

Sahara A-bomb protest:

17 GOING WITH MICHAEL SCOTT

ALL SET FOR 550-MILE DESERT TREK

FINAL PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE IN ACCRA THIS WEEK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTS TEAM'S START TO-MORROW MORNING ON THE 2,000 MILE JOURNEY TO THE FRENCH ATOM BOMB TESTING GROUND IN THE SAHARA DESERT.



Dora Dawtry, bookshop manager, turns the key at the opening of Housmans Bookshop, which forms part of the new Peace News premises at King's Cross, London. With her left to right are:

Arthur Goss, the Rev. Tom Willis (whose gift of £5,700 made the purchase of the building possible), Frank Dawtry, Harry Mister, Vera Brittain, Hugh Brock, Sybil Morrison and Stuart Morris.

The team of 16 people, headed by the Rev. Michael Scott, is expected to have its first contact with the French authorities at the Upper Volta border early next week.

Other members of the team beside 12 Africans who are still being chosen, are Michael Randle (UK), Bayard Rustin (USA), William Sutherland (Ghana and USA), Esther Peter (France), Francis Hoyland (UK).

Unless last-minute changes are made their route from Accra to Bawku on the

Upper Volta border will be via Kumasi, Atebubu, Tamale and Bolgatana, about 550 miles.

It is being rumoured in Accra that the French are also refusing visas to reporters wishing to follow the team.

Mr. Tom Mboya, the Kenya African leader, has promised strong support for the team and many African organisations are to demonstrate in sympathy to-morrow.

All visas for entering French territory have been refused to the team, the decision being made, according to the Embassy in Accra, by M. Soustelle, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister's Office.

Standing orders stand?

Peace News Reporter

THE standing orders of the Parliamentary Labour Party were rescinded at a meeting of the Parliamentary Party on Nov. 26. Discipline inside Parliament will now be controlled on the basis of a five-point statement drawn up by Mr. Gaitskell and the "shadow" cabinet.

The five points are:

1. The rescinding of standing orders does not affect the right of the

In London a 48-hour vigil by the Youth Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will commence outside the French Embassy, Knightsbridge, at midnight on December 18, supported by the Committee of African Organisations. A poster parade in connection with the vigil will start from Knightsbridge at 2.30 p.m. on December 19 and go to Manette Street, Charing Cross Road, where a short meeting will be held.

The Youth CND has called for supporting action throughout Britain during that week-end.