an automatic rifle. At least a rifle is shown in the present design, though there is no reason why a machine gun or even a light cannon cannot be added to the arsenal of the mobile fort. The TV screen on the Peacekeeper's console shows the operator what he is shooting at as he revolves the turret, or the effect of the paralyzing gases he discharges. The... and pressure of these gases are under his pre-... control... as is everything else down to the volume at which he... to issue his commands through the bull-... horn. Besides all this, the inside air pressure is kept slightly... normal, so that noxious gases and fumes, whether... from Peacekeeper or generated outside, cannot pollute the air breathed by the guardians of law and order. With enough Peacekeepers at the disposal of a police department, there will be no need for the amateur soldiers of the National Guard, much less for the Regular Army, which is so heavily laden in Vietnam. Expense may actually be less, but what if it is greater? As the President said in reference to curbing crime in the District of Columbia, if necessary let us have twice as many police, let us pay them twice as much, let us do whatever is needed. Had he known about this latest invention to curb crime in the streets, no doubt Mr. Johnson would have called for Peacekeepers by the thousands or tens of thousands, and who can doubt that he would get them? Only one gnawing question remains: what kind of peace will it be that Peacekeeper keeps?