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## SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONES ACTION ON UNFICYP

The UN Security Council which was expected to meet in New York last week to consider the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Force in Cyprus on the basis of Secretary-General U Thant's report (see BLUE BERET, 13 December 1967, P. 1) has twice postponed scheduled meetings on this question.

Late Monday night, Nicosia time, it was announced at UN Headquarters in New York that the Council would now probably meet today, Wednesday, 20 December.

## GENERAL MARTOLA LEAVES FOR FINLAND

The Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, left Nicosia on Tuesday for a brief private visit to his native country, Finland.

General Martola is expected to return to Cyprus on 3 January.

## FORCE COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

AS Christmas approaches, our thoughts turn to our homes and families, but most of you will be unable to be with them other than in spirit as you have been called upon to serve the cause of Peace.

Your role in this peace-keeping force is exacting, it requires tact, skill and patience, qualities you have shown in good measure especially during the difficulties of the past few months. I thank you all for your excellent work.

Next year may well offer a new and better opportunity for solving the problems that have beset the people of this island and this will certainly present us with new challenges in helping towards its fulfillment. I know I can count on your continued loyal support, and the maintenance of the fine spirit of comradeship which exists within this Force,



Lt. Gen A.E. Martola.

no matter what tasks we are called upon to undertake.

To all of you and your families at home, I wish a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

## UN GROUP TO PURSUE PEACE-KEEPING REVIEW

The special UN group of 33 nations appointed by the General Assembly to study the question of peace-keeping operation has been requested by the Assembly once again to continue its

consideration of all aspects of peace-keeping, including its financing.

The Assembly currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York has asked the review group to prepare a progress report by next July, and to include in its study matters related to facilities, services and personnel which Member States might provide for UN peace-keeping operations in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

## 123 MEMBERS

## SOUTH YEMEN

## FLAG RAISED

## AT U.N.

## HEADQUARTERS

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week heralded the entry of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen into the United Nations as a further step towards the universality of membership in the Organisation.

The Secretary-General was speaking at a flag-raising ceremony for the new Republic, which became the 123rd Member of the UN on 15 December.

In welcoming Southern Yemen with "joy and gratification", the Secretary-General further declared: "Few nations in recent years have had to traverse so many obstacles as Southern Yemen on the road to freedom. Fewer still have experienced such prolonged and difficult birth pangs. By the same token, very few dependent territories, since the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial countries and peoples, have received such close and continuous attention as the United Nations has devoted to the Territory that is now Southern Yemen."

The Secretary-General added that he hoped Southern Yemen would consolidate its independence in unity and harmony, overcome its problems, and play a constructive part in the world community.

## CENTENNIAL MEDAL HONORS



Five members of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse pose after having been awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal, issued to selected Canadians to honor Canada's 100th birthday. Left to right are: WO Bob Slaney, Pte Robby Robins, Sgt Willy Williamson, Cpl Joe Parrott and Cpl Moe Lanthier.

## Christmas 'Beret'

This week THE BLUE BERET is published a special twelve-page Christmas edition, but because of the holiday period, the edition of December 27 will have to be curtailed to four pages. The BERET will return to its normal size the following week. The Editor and staff of the BLUE BERET would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members of UNFICYP a happy and peaceful Christmas.



# SÅ BLI'R VI OSSE LUFTBÅRET!



## MEDALJE PARADE FOR DANCIVPOL

- Ja, så var det DANCIVPOL's tur til at få FN-medaljen for "tro tjeneste" på Cypern. Det skete på "Saray Hotel" onsdag d. 13. DEC, hvor general A. Martola foretog medaljeoverrækkelsen til de danske politifolk, som virkelig har fortjent "silden".

## DANCON - NYT

På golfbanen ved Nicosia Club var der arrangeret helikoptertræning for det første hold tirsdag d. 12. DEC, og den fortsætter den 19. og 20. DEC.

Ved premieren forløb alt glat og planmæssigt - lægen måtte tøffe slukøret hjem med sin ambulance.

"Af skade bliver man klog", siger et gammelt ordsprog, og det blev efterlevet, da helikoptertræningen for DANCON VIII blev planlagt. Man undlod nemlig "nedfiringsovelsen", som var årsag til de mange uheld, man havde på de tidligere holds træning.



## HAR DE SET..?

### BELLAPAI'S KLOSTRET

5 ½ km syd for Kyrenia ligger det smukke Bellapais kloster, der er bemærkelsesværdigt ved sin gotiske stil ("spidsbue-stil"). Klostret blev grundlagt omkring 1120, men gik allerede i forfald i slutningen af den venetianske periode (fra omkr. 1400-tallet til 1571, hvor Cypern blev besat af tyrkerne), bl.a. fordi munkene havde forladt den rette vej og taget koner - enkelte endog tre, hvilket gav dem mindre tid til at varetage vedligeholdelsen af bygningerne. Klostret blev ødelagt af tyrkerne. Klosterkirken er dog stadig intakt og anvendes den dag i dag.



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hermed sine læsere

RIGTIG GLÆDELIG JUL  
OG  
GODT NYTÅR!

# "Lysse" glad happening för svenskar och cyprioter LUCIAKORTEGER I FAMAGUSTA OCH LARNACA

Med tända ljus i håret, med lussekatter, pepparkakor, "stjärngosse"-sång och allt som hör till kom Lucia till svenska cypernbataljonen. Ingen svensk på OP eller camp behövde missa sig på att det var den 13 december.

Redan tidigt i morgonmörkret började lussandet med besök på ensliga OP:n av väna vitklädda gestalter, den vänaste med tindrande ljus på hjässan, och sedan fortsatte dagen runtom bataljonens förläggningar i traditionell svensk stil.

På kvällen drog luciakorteger genom gatorna både i Famagusta och Larnaca, där vänligt nyfikna cyprioter åsåg svenskarnas "exotiska" julvanor.



## SWEDCON NEWS

### Eftersom

detta nummer är det sista före helgen vill Blue Berets svenska redaktör ta tillfället att önska alla inom Swedcon en riktigt god svensk cypernjul!



Luciafirande i arla morgons tund på 2 komp OP uppe på Othello Tower i Famagusta.

## JULGÄST FRÅN SVERIGE

Ingen jul utan Jerring skrev Blue Beret för ett år sedan, och samma rubrik kunde vi ha använt nu. Även i år kom den mångårige radioveteranen Sven Jerring, presentation överflödig, ned till Cypern för att göra julreportage om svenska FN-soldater.

De flesta av oss har nog någon gång i julveckan hemma hört Jerring samtala med svenskar i FN-tjänst långt från snö, julbord och helgfrande "där hemma".

I lördags kväll damp planet ned med "farbror Sven", som

kom i sällskap med red. Arvastson från Sveriges Radio. Och det dröjer säkert inte många dagar, förrän våra vänner och anhöriga i Sverige kan höra sång och hälsningar från oss här på medelhavsön Cypern. Tack vare Sven Jerring!



Som gubben ur lådan dyker stf på 3 komp i Larnaca, kn Ulf Gyllenswärd, upp ur KP-bilens inre för att säga några ord till kompanichefen Gustaf Welin, innan luciakortegen drar iväg.



Rustm "Putte" Anell på 3 komp uppträdde som Judas med pungen. Här drar han en fela inköpt i Beirut.



Kn Ulf Jarlwall, 2 komp, hjälper kompanilucian, Jackie Haydock ned på jorden.



# BRITISH MP VISITS UNFICYP

Mr G.W. Reynolds, MP, Minister of Defence for Administration made a whistle-stop tour of two UNFICYP units on Friday.

En route to UK from a tour of Far East units, he had lunch with the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, at RAF Akrotiri. Accompanied by the Commander Limassol Zone, Lt Col F.E. Kitson, Mr Reynolds then visited the Greenjackets in Polemedhia Camp and after inspecting the Quarter Guard, attended a briefing in the Ops Room there.

Mr Reynolds then flew to Zyyi and visited the newly-arrived 'B' Squadron 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards before returning to Akrotiri.



Mr G.W. Reynolds inspecting the Quarter Guard under command of Sgt Burke, of the Greenjackets. 20 minutes later Sgt Burke left for UK where he is to attend a course to qualify as a light aircraft pilot.

Mr Reynolds is seen talking to Bugler Donald Grey from Loughton, Essex.

Maj N.C.N. Harris, OC, B Sqn 4/7 DG, explains a procedure to Mr. Reynolds, at right is Sgt M.J. Wythe from Richmond, Yorks, and Cpl Sam Vakacegue from Fiji.

## ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF VISITS UNFICYP UNITS

The E-in-C, MOD (Army), Maj-Gen J.H.S. Bowring, OBE, MC, visited the Troop from 8 Field Squadron, RE, attached to the Greenjackets, on Wednesday.

He spent a few minutes on Tango Hill in the Kophinou area, went on to Mari and concluded his tour at HQ UNFICYP where

he met the Force Commander, Lt-Gen A. E. Martola. He also inspected the Engineer Detachment under command of WO 1 P.J. Meade, RE. The E-in-C was accompanied by Lt Col S. H. Clark, RE, Chief Logistics officer at HQ UNFICYP.



The E-in-C inspecting the Sapper personnel of HQ UNFICYP. Left to right: Sgt 'Luke' Garland (Sgts Mess caterer), Cpl 'Taff' Eynon (Electrician), Cpl John Sabin ('Chippy'), Lcpl 'Ianto' Wingrove (Water Dept), Lcpl 'Taff' Head (Draughtsman) and Spr John Hayes (Storeman).



The E-in-C talks to Spr Tony Kibble from Bath, Somerset, who was engaged in concrete-mixing.



## BRITCON NEWS

### UN MEDAL PRESENTATION



At a parade held at HQ UNFICYP on Wednesday the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola presented UNFICYP medals to members of the Headquarters staff and Force support units. 3 Officers and 36 men were on parade. The Force Commander is seen presenting Lcpl Mike Parker, RAOC, from Stratford-on-Avon with his medal; Mike is the HQ Armoury Storeman. Next to Lcpl Parker is Pte Ed Mould, the QM's clerk.

# 4th/7th ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS ARRIVE

Literally at 2359 hours on Sunday, 10 December, the main body of 'B' Squadron 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards arrived by charter aircraft direct from Liverpool. Within a few hours they had settled in and relieved 'A' Sqn of the 'Skins' at Zyyi.

In 1965/66, the Regiment spent one year in Aden and on return to the UK went to its present location in Omagh, Northern Ireland.

The 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards is expected to become as well known in UNFICYP as the 'Skins' were; they will probably supply the Ferret Squadron for the next 18 months.



Three Yorksiremen deplaning from the flying hotel are, Tpr Granville Leach from Bradford, Tpr Denis Harwood from Castleford and Tpr John Walker from Huddersfield.



By now, it was Monday morning and the first tired men went through Customs formalities in the Customs Hall at Akrotiri. After some sleep, in transit accommodation, they left for Zyyi later that morning.



SSM Derek Sullivan from Manchester leads the Sqn on deplaning.

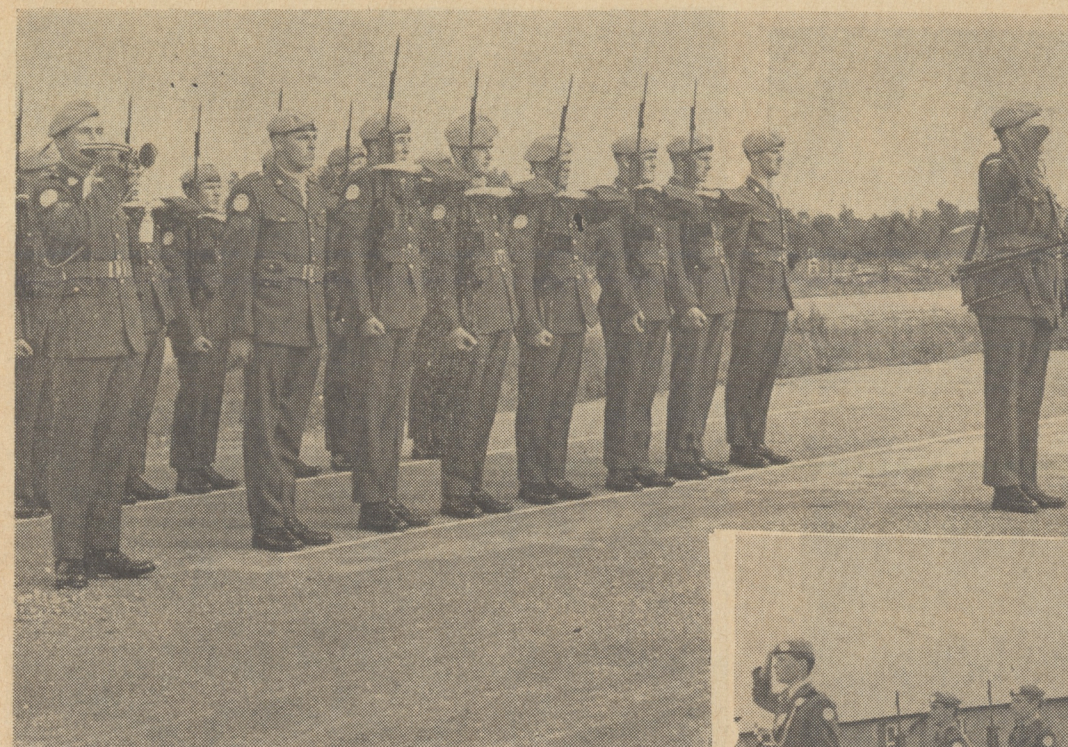
## FAMILY REUNION IN CYPRUS



One member of the Squadron who has a good start in Cyprus is Tpr David Anderson from Cupar, Fifeshire. His parents have lived in married quarters in Akrotiri for two years; the three of them hope to return to UK together next June. David's father, Sgt Anderson, is the Sergeants' Mess Steward at the RAF Station. The Army appears to be telling the RAF a lamp-swinging tartan tale, but mother recognises it as a good woven yarn!



# 'CHANGING OF THE GUARD' AT UNFICYP HQ



Last week members of the Heavy Mortar Troop 9 Inf Gp took over duty as Defence Platoon HQ UNFICYP from 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (43rd and 52nd). The change over was carried out with full ceremony. The photographs show the Platoons at the "Present" while the Bugler sounds the "General Salute".



Present during the change over: CSM John Willoughby Royal Green Jackets, BSM Bill Jackson 9 Inf Gp and RSM James Paul Camp Staff HQ UNFICYP.



## IRCON NEWS



Sgt Patrick Skehan reading the General Salute to members of the New Guard. (L to R) Gnr William O'Donnell, Gnr David Mangin, Gnr Pat O'Connell and Cpl Hugh Cassin.



Changing sentinels at No. 1 Post. (L to R) Rfm Paddy Kelly Royal Green Jackets of Ballyfermot, Dublin, Rfm Matt O'Connor 9 Inf Gp from Mitchelstown, Co. Cork and Rfm William Keating from Crosshaven, Co. Cork.

# IRCON PLAYS SANTA CLAUS



Gulay Sami from the local village meets Santa Claus.



Cpl Patrick Butler (R) and Lt L. O'Rourke satisfying the thirst of the children.

*A Merry Chrirtmas  
To You All*



Sgt John Davis and Sgt Paddy Hughes looking after their guests.



On Sunday 17 Dec, B Coy 9 Inf Gp entertained the local children at a Christmas Party in Kokkina.



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## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CANCON



**MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Members of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse at Camp Maple Leaf held a memorial service following the death in Canada of Major General F.F. Worthington, considered the "father" of Canada's armoured corps. Here, Captain George Davidson, Protestant chaplain, and Major J. Malenfant, CANCON Catholic chaplain, conduct the service at Recce HQ.

## CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



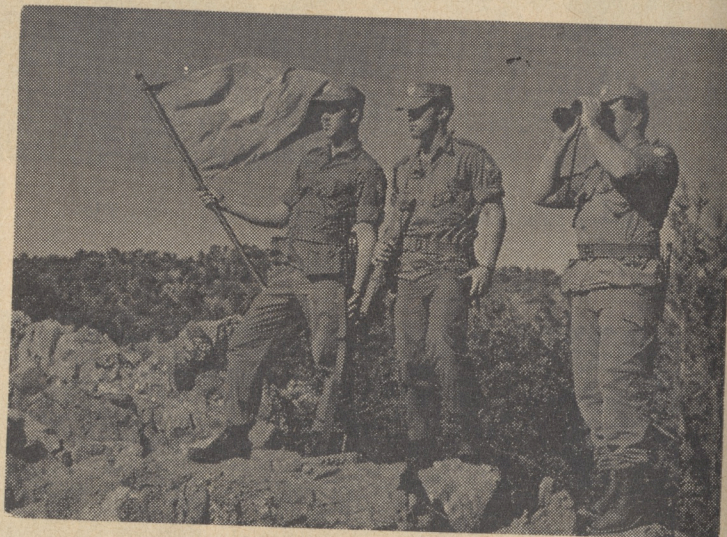
**RECCE PATROL** — Sgt Brian Baken (left) and Tpr Ron Flaman pause beside their Ferret scout car to confirm a map position as they carry out a Reconnaissance patrol in Kyrenia District.



**SADDLE SOLDIERS** — Four members of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, serve at "Saddle" outpost and all are from Halifax, US. They are: (front) Pte Hardy McDonald, (left) Pte Robert Tasco, with Cpl Trace Robinson (left rear) Pte Donald Murphy.



**UN PROVOST** — Sgt Ed Blanchard (left) a member of the Canadian Provost Corps and Cpl Neils Peterson, a member of the Danish Army Provost Corps both serve as members of the UN Provost which is based at Wolsley Barracks.



**CYPRUS PATROL** — Three men from 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, who man the United Nations "Saddle" outpost in the Kyrenia Mountains of Cyprus pause to check the surrounding countryside as they make a routine foot patrol over the rugged ground. Left to right are Pte Denis Turbide, Pte Hardy MacDonald, and Cpl Reg Warren.

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**A TIME FOR CAROLS** — Members of Camp Maple Leaf Sergeant's Mess Sgt John Walcott, Sgt Scol Schofield and S/Sgt Jim Coatcher sing songs of the season while Sgt Ray Isaac plays the ivories.

## CHRISTMAS COMES TO CANCON

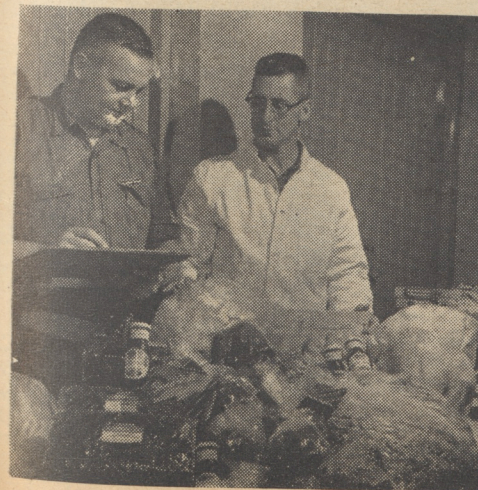
White or not, Christmas this year for nearly 900 members of CANCON will be bright.

Messes are decorated to mark the festive season, turkeys are being prepared for the traditional dinner, and many of the outposts and messes feature gay Christmas trees.

And, aside from enjoying the comradeship provided by the seasons inter-contingent social activities, CANCON members have—or plan to—share their holiday spirit with the children in at least seven Kyrenia District centres.

Oneisha Farm Company are holding a party on Dec 20 in the village of Dhikomo for the children there while on the same day another party will be held in Ayia Irini sponsored by the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse.

On the following day Kyrenia Company are holding parties for the kids in the villages of Karmi and Temblos, while on Dec 22 the Black Watch Battalion Headquarters Company are planning a party for the children in the Red Cross Hospital near Kyrenia. Tjiklos Company will hold parties on Dec 26 and 27 in the villages of Photta and Aghirda respectively.



**CHRISTMAS RATIONS** — Turkey, plum pudding and all the trimmings are being shipped to the outposts, company areas and messes from ordnance facilities in Camp Maple Leaf as CANCON members prepare to enjoy Christmas dinner. Above S/Sgt Les Gallagher and Sgt Sunny Rorrell check the rations in Camp Maple Leaf.



## HQ UNFICYP SERGEANTS MESS ENTERTAINS THE CHILDREN.

Twelve Cypriot children were entertained on Saturday at the children's party. By the look of the photographs, all seemed to be having a good time. The standard of the fancy dress was high and the young lady with the robe carrying the title of 'Order of the Bath' was one of the winners (photo below).

Presents were distributed by Santa Claus ably played by Sgt Jim Chalmers. It would appear that members of the mess enjoyed the party, many of them playing 'Daddy' to Tiny Tots for the afternoon.







## JOULUN LÄHESTYESSÄ

Taas ollaan kerran tulossa Joulun, tällä kertaa vain täällä tutuksi käyneellä saarella. Niinpä maisema poikkeakin totutusta, kotimaassa kun voitaisiin nähdä kai luntakin. Ja tehtävämme suorittaminen jatkuu juhlasta huolimatta ja sille omaa höystettään antaen.

Ja ettei Joulun pääsi yllättämään, on ainakin Esikunnan upsmessissä vietetty jo Esi-Joulua. Tästä tilaisuudesta kertokoot siivumme kuvat tällä kertaa. Iloista joulumieltä ainakin näkyi riittävän niin isäntien kuin ulkolaisten vieraittenkin ilmeissä. Joten sitä tuskin tarvitsee enää lähteä lisää hakemaan ennen oikeaa ja varsinaista Joulua.

Näin kun nyt oikein urakalla Joulusta puhutaan, niin heitetään sekaan samalla toimitukseniko parhaat Joulutoivomukset knok lukijakunnalle. Ja Uudelle Vuodelle samalla: -koettataahan pärjätä! - Samalla voidaan oikein näin painettuna esittää tervetuloa toivotus uudelle komentajalle ev Jussi Jyrhämälle kuten myös muulle uudelle väelle: Tervetuloa!

### KOMENTAJAN TERVEHDYS

YK-sotilaat,  
Välimeren tähtitaivas yhdistää meidät tänä jouluna joulujuhlan viettoon yhdessä läheistemme kanssa kotimaamme lumiseen ja pakkasraikkaaseen tähtien tuikkeeseen.  
Rauhallista Joulua teille kaikille ja teidän omaisillenne!

- Komentajan

**FINCON NEWS**



## UN MOVES TO ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION OF WOMEN

A declaration aimed at eliminating discrimination against women has been unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly meeting in New York. This followed a unanimous recommendation by the Assembly's Social Committee, and culminated several years of work on the document in the United Nations.

The preamble of the declaration states that the discrimination still existing against women is incompatible with human dignity and with the welfare of family and society. It states that equal rights must be applied in all fields including acquisition and control of property — especially in marriage — choice of spouse, a say in rearing of children of a marriage and the right to divorce. The declaration also contains provisions dealing with a right to freedom of movement — in some states, a married woman cannot leave the country without her husband's written permission — and a right to vote and hold a public office. Full national development and welfare and peace of the world, the declaration declares, require the greatest degree of participation of women as well as men in all fields of endeavour.

### U Thant Regrets Spellman's Death

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, sent the following message of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, on receiving news of the death of H.E. Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York:

"With sadness and deep regret I have learned of the passing away today (2 December) of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman. As Archbishop of New York he maintained a close interest in the activities of the United Nations and on many occasions we had the pleasure of having him at our Headquarters. I wish on this sad occasion to extend to Your Holiness my heartfelt condolences."



## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY OBSERVED IN NICOSIA

HUMAN Rights Day, marking the nineteenth anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948, was observed in Nicosia with a ceremony organised by the United Nations Association of Cyprus.

Photograph above shows Dr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, as he addressed the Gathering at UNAC's headquarters in Cyprus.

The other main speaker on the occasion was Mrs. Stella Souliotis, Minister of Justice of the Government of Cyprus.

### ZYYI GREET'S MINISTER



Mr G.W. Reynolds arriving at Zyyi being met by the Squadron Commander of B Sqn 4/7 DG, Major N.C.N. Harris, Lt Col F. E. Kitson (centre) accompanied Mr Reynolds throughout his tour.

### LUCKY WINNERS!

## UNFICYP JOINS TO MAKE XMAS BAZAAR A SUCCESS

One Christmas event that for the past few years has linked UNFICYP members and wives with the Cypriot community is the annual Christmas Charity Bazaar organized by the St. Anthony's Benevolent Society in Nicosia.

On Monday last, Father Flaviano Randon, President of the Society, sent a letter to Mrs Theresa Evers asking her to convey to the ladies and members of UNFICYP — "who were so helpful in making the Bazaar a success" — the warmest thanks of the officers

and members of the Society. The UNFICYP contribution — of time, of talent and effort — was greatly appreciated, Father Randon says.

List of Bazaar rafle winning numbers:

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|------|--------------------|
| 3433 | Beirut Trip        |
| 5034 | Canonmatic Camera  |
| 1134 | Ladies Handbag     |
| 4228 | Small Stool        |
| 2296 | Italian doll       |
| 4702 | Bedside Rug        |
| 2914 | Electric Heater    |
| 1304 | Ronson Lighter     |
| 2324 | Framed Print       |
| 2890 | Electric Iron      |
| 5690 | Framed Print       |
| 2875 | Framed Print       |
| 2250 | Electric Sharpener |



L cpl Steve Watson, Royal Signals, and Craftsman Ken Baker were both selected to play football for British Army (Cyprus) team. They played in the Army v RAF game at Famagusta on 2 December and Baker scored the first goal for the Army. The final result was two goals each. They are seen together before last Wednesday's match and in the background is the Blue Beret football reporter, Sgt S.C. Moon, RAOC.



## UNFICYP MEDAL TO ADC



At a private medal parade which the camera was privileged to witness, the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, is seen in his office presenting the ADC, Capt Peter Sarvanto, with his UNFICYP medal — Finnish paper please copy-

## UN GROUP AGREES ON SPACE RECOVERY DRAFT TREATY

An agreement on the rescue and the return of astronauts and space vehicles has been unanimously approved by the Legal Sub-Committee of the UN's Outer Space Committee.

Last week, a working paper containing a draft agreement authored by the United States and the Soviet Union was submitted to the outer space unit. Both States urged its speedy adoption which they said would be a positive contribution to international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

The agreement had been drawn up after consultations among space Powers and other members of the Committee and would bind all parties to do everything to

rescue and help any astronauts who may land in their territory as a result of "accident, distress, emergency or unintended landing."

In case of a landing on the high seas, parties in a position to do so would be required to help in search and rescue operations. The draft agreement also calls for the prompt return of rescued astronauts and their vehicles to representatives of the launching authority.

## SECRETARY - GENERAL HAILS FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DATE

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Finland (see BLUE BERET, 13 December 1967, P. 8), UN Secretary-General U Thant sent a message of felicitations, on 6 December, to the President of the Republic of Finland, Mr Urho Kaleva Kekkonen.

In his message, the Secretary-General said that during all its years of independence, Finland "has set an example as a model member of the international community". The United Nations, he added, has drawn heavily on Finland for qualified personnel at various levels for its manifold activities.

U Thant also expressed his "warmest appreciation" for Finland's "dedicated support for the purposes and principles of the Charter, and for the understanding and cooperation" extended to the United Nations by the Finnish Government.

## ASSEMBLY ACTS

## MEASURES ADOPTED TO BOOST WORLD ECONOMIC PROGRESS

The 123-nation UN General Assembly now meeting in New York last week approved several resolution dealing with measures to promote economic progress — in particular in the developing countries of the world.

The Assembly also sought measures to promote the application of science and technology to the economic growth of developing nations. The Assembly further called for coordinated efforts to combat protein malnutrition. And it decided to keep under constant review the problem of the "brain drain" of trained technical personnel from developing to developed countries.

In connection with the latter, United Nations bodies were called on to intensify support for the efforts of Governments of developing countries to create or expand existing institutions concerned with research and training of professional personnel.

The Assembly also urged Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to intensify economic cooperation for their mutual benefit, as well as for the benefit of developing countries, and to try to remove barriers to trade.

Another resolution adopted by the Assembly calls for preparations for international development strategy for the decade of the 1970s. The Assembly also designated 1970 as International Education Year in recognition of the importance of education in promoting development and peace.

Still another resolution appealed to Member States to do everything possible to increase the resources of the United Nations Development Programme, bearing in mind the target figure of 350 million dollars a year which the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has suggested by aimed at by 1970.

## UN BODY URGES RELEASE OF SW AFRICA PRISONERS

The UN General Assembly, currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York with the participation of its 123 Member States, last week called on the Government of South Africa to discontinue its trial of 36 Southwest Africans under Pretoria's Treason Act, and release and repatriate the accused men forthwith. It also called for the unconditional and immediate withdrawal of South Africa's military and police forces, as well as her administration, from Southwest Africa.

The two decisions on Southwest Africa followed over a week of debate on the question. The call for the release of prisoners, sponsored by 72 nations, was approved.

## 'APARTHEID' CONDEMNED BY U.N. ASSEMBLY

Acting on a recommendation by its Special Political Committee, the Assembly has called for total mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa in order to secure an end to her racial policies.

The resolution condemned political, economic and military collaboration with South Africa as lending encouragement to Pretoria's policies of apartheid. It particularly requested her major trading partners urgently to disengage from South Africa and facilitate a more effective action against her.

## BAD DAY FOR UNFICYP HQ



At Dhekelia on Saturday, HQ UNFICYP were beaten by the Army (Cyprus) team 24 points to 6 points after a mauling game.

ved by 110 votes to two (South Africa and Portugal), with 1 abstention (Malawi). The resolution calling for South African withdrawal from the territory, adopted by 93 votes to 2 with 18 abstentions, embraced the wider issue of Southwest Africa as a whole.

The latter resolution requested the UN Security Council to do all in its power to enable the United Nations and the UN Council for Southwest Africa to fulfil their responsibilities in the Territory. It further declared that South Africa's continued administration there was a violation of the Territory's integrity and its international status.