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FAREWELL TO ERIKA



Mr. W. J. Y. Duke, Chief Administrative Officer UNFICYP, presenting the farewell gift to Mrs Erika Dennis. (See also p. 8).

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

AT A SHORT BUT MOVING CEREMONY IN THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS CANTEEN ON THURSDAY, 11 May, Mr W. J. Y. Duke, Chief Administrative Officer, UNFICYP, presented a farewell gift to Mrs Erika Dennis who is departing for the UK shortly.

Padre Griffith Sparkham, MBE, in his farewell speech, thanked Mrs Dennis for her untiring efforts in running the Canteen which is such a popular rendezvous for members of the Force.

The running of the Canteen has now been taken over by Miss Doris Fitch.

AMBASSADOR THANKS UN FORCE

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM A LETTER from His Excellency Jens Petersen, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, to the Force Commander, Lt. General A.E. Martola, which pays tribute to the UNFICYP units which took part in the rescue operations of the recent air crash in Cyprus in

which 71 Germans perished (see BLUE BERET of 26 April 1967).

"It was with gratitude and admiration that I learned of the part played by UNFICYP units in the rescue and salvage operations in connection with the air crash of 20 April 1967 in which seventy-one Germans perished.

"I should like to express my most heartfelt thanks to these units, and I would be grateful if you would transmit my thanks to the officers and men of UNFICYP who took part in the rescue operations.

"My special thanks go to the Commander of the Austrian Field Hospital, Colonel Nussbaumer, his assistants and the

nursing staff, who took care of the few survivors of the accident with such great skill and devotion.

"It was some consolation to those bereaved by the crash to know that in such hours of need fellow-feeling between people of different nationalities and the spirit of humanity shone at their brightest".

UNFICYP BUDGET

U THANT MAKES NEW APPEAL

Deficit \$6½ Million

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, last week issued a new appeal for voluntary contributions from Governments to pay for the UN Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus.

U Thant said the deficit remained serious and that more than six and a half million dollars had to be raised if costs were to be fully covered up to the end of the current mandate of the 4,500-man Force.

The Force is entering its fourth year of service in the island republic. Its most recent authorization from the Security Council was for a six month period ending 26 June 1967.

On 5 January 1967, UN Secretary-General U Thant addressed an earlier appeal to all Governments for further voluntary contributions for the financing of UNFICYP. In response to that appeal, a number of Governments came forward with further voluntary contributions, amounting to \$1,754,686. However, despite these contributions, the deficit remains serious.

The present financial situation in respect of UNFICYP may be summarized as follows:

(1) For the period from the inception of the Force on 27 March 1964 to 26 June 1967, the estimated cost continued page eight

CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP COSTS

AUSTRIA LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD make a further voluntary contribution to the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

In a letter to the Secretary-General dated 5 May 1967, the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations announced that his Government would make a voluntary contribution of \$80,000 to the current period of UNFICYP (26 December 1966 to 26 June 1967).

38 C - SOLDATER SNABBT INNE I OP - UPPGIFTERNA

DIREKT IN I OP-TJÄNSTEN blev uppgiften för många av soldaterna i den nya svenska cypernbatalen. Annorlunda förhållanden och annorlunda miljö - med en gång!

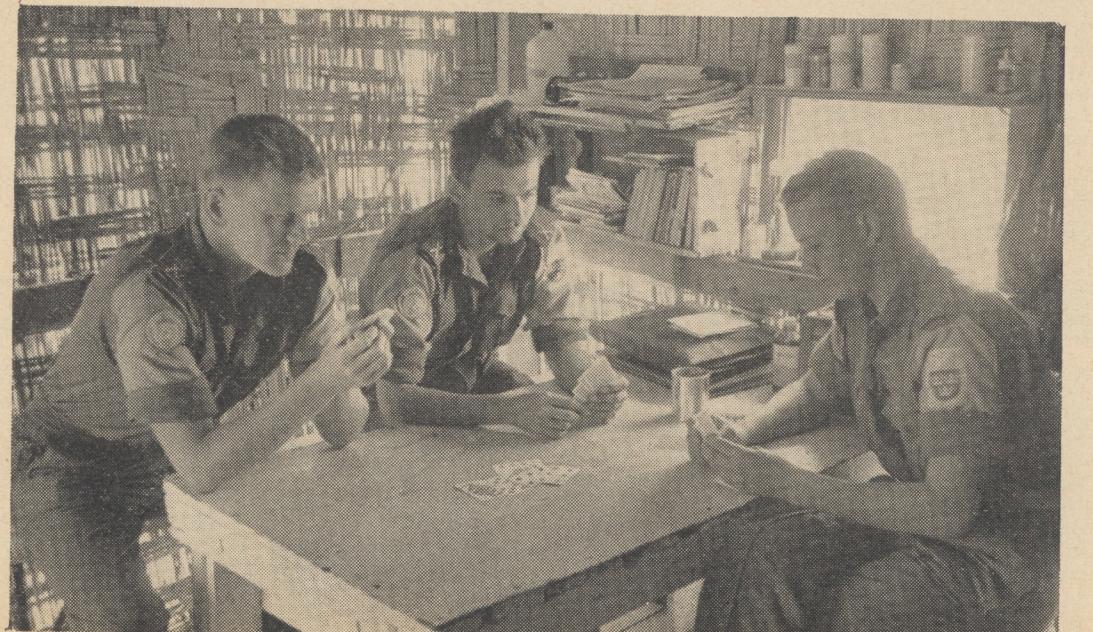
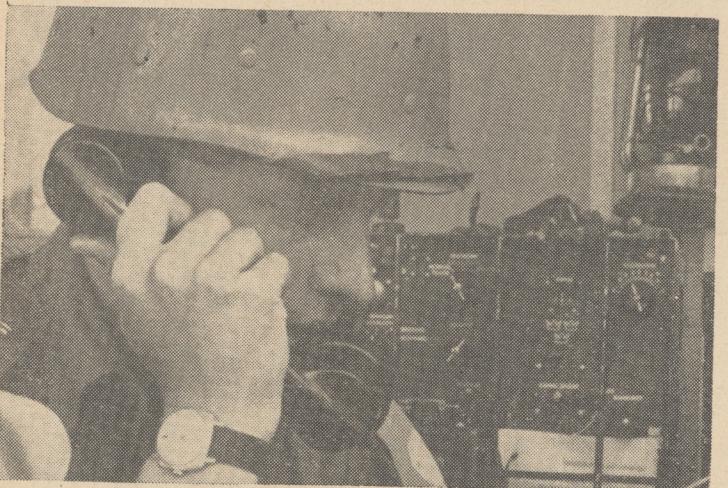
Men ett besök vid något av de svenska



Högt beläget är OP 108 vid Chatos. Det är ingen dålig utsikt, som erbjuds den svenska observationsposten där. (Bilden ovan).

Signal- och sambandstjänsten är en viktig faktor i OP-arbetet. Här är det krp Carl Degerman som håller kontakten i Chatosförlägningen. (Bilden t.v.)

Det gäller att vara uppfinningsrik på fritiden vid OP:na. Den här trion har valt en gammal känd fritidssysselsättning - en stunds avkoppling med en kortlek. Fr.v. Lennart Lundgren, Sollefteå, Gunnar Brandt, Norsjö, och Bo Persson, Lit, samtliga vid OP 108. (Bilden nedan).



ka OP:na låter en förstå att 38 C-soldaterna snabbt kommit in i OP-tjänsten. Klara besked om observationsuppgiften.

rotationen av plutonerna mellan OP:na. De kommande tjänstgöringsplatserna börjar alltså bli bekanta för OP-soldaterna, om också inte ännu välbekanta. Bildsweptet här nedan ger några glimtar från OP-livet i tjänst och fritid.

Samtliga skyttekompanierna har nu också genomfört den första

RADIO program för Swedcon

UPPFATTADE NI TAL OCH SÅNG PÅ SVENSKA i Cyprus Radio's sändningar i söndagskväll, så tog ni inte fel! Då startade nämligen sommarens serie radioprogram för den svenska kontingenget i FN-tjänst på Cypern - och fler program skall det bli!

Cyprus Radio har en särskild avdelning för FN-program, bl a speciella kontingentsprogram. Två å fyra gånger i månaden kommer ni att kunna höra tal, sång och musik på svenska i den cypriotiska etern. Det blir intervjuer från Swedcon, information, underhållning m.m.

Zonstabsredaktören svarar för produktionen av dessa program, som inte skall förväxlas med måndagskvällarnas svenska önskeprogram. De senare görs i Sverige och skickas sedan till Cyprus Radio, som utsänder dem.

Sändningstiden är - både på söndagarna och måndagarna - kl. 19.30 till 20.00. Iblant får Swedcon-programmet samsas om utrymmet etern med Dancons och Fincons program. Därför blir de svenska programmen ibland bara 7 till 10 minuter långa mot då och då en halv timme.

Sändningarna mottas bäst på väglängden 495 m på mellanvägsbandet, båda sändningskvällarna.

En viktig sak till slut! Meningen är inte med söndagsprogrammen att Swedcon bara skall sitta och lyssna på dem. Så många som möjligt skall på ett eller annat sätt också delta i dem - fast inte i samma program förstås! Med andra ord: så fort ni talas om något intressant och trevligt som kanske kunde bli ett bra inslag i ett radioprogram, låt zonstabsredaktören veta det. Samma sak gäller er som av alla utom er själva anses vara sång- och musikbegåvningar.

Adressen är: Kn Hallberg, HQ UNFICYP eller per tel. HQ 76291 ankn. 244. Och så på återhörende i cypernetern!

Politikommissär Ove Steen Andersen (th.), der startede her 06 DEC 1966 er fratrædt til MAJ; den nye politikommissær, Elkær Knudsen, mimer i ra Københavns politis færdselsafdeling.



DANCON NYT



Rotationen startede med forkommandoets ankomst 09 MAJ. Her ankommer nye signalmænd, der skal forrette tjeneste ved HQ/DANCON. Stående på jorden fra venstre: 701076 Rasmussen/FLR, 671916 Møller/KJFR, 701040 Jørgensen/FLR og 632830 Nielsen/STGR. Stående på lastvognen fra venstre: 718371 Jensen/STGR og 398428 Juul fra marinen. Velkommen til varmen!



593999 Nicolaisen (tv.) og 611529 Jacobsen kigger på udbyttet, der er ret ringe efter danske forhold på grund af dårlig gødsning og jordbehandling. Jacobsen har fire måneder her endnu; han har tidligere været i Gaza på hold 19 og 20 og skal hjem på skolebænken igen til NOV.



der var medvirkende til, at DANCON er med på hit-listerne over færdselsheld.

Jo, han er i live, af en eller mærkværdig årsag, og selv om det efter loven ikke var hans skyld, så er der jo altid lidt tvivl om, hvorvidt han mæske kunne have kørt lidt mere forsigtigt.

Hver gang De sætter Dem bag et rat, skal Cyperns færdselsregel nr. 1 stå lyslevende for Dem, nemlig:

PAS PÅ DEM SELV! DER ER IKKE ANDRE, DER GOR DET! Husk, at hver gang DANCON på grund af uheld får en vogn, der ikke kan repareres, har vi en vogn mindre — vi får ingen erstatning.



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Orientation — Cpl George Dowdall indicates important features to Pte Mike Smith at Stavrokonou.

"DUKES" SETTLE IN

THE 1st BN THE DUKE OF WELLINGTONS REGIMENT WHICH RECENTLY ARRIVED IN CYPRUS HAS NOW TAKEN OVER COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNFICYP'S LIMASSOL ZONE.

OUR PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW MEMBERS OF THE BN IN SOME OF THEIR NEW LOCATIONS.



Lcpl David Buckingham (REME att DWR) repairing a vehicle gear box at Kophinou.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS



Ptes Ray Oxley-Bates and Trevor Ward mixing cement to improve their living accommodation at Anadhiou.



Pte Andrew Marshall at Mavroli with the post's pet puppy 'Jean'. The pup was orphaned when its mother was killed by a car recently.

NEW BRITCON AMPIO

Captain Jimmy Bosworth, Royal Corps of Transport former Assistant Military Public Information Officer (Britcon), departed on Sat 14 May for UK on completion of his tour. The new AMPIO (Britcon) is Captain Terry Moynan, Royal Signals.

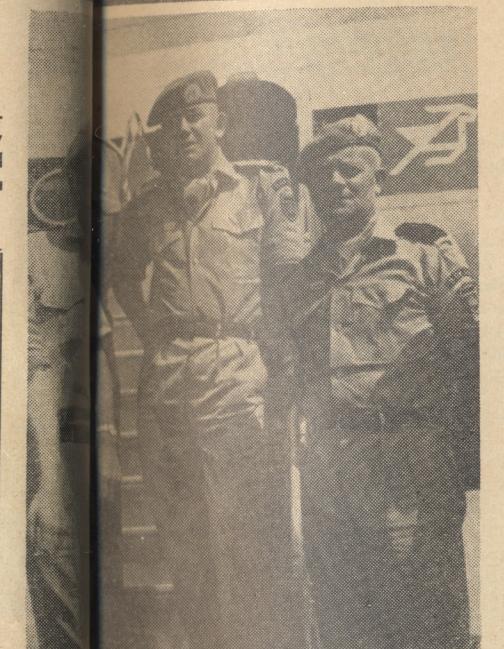
Pte Tony Monaghan on duty at the "Villa" command post in Ktima. On the right is shown a portable telephone exchange.



THE



Mr W.J.Y. Duke, Chief Administrative Officer UNFICYP, and Lieutenant Colonel S.H. Clark, seen discussing logistics problems during their inspection visit of the 8th Infantry Group area last week.



(Second from left) about to board the aircraft for home, left to right, Colonel B. Nussbaumer, MD, CO Thomas Kiss MD of the AFH who accompanied Commandant E. Daly, IRCON Medical and the Rev.

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Private Christy Coady of 'A' Company whose voice can be heard echoing ballads in the Lefka hills.



IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS



Lieutenant Colonel J. Beary presenting the UN Cyprus medal to Commandant Bill White, the Force Engineer Officer. Next to him are Coy Sgt Sean Conlon and Private Brendan Buggy.

CAO VISITS IRCON

ON TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF UNFICYP, Mr. W. J. Y. Duke, accompanied by the Chief Logistics Officer, Lt. Colonel S. H. Clark, visited the operational area of the Irish Contingent in Lefka district.

During a tour of the area they inspected camps and observation posts and assessed the construction and logistics problems of the 8th Inf Gp. Before returning to UN HQ they dined with the CO and his Staff at the Group HQ Officers Mess.

NCO FLOWN HOME

CQMS Tom Mullins of the

7th Infantry Group flew home to Ireland last Thursday morning. He was accompanied to Dublin by Lieut Thomas Kiss, MD, from the Austrian Field Hospital under whose immediate care he has been during his hospitalization. He was seen off by a number of officers including COMIRCON and Colonel B. Nussbaumer, MD, OC Austrian Field Hospital and by NCO friends.

That the CQMS lived through his illness at all has been a surprise to many. Certainly his recovery is a wonderful tribute to the medical skill and devoted attention which the Commanding Officer and all the staff in the Austrian Field Hospital have lavished on him. To them we offer congratulations and a sincere "thank-you".

UN MEDALS

Last week UN medals for service in Cyprus were presented to three Irish members of UNFICYP HQ staff by COMIRCON. The recipients were Comdt Bill White from Kildare, Force Engineer Officer, Coy-Sgt Sean Conlon from Ballinamore, Co Leitrim, Irish LO's clerk, and Private Brendan Buggy from Tullamore, Logs branch clerk.

Comdt White was in charge of the Irish group of officers who served with UNTSO from June 1963-64. C/S Conlon went to the Congo in 1960 with the first Irish unit.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

During last week the Group HQ NCO's mess decided it was time to have a party. But for

what? Well, birthdays come every day for someone or other so Sergeant Bill Lacy of the Signals Platoon offered his services and his 24th birthday as a good excuse. So it was organized and very successful it was too. The party was attended by the 2 IC, HQ Company Commander, the Chaplain and many, many others. Highlight of the evening was an excellent performance of music and ballads from a group organized by Cpl Nolan of the Engineer Platoon.

VISITING FIREMAN

Serving with 'A' Company at Lefka is Private Christy Coady of Co Kilkenny. Christy is a member of the Curragh fire brigade and is on his second Army engagement. On termination of his initial three year period he went to England where he worked in London. Having a fine voice he found himself in great demand and had regular engagements to sing ballads in several clubs and hotels. In 1963 he came back to Ireland and rejoined his original unit, Depot Engineers, and went back to fire-fighting. He has now decided to remain in the Army and is getting married to a Curragh girl when he returns from Cyprus. His father served with the 13 Inf Bn some years ago and a brother, Eddie, recently served with the 12th Bn. A second brother, Michael, is working on a sheepfarm in Queensland, Australia. He has seven sisters, all of whom are married and living in England.



Tässä seisoo YK:n joukkojen tärkein mies! Vartiointi on pataijonan varsinaisen tehtävän, ja renkaana ketjussa seisoo tässä Esikunnan puomilla jääläkäri Reijo Villanen.



Komppanian keittiöllä valmistaudutaan lounaan valmistukseen. Silvan leikkuussa on jääläkäri Inkiläinen, ja vieressä katselee toimitusta yliväenpeli Alari.

SAMA KAIKU ON ASKELTEN



Reservissä oleva joukkue marssii jossakin' Madres Hamidin jo nyt keväällä ruskeankeltaisissa, palaneissa maisemissa. Letkaa vetää joukkueen johtaja luutnantti Jukka Aflecht.



Vanna totuus on, etta tauko on parasta, mitä armeijalla on tarjottavaan. Sanonnan pätevyttä Kyproksella todistavat tässä jääläkit Rytkönen ja Kivimäki (etualalla). Vieressä juttelee luutnantti Aflecht.



Kolme vuotta takana tai ei, pientä rakentamista riittää aina komppa- nioissa. Tässä tuodaan komentopaikalle linjatolppia. Edessä kulkee jääläkäri Nurkkala, takana on kersanti Hyvönen.

KAMERA KIERTÄÄ 1.K:N ALUEELLA

JÄÄKÄRIKOMPPANIAT TEKEVÄT SAARELLA SEN varsinai- sen vartiointityön, jota varten suomalaisetkin täällä ovat. Muissa porttissaan luullaan väliin melkein, ettei niissä muuta sitten tapahdukaan, ja tottahan on, että elämä kulkee siellä niin kuin muuallakin päivästä toiseen kuta kuinkin samoissa uomissa kuin aina ennenkin. Toiselle sadalle nousevan miesjoukon työ, asuminen ja muonissa pitämisen vaatii kuitenkin jatkuva ja hyvin monenlaista puuhua kaikilta joukon jäseniltä.

Muutokseen on omalta osaltaan tuonut uusi järjestely, jonka mukaan yksi joukkue on aina reservissä koulutusta, virkistystä ja lepoa varten. Tämän on tehnyt mahdolliseksi vartioipaikkojen harventamisen suomalaisista alueella jo kauan varsinaisen rauhallsisen pysyneen vihreän linjan varsilla. Tulevaisuus näyttää sitten, miten tämä upiusti sitten systeemi tulee vaikuttamaan pataljoonan elämään ja viihtymiseen; tuskkin ainakaan kielteisesti, sillä vaiteluaan se ainakin merkitsee...

Oheinen kuvasarja on näppäiltyn ensimmäisen komppanian alueelta yhden aamupäivän aikana tehdyn summittaisen kierroksen varrella, ja sen tarkoituksesta on esittää vähähdyskää "rintamajoukkojen" arikapäivän puuhista.



CANADIAN
CONTINGENT
NEWS

TELEVISION TEAM IN KYRENIA

A CBC (CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION) TELEVISION film crew spent three days during the past week touring Canadian outposts in the Kyrenia area gathering material for a news commentary.

The three men, commentator David Halton, photographer Jean Forgue and sound technician Paul Servent, were all from the Paris Bureau. The two film clips were to be run in Canada on two consecutive nights between Wednesday and Thursday this week.



Commentator David Halton of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is shown making a sound-on-film news clip for national Canadian coverage at the Bore Hole outpost near the Kyrenia Road.

(Canadian Forces Photo).



In the Movies — This patrol eases its way past a flock of sheep — for the sake of TV. They were being filmed for a Canadian TV news sequence and were simulating a patrol in the Kyrenia District.

(Canadian Forces Photo).



A patrol from the Oneisha Farm Company pose for movies by CBC photographer Jean Forgue.

(Canadian Forces Photo).

ECOSOC SESSION OPENS

HUMAN RIGHTS TOPS AGENDA

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OPENED A NEW SESSION at UN Headquarters last week, with the human rights problem making up a major part of the agenda.

One issue relates to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Work is proceeding on a draft convention providing that there be no time limit for taking legal action in such cases.

Another draft convention is directed against all forms of religious intolerance.

Under the general heading of human rights violations, the Council will consider the treatment of political prisoners in South Africa. It will also review the progress made in applying the UN Declaration against all forms of racial discrimination.

Other questions before the Council include narcotics control, land reform and proposals for a five-year survey of non-agricultural resources — mineral, water resources and energy.

RACING SEASON

Sure he's big-but is he fast? Private Jim Wilson wonders as he eyes a large Cyprus lizard. This Mediterranean island abounds with these large lizards and one of the off-duty pastimes of the Canadian troops here is to catch and race them. An indication of their plenitude is the fact that the men's canteen is named "Lizard Inn". Private Jim Wilson is serving in Cyprus with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force. Having served 7 months here, he will be returning to Canada in another 5 months. His father is a retired Medical Corps Sergeant who lives at 2607 Kingston Rd., Scarborough Ont.



(Canadian Forces Photo).



Komppanian päällikkö majuri Laine esittää tässä kartalla jotakin tärkeää kahdelle joukkueenjohtajalleen, luutnantti Haloselle (vas) ja luutnantti Niemiselle.

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK WAITED THE OUTCOME of private consultation on the two main issues before the Special Session — South-West Africa and the general problems of Peace-keeping Operations and their financing.

The Special Committee which is to report to the Assembly on Peace-keeping received a proposal calling for a renewed appeal for voluntary contributions to help the UN out of its financial difficulties, and suggesting that the Assembly take the whole peace-keeping issue up again at its 1968 session.

Meanwhile, the Committee would further study the problem, with the possibility of reporting to the next regular Assembly session in the Autumn should progress warrant this.

These suggestions were contained in a memorandum submitted to the 33-nation Committee by the delegations of Algeria, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, India, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

The memorandum put forward the view that, when a costly peace-keeping operation is to be financed through the sharing of expenses by all member states, the share of the developing countries should not exceed five per cent of the total cost.

U.N. BUDGET IN PERSPECTIVE

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, speaking last week of criticism levelled against the UN's budget of more than \$100 million a year, pointed out that it was worth remembering that this amount was being spent by the combatants on the Viet-Nam war for just two days. Thus, the money spent on war for one year would be enough to carry out UN activities for 185 years.

This, said the Secretary-General, was an obvious illustration of the need for a real perspective.



Our picture shows Padre Griffith Sparkham, MBE, making a farewell speech to Mrs Dennis. Left to Right are Miss Doris Fitch, Miss Evelyn Abel, MBE, Mrs Erika Dennis and Padre Griffith Sparkham, MBE.

ESCALATION IN VIET-NAM

DANGER OF THIRD WORLD WAR

U THANT'S WARNING

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT SAID LAST WEEK THAT he was afraid the world was witnessing the opening events to a third world war unless the present trend of the Viet-Nam conflict could be drastically altered. He gave the estimate at a luncheon press conference held last Thursday at UN Headquarters.

U Thant said he would like to be wrong in his prediction, but the logic of the present policies in Viet-Nam, as the logic of the events in the years preceding World War Two, must lead to a major confrontation between the great powers.

Specifically, he said they must lead to an inevitable confrontation between the United States and the People's Republic of China, and it was his understanding that a treaty of mutual assistance between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China remained in effect.

U Thant insisted that any meaningful peace proposals must now focus on the prior cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam. And in this context, he remarked that his most recent proposals of March 14 suggesting a general standstill truce as a beginning, must be regarded as no longer under consideration since neither side had fully and unconditionally accepted them.

The Secretary-General reiterated his conviction that talks could take place if the bombing stopped. Since 28 January, he said, members of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam had repeated that if bombardment were to cease, there could be such talks.

U THANT URGES RESTRAINT

THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL LAST WEEK expressed very serious concern over press reports from Israel about a possible military blow at Syria to curb terrorist activities.

U Thant said his reprobation of such activities last week could not be taken as condoning resort to force by any party.

The Secretary-General again appealed to all parties to observe the armistice agreements between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

U Thant's statement was issued on Saturday, following press dispatches saying that some Israeli leaders had concluded that a short but sharp military strike at Syria might be the only way to curtail increasing terrorist incursions from that country.

Last Thursday, in reply to a press conference question, U Thant said there had unfortunately been a rise in El Fateh type incidents in Israel near the Syrian and Lebanese lines.

El Fateh is the name of the Palestinian Arab organization conducting what it describes as a national liberation campaign against Israel through raids and sabotage.

U THANT BUDGET APPEAL

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Cambodia	600
Congo (Democratic Republic)	10,000
Cyprus	462,600
Denmark	765,000
Federal Rep. of Germany	5,500,000
Finland	175,000
Ghana	11,666
Greece	5,050,000
Iceland	2,000
Iran	10,000
Ireland	50,000
Israel	25,000
Italy	1,214,300
Ivory Coast	30,000
Jamaica	6,000
Japan	400,000
Laos	1,500
Lebanon	997
Liberia	4,500
Libya	30,000
Luxembourg	40,000
Malawi	5,590
Malta	7,500
Morocco	1,820
Nepal	20,000
Netherlands	921,000
New Zealand	42,000
Nigeria	10,800
Norway	773,596
Pakistan	5,800
Republic of Korea	16,000
Singapore	1,500
Republic of Viet-Nam	4,000
Sweden	1,360,000
Switzerland	695,000
Thailand	2,500
Trinidad and Tobago	2,400
Turkey	1,245,908
United Kingdom	13,620,636
United Republic of Tanzania	7,000
United States of America	28,100,000
Venezuela	3,000
Zambia	20,000

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a/ Maximum amount pledged, part of which will be dependent on contributions of other Governments.

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Government	Total pledges
Australia	936,875
Austria	440,000
Belgium	1,063,142