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HANDOVER DOCUMENTS were signed on Friday by Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Harkes (above, seated) when he took over command of the Second Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada from Lieutenant Colonel Duncan A. McAlpine (right). Colonel Harkes, aged 40, from Ontario, has recently completed a course at the Marine Staff College in the United States. His predecessor, 43 year-old Colonel McAlpine, of Montreal, is returning to Canada to become director of combat development at the newly integrated Mobile Command Headquarters in Montreal.

FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral service for Trooper John Joseph Synnott, aged 21, of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, serving with 'A' Squadron, 5 INNIS DG, who died on July 9 as a result of an accidental electric shock whilst repairing a piece of electrical equipment at Zyyi, camp, was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Dhekalia, on Wednesday of last week. Trooper Synnott was later buried in the British Military Cemetery, Dhekalia.

Change of command for Black Watch

ON Friday, 15th July, command of the 2nd Battalion, the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada was officially handed over to Lt Col H. J. Harkes, MC, CD, by Lt Col Duncan A. McAlpine, CD. Along with command of the unit goes the post of Commander of UNFICYP's Kyrenia District.

At a battalion parade held at Oneisha Farm, Lt Col McAlpine presented UN medals to selected soldiers and was himself presented with a medal by Colonel G.R. Hale, Commander CANCON. Following these presentations Colonel Hale

witnessed the outgoing CO relinquish the command that he had held for three and one half years and then stand back to see the battalion march off under its new commander.

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FURTHER UN COMMENT ON VIET-NAM

U THANT EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR WAR VICTIMS

AT United Nations Headquarters in New York, last week, the Viet-Name conflict drew further comment from the Soviet Union, the United States and the UN Secretary-General, U Thant.

The Soviet Union denounced recent United States air raids on Hanoi and Haiphong in North Viet-Nam as a "barbaric" extension of aggression. The Soviet views were set forth in a letter to the UN Security Council.

Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko returned the communication circulated earlier by the United States, which had said that the attacks on oil facilities near the capital and the main port of North Viet-Nam were designed to curb military infiltration into South Viet-Nam.

The Soviet representative said that the United States was intensifying the "criminal war" against the whole Viet-Name people and seeking to use the United Nations as a cover. The US, he declared, should halt its aggression and

withdraw its troops.

In reply, a United States Mission spokesman said that Hanoi's aggression was the only reason for the US air strikes against military targets in North Viet-Nam. He expressed regret that the Soviet Union was unwilling to advise its friends in Hanoi to seek a halt to the fighting,



U THANT: 'Concern for Viet-Nam war victims'.

and reaffirmed that the US desired peace negotiations.

Also last week, the Secretary-General, U Thant, voiced his concern for all the victims of the Viet-Name conflict. A UN spokesman, asked about U Thant's reaction to reports that US pilots shot down over North Viet-Nam might be placed on trial by Hanoi, had this to say:

"The Secretary-General's views on loss of human lives are well-known, and he has,

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Pro**og****Contra**

Jeg kom ikke med paa marchturen.



NY STEDFOR- TRÆDENDE CHEF VED DANCON

Den 15 Juli tiltraadte oberstløjtnant J. Aubertin-Oxholm som stedfortrædende chef ved DANCON. Oberstløjtnanten har været stabschef ved Kronens Artilleriregiment og chef for henholdsvis 14ende og 24ende Artilleriafdeling. Nu er oberstløjtnanten chef for 10ende Artilleriafdeling ved Sønderjyske Artilleriregiment. Oberstløjtnanten er ledsaget af sin frue under opholdet paa Cypern.

Oberstløjtnant Aubertin-Oxholm afløste oberstløjtnant P. Stoltze som stedfortrædende chef ved DANCON. Oberstløjtnant Stoltze forlod Cypern med SCACYP'en i onsdags.

Jeg kom ikke med paa marchturen.



Forleden var chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal, paa patruljetur med spejdervognsdelingen. Oberstløjtnanten var meget begejstret for turen og for Ferret-vognenes gode køreegenskaber. Sergeant S. Fenneberg kørte oberstløjtnantens vogn.



I vor løbende serie "mellem brødre" er vi maaet til brødrene Pretzmann. De er vendelboer fra Brovst, og er begge konstabler. De er begge i A-kompagniets 1 deling som vagtsoldater. Kaj til venstre er fra Nørre-jyske Artilleriregiment. Han er veteran fra Gaza, han er gift og venter sin kone paa besøg med flyet i August. Tage, til højre, er fra Sjællandske Telegrafregiment. Som vagtsoldat har man ikke noget problem med at faa tiden til at gaa. Om ikke andet kan man jo pudse sit vaaben, siger brødrene Pretzmann.



Konstabel Poul Hedegaard fra Jyske Luftværnsregiment, der civilt er landmand og her ved DANCON indgaar i motorpuljen, melder at banerne snart er modne.

BORGEN KOLOSSI

Blandt Cyperns mange seværdigheder, som den danske FN-soldat har mulighed for at besøge paa velfærdskontorets velarrangerede busture, vil vi her fortælle lidt om borgen Kolossi.

Den var kendt allerede i 1191, da Richard Løvehjerte erobrede øen, men det er muligt, at vi først efter 1210, da kong Hugo den Første skænkede stedet til Johannitterordenen, kan tale om en egentlig fæstning.

Det ser ud som om Kolossi en kort tid var Tempelherrenes ejen-

dom, men i 1308, da denne orden blev ophævet, gik Kolossi igen over til Johannitterne. To aar senere, da Johannitterne flyttede deres hovedkvarter til øen Rhodos, blev Kolossi gjort til et "kommandantskab" under ordenen. Komman-

fortsattes paa side tre

Lisää suomeksi



VIITOSLOPULLE VILKAS URHEILUOHJELMA

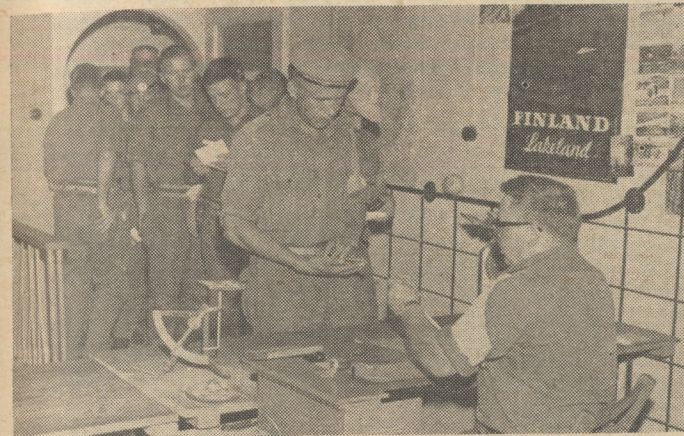
Edellisessä numerossa kerroimme jännittävästä Omorphita-Neapolis halkijuoksusta, jossa kaikki palkinto- ja pistesijat lankesivat suomalaisille, tarkemmin sanoen, esikuntakomppaniaan kuuluville. Eikä ihme, sillä kisat kuullemma olivat klinikkalaisten sisäiset koitokset. Tällä kertaa kerromme koko pataljoonaa koskevasta urheilu-ohjelmasta, jonka koulutusupseeri on saanut valmiiksi viitosen loppupuoliskoa varten.

Mainittakoon kuitenkin ensin, että komppanioiden väliset palloilusarjat ovat jo pyörimässä ja ensimmäiset ottelut pelattukin, mutta, koska asiaa on tarkasteltu lähemmin askettain ilmestyneessä ME-lehdessä, emme puutu siihen tässä yhteydessä.

VIHREÄN LINJAN VIESTI

Ensimmäiseksi on vuorossa rihreän linjan viestijuoksu, johon kukin yksikkö lähettää vähintään yhden upseerin, kaksi aliupseeria ja neljä miehistöön kuuluvaa juoksijaa käsittävän joukkueen.

Juoksu on jonkinlainen ruotsalaisviesti, jossa juostavan matkan pituus vaihtelee 100-400 metriin. Viimeinen sadan metrin pituinen osuus on suunnitelmän mukaan varattu upseerinkojalle, joten matkajtkuu s. 7



Postissa on aina kiirettä, ja päivärahojen maksupäivinä aivan erikoisesti, jolloin ystävällinen postiljoonikersantti Lamminparras saa jaella puntia yhdelle jos toiselle.



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Pesti- ja kotilomien vastapainona meillä on saarella ollut miellyttäviä vieraita Koti-Pohjolasta. Kuvassa eversti ja rva Koskenpalo samassa pitopöydässä tanskalaisen majuri ja rva Lindin kanssa.



Pataljoonassamme käy usein vieraita kaikista kontingenteista. Uskollisimpia lienevät kuitenkin itävaltalaiset, joiden edustaja kers Kuber nähdään pioneeriväpeli Kaitaniemen, rättiylisersantti Eskon ja autoasiantuntija, vääp. Kinnusen kanssa Kykkon au-messissa.

DANCON - NYT



BORGEN

KOLOSSI

fortsat fra side to

dantskabet var kendt som ridderne rigeste ejendom. En række landsbyer og vingarde hørte under godset — og den kendeste vin fra egnen har stadig navn efter kommandantskabet, Commandaria - og langs den nærliggende flod Kouris dyrkede man sukkerrør.

Hovedbygningen er et stort firfirkantet kernetaarn. Det var vel egentlig normannerne, der "opfandt" denne fæstningstype, som kun var beregnet til passivt forsvar. Under en belejring var der ikke meget at stille op udover at haabe paa, at forraadene ville række, til der kom hjælp, og at de tykke mure ville modstaa fjendens angreb.

Det kan synes mærkeligt, at de krigeriske normanner har æren for at have fundet paa dette passive forsvarsværk, men kernetaarnet var kun en del af deres forsvarskamp. Den anden del var deres slagstyrke, det tunge rytteri. Og de to dele supplerede hinanden fortrinligt.

Som borgen fremtræder i dag er den slet ikke saa ældgammel. Den blev ombygget i midten af 1400-tallet. Naar man ved denne lejlighed ikke "moderniserede" fæstningen, skal det sikkert ses paa følgende baggrund: Kolossi er slet ikke bygget til at skulle modstaa større angreb, den har heller ikke strategisk betydning, og den er end ikke særlig taktisk velplaceret i terrænet. Borgen skulle kun kunne modstaa lettere angreb, indtil hjælp blev hidkaldt fra Limassol, som man stod i signalforbindelse med. Sin væsentligste betydning havde borgen som det administrative centrum for den store landbrugsvirksomhed, den skulle virke imponerende og indgyde tillid, som moderne forsikringselskabs marmorpaladser.

FUSILIERS' PATROL
IN STAVROKOMO

COI PHOTO

Lance Corporal Hugh Hughes and Fusilier John Owen of I RWF during a recent spell of duty at the Stavrokomo OP.

STANDBY SECTION BRIEFING



COI PHOTO

2/Lt Rhys Davies of I RWF briefs a standby section. In the background can be seen a one ton Armoured Personnel Carrier more affectionately known as a "Pia".

WELCHMEN
KEEP UP THEIR
TRAINING

NEW DRAFT ARRIVES

As reported last week the 1st Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers has just completed its first rotation of companies since arriving on the island in April. Even though the battalion is heavily committed with its peace-keeping duties every opportunity is taken to keep the men up to the mark in their trade as infantrymen.

When the battalion returns to Germany on the completion of its tour of duty with UNFICYP it will be equipped with two comparatively new weapons. They are the 81mm Mortar to replace the 3 inch Mortar which has given such excellent service for so many years, and the General Purpose Machine Gun, GPMG for short, as a replacement for that other old faithful, the Bren Light Machine Gun. A conversion course on the mortars has already been completed and a similar course on the GPMG is scheduled for the near future. Neither weapon will hold any mysteries for the

Fusiliers when they are eventually fully re-equipped.

Keeping a good shooting eye is no problem as there is an excellent range close to Polemehia. A constant rattle of fire can usually be heard on approaching the camp as companies are put through their paces with field firing exercises and classification practices.

A and B Companies were recently fortunate enough to have the services of the detachment of 18 Sqn, RAF, to carry out helicopter training at Akamas Range. The fusiliers soon took to shinning down ropes to the ground while the "choppers" hovered at anything up to 35 feet.

Two new drafts of reinforcements, totalling thirty men, arrived recently and have undergone a period of further training with the emphasis on safe weapon handling, hygiene and first aid, to fit them for their role in the UN Force.

FILM
TEAM
VISITS
BRITCON

On 11th and 12th July a TV film team visited "A" Sqn 5 INNIS DG and I RWF to make films of typical situations encountered by units serving with UNFICYP. The team was led by Mr. Gerry Evans of the Central Office of Information and Mr. Tony Hearne, Film Director of World Wide Pictures Ltd.

The team in action presented a colourful sight with large gaily coloured umbrellas to shade the camera and a mountain of equipment. There was no shortage of extras from nearby villages, in fact the real problem was to keep budding actors off the set.

On the completion of their commitment with UNFICYP the team moved on to the Episkopi Sovereign Base Area to continue their programme scheduled to finish on 19th July when they leave Cyprus.



2/Lt John Carr of "A" Sqn 5 INNIS DG, on a reconnaissance patrol, pauses for observation in the Stavrokomo village.



Trooper Sean, the club barman. Wall posters were executed by Dafoc.

'SCROUNGING' AND
HARD WORK PAY OFF
WITH NEW LOOK CLUBHussars campaign
gets dividends

Corporal, the NCO in charge of 'Green Line Club'.

IT is possible for a UN soldier to arrive in Cyprus and say "Well I'm only here for six months, I might as well just tag along", and it is possible for him to say "What can I do to better my living area, my home for six months?" The latter is the attitude that prevails at B Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars, and it is really paying off.

The men's canteen, known to us as the Green Line Club, is the perfect example of what hard work, scrounging, and cooperation can achieve. The theatre was enlarged, repaired and built to accommodate most of the squadron.

Paint was obtained and the Club completely repainted. Signs were made to add variety. The Bar was redecorated, the TV room re-arranged, the games room made to competition requirements.

But the hard work was on the beer garden/patio. Piles of earth were brought in to level off this area that sloped into the Pedios (Green Line). Gravel was brought to even out the terrain. Boards were placed, nailed, and painted varying colours. Lanterns were purchased from the funds and hung. Oil drums were obtained, cut in half, painted many colours, and used as small tables or extra seats. The two barbecues were repainted. Umbrellas were donated to add to the glamour.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

NEWS ROUNDUP FROM THE COMPANIES



Volleyball is still the favourite pastime of B Company which ran off a well-organized competition last week in which all members of the base camp took part. The first round eliminated the Coy Comdr's Team, while that of the chaplain, Fr. Fleming, and Captain Con Moynihan survived until the semi-final stages. The final on Sunday night was won rather easily by a team comprising Tpr Murphy, Sgt. John Shinkwin, Ptes. John Leahy, Pat Daly, Michael Dunne, Ed Butler,

John O'Donovan and Sgm S. O'Donnell.

● **Socials:** A most enjoyable social was held in the Armd Car Sp Camp on Wednesday 6 July when IRCON reached the half-way mark of its present sojourn in Cyprus. The entertainment, under the leadership of Cpl Tommy Maloney, was such appreciated by all present. A sing-song was also held by B Coy on Sunday night when entertainment was provided by two newcomers, Ptes John Brennan and George McGrath.

● **Keeping Cool:** Keeping cool will continue to be one of the main problems for some time to come. In pursuance of this worthy objective the NCOs of Xeros Camp recently constructed a patio addition to their mess. Their good example is now being followed by both the Officers Mess and the men's Canteen, both of which have produced some do-it-yourself enthusiasts in spite of the heat.

● We welcome back from hospital, P.T. Sgt George Kent and marathon runner Pte. Mick Dwyer, both of B Company, and send our good wishes to Cpl Harry O'Shea in BMH, Dhekella.

● The absence of Lieut Junior Cummins from the Army Team in the Cork City Sports may have been a decisive factor in the runaway victory of the visiting U.S. team recently. We remember his great success last year in the half-mile and in the relay race.

● This week we bid goodbye to the very popular Coy Sgt Patrick (Pop) Hayes, who returns to Ireland, and we welcome his replacement, Coy Sgt. Thomas D'Ilon, who returns here for his second period in Cyprus.

● 'A' Company's Volleyball competition has ground to a halt — duties and Holy Land visits removing players at a high rate — but it is hoped to complete the series in the near future.

● A one man parade at midnight on July 12th — the sole representative of "Orange" pride at Camp McAuley — broke up in disorder on the cry of fire. Despite the loss of a tent, nothing else was damaged, except perhaps for a slight dent in a certain Corporal's ego.



Captain Jim Dawson (right) SO Logistics Branch at HQ UNFICYP, discusses the allotment of air conditioning equipment with Company Sergeant Aiden De Lacy, the Chief Clerk of Personnel Branch at Force Headquarters.



Private Peter Gardiner, the medical orderly at 'B' Company's Kato Pyrgos Camp, dresses a scorpion bite for Sergeant William Sisk. The bite, although painful for a while, is not dangerous.

BLUE BERET NEWS IN PICTURES....



Herr Obst Wech im Gespräch mit ObstLt M. Vesterdal, dem Kommandanten des Dänischen Kontingentes.



Auch die Damenwelt nahm einem gebührenden Anteil am Ablauf des Abends ein, ihr war zum grössten Teil die sehr lebenswürdige Atmosphäre und heitere Stimmung zu verdanken. Obst Wech im Kreutzeur von Frau Birne und Fraulein King.



'A' Company camp at Lefka will soon have an addition to its recreational facilities when Corporal Seamus Devlin has finished making the table tennis table on which he is at present working.



Hauptmann Fritz Mosser (links) ist schon heute zu Hause in Österreich. Sein Freund Rittmeister Otto 'P' Hörmann folgte ihm als Kommandant des Österreichischen Civil-Polizei Kontingentes in Nicosia.



Colonel G. R. Hale, Commander CANCON, presents Lieutenant Colonel Duncan A. McAlpine with his UN Cyprus medal at a ceremony at Oneisha Farm on Friday on the eve of Lt Col McAlpine's departure for Canada to take up a new appointment at Mobile Command Headquarters in Montreal.



Picture taken at Nicosia airport recently shows, from left to right, Comdt N. Sloan, Deputy Chief Signal Officer, and his replacement, Comdt E. T. O. Brian and Comdt James Seward who is replacing Comdt John Burke as Chief Engineer Officer at UN HQs.



Turvajoukkojen henkilötoimiston uusi päällikkö, evl A. A. Salinkäviä tutustumassa itävaltalaiseen kenttäsairaalaan Kokkino Tremethussassa. Kuvassa ev. R. Wech toivottaa hänet tervetulleeksi sairaalaan.

VIITOSLOPULLE VILKAS URHEILUOHJELMA

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alipaikalle kerääntyneille katsojille on mahdollisuus nähdä 'tirehtöörinsä' rehkimässä. Sietää pistää kurkun äänijänteet kuntoon tätä koitosta varten.

ELOKUUSSA YLEISURHEILUA JA UINTIA.

Pataljoonan yleisurheilumestaruuskilpailut tullaan järjestämään elokuun viimeisellä viikolla Lajeina tulevat olemaan 100,400 ja 1500 metriä sekä 4x100 m viestijuoksu. Kentälajeina taas ovat pituus, korkeus, keihäs ja kuula. Sietää siis jo ajoissa ruveta hiomaan kuntoa tätä koitosta varten.

Samoihin aikoihin tullaan Ledra Palacen uima-altaalla järjestämään pataljoonan uintimestaruuskilpailut 100 m vapaauintissa ja 4x100 m viestissä. Tuomareilla tulee olemaan vaikea tehtävä, sillä allas on kuulemma 22,5 m pitkä. Mainittakoon myös, että uintiviesti-joukkueen kokoonpanolle ei ole asetettu arvo-, uintilaji-, tyyli- tai muita sellaisia ehtoja.

AMPUMISTA JA SOTILASKILPAA SYKSYYMÄLLÄ.

Syyskuun alussa pidetään upseerien ja aliupseerien väliset pistooliampumakilpailut. Sitä varten kait tähän mennessä on jo ehditty järjestää pari koitosta 7 ja 15.7 Dekelissa, jossa on saavutettu kesäkuun olosuhteet huomioonottaen muutamia hyviäkin tuloksia. Ja lisää on tulossa ennen lopullista kilpaa.

Ilmojen hieman viilenneet syyskuun puolivälissä tarkoitus järjestää sotilaspartiokilpailut, joi-

den ohjelmaan tulee kuulumaan mm. 25 km suunnistustaival jalan ja pyörillä sekä käsikranaatin heittoa, gridien ottoa, etäisyyden arviointia, tiedustelutehtävä jne.

On siinä ohjelmaa kerraksi yhden pataljoonan osalle ja kovasti saadaan vielä jännätä ennenkun mestarit ovat selvillä.

LISÄKSI KANSAINVÄLISET OTTELUT.

Pataljoonan sisäisten koitosten lisäksi joutuvat urheilijamme luonnollisesti ottamaan mittaa muista kontingenteista.

Jo tähän mennessä ovat muut distriktit ja zonet hioneet taitojaan jalka-, lento- ja koripallossa sekä valmistautuneet omine joukkueineen yleisurheilu ja uintikisoja varten. Toivottavasti poikamme selviävät näistä koitoksista yhtä kunnakaasti kuin aikaisempien pataljoonien aikana, jolloin m.m. voitimme UNFICYP:in uintimestaruuskilpailut miten tahdoimme.

VIIME HETKESSÄ...

Blue Beretin tictoon on tullut, että kuuluisa suomalainen urheiluprofessori "Tahko" Pihkala tulce vieraillemaan saarella ja suomalaiskontingentissa sunnuntaina ja ensi viikon alussa.



Pataljoonaa uskollisesti palvelutta kuljetuskalustoa samassa paraatikuussa. Ohjauksella ääressä jääkäri Jorma Härkönen ja ylik. Kauko Huhtanen.



Tallaiselta näyttivät terhakkaat pioneeri-poikamme, kun he saivat kuulla Tahko Pihkalan saapumisesta.



Kyrenian kanadalaisen komentaja vaihtuu. Kuvassa kotiin palaava evl. MacAlpine keskustelussa kenr. Martolan kanssa.

LAWYERS CONSIDER SPACE THREATY DRAFTS

Discussions on how to keep outer space free of some if not all of Earth's nationalist rivalries opened last week at United Nations' European headquarters in Geneva. The outer space talks brought together legal experts from 28 countries.

Before the experts are two draft treaties submitted by the Soviet Union and the United States. These would ensure that celestial bodies remained free for exploration and use by all States. National appropriation and military activities such as basing atomic weapons on the moon would be ruled out.

The Soviet draft applies in a large part to outer space itself, as well as to celestial bodies.

As negotiations were opened, the Chairman of the legal group, Mr. Kurt Waldheim of Austria, said that time was running short, and that an agreement governing man's activities in outer space was essential.

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States said the main objective of his country's draft was to preserve outer space for peaceful activities, and to guarantee open access to celestial bodies.

Ambassador Platon Morozov, the Soviet delegate, said the USSR draft took into account the UN General Assembly's resolutions — such as that against the orbiting of weapons of mass destruction — and embodied legal principles that would assure equal rights to all States.

ECOSOC WINDS UP OVERALL DEBATE

ECONOMIC GROWTH PROBLEMS STRESSED

Last week, in Geneva, the UN Economic and Social Council concluded its overall debate on world economy and the harsh problems facing the poor countries of the world. The major theme has been to do more to promote the economic growth of the under-developed countries which are falling further and further behind the industrialized nations.

The amount of outright aid furnished by the richer countries, the terms under which loans are extended or investments made, the chronic problem of unstable prices for raw materials and food-stuffs which make up for the bulk of the poor countries' exports — these are some of the specific issues on which delegates have set forth their various views.

In closing the overall discussion, the UN Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Philippe de Seynes, said that despite setbacks the concept of the UN Development Decade was "alive and enduring".

The Decade, now at half-way mark, is designed to raise the economic growth rate of the poorer countries to the level of a 5 per cent increase per year.

BRITISH G. O. C. VISITS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

On Wednesday last the General Officer Commanding Cyprus District, Major General D.L. Lloyd Owen DSO, OBE, MC, visited the Headquarters of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for the first time since taking over. He met the Force Commander, General Martola, the Chief of Staff, Brigadier Harbottle and some of the principal staff officers.

Portuguese Africa - new exchanges

Last week a new exchange of letters between Portugal and the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, on possible discussions relating to the African territories administered by Lisbon was made public at UN Headquarters in New York.

The Portuguese Foreign Minister, Mr. Alberto Nogueira, wrote to U Thant that his Government would be prepared to discuss with the Secretary-General the problems of regional cooperation and peace in Africa, after the initial

phase of the autumn session of the UN General Assembly. U Thant agreed to the time, but reaffirmed that he could discuss issues only in the context of the Security Council decision last November.

The Council urged independence for the Portuguese — administered territories in Africa — Angola and Mozambique are the two main ones — and asked all States to withhold from Portugal weapons that she could use there.

SELF DETERMINATION FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS URGED

The UN Trusteeship Council meeting at UN Headquarters last week urged the United States to take further steps towards self-determination for the Territory of the Pacific Islands — over 2,000 in number and scattered over three million square miles of the Western Pacific.

The Council said it was encouraged by the fact that the U.S. High Commissioner had expressed his hope that this would occur during his tenure of office. It also regretted the delay in settling the inhabitants' war damage claims against Japan and expressed satisfaction over the compassionate payments of close to one million dollars which had been made to the victims of nuclear radiation.

The islands, known collectively as Micronesia, comprise the archipelagos of the Carolines, Marianas and Marshalls: their total land area is about 700 square miles, and their population about 90,000 inhabitants.

The United States wrested control of the islands from Japan during the last two years of World War II. In 1947, they became a UN Trust Territory under U.S. administration.

After adopting its report on Micronesia, the Council opened its debate on Nauru, a small Pacific island administered by Australia.

VIET-NAM COMMENTS

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therefore, always been advocating restraint and tolerance on the part of all sides in the Viet-Name conflict." This applied, it was made clear, to the possible fate of the US pilots, to the victims of the bombings in the North, and to all the victims of the fighting in the South.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

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handover papers were signed at Battalion Headquarters in Tjiklos. That evening a mess dinner was held to dine Lt Col McApine out. He was presented with a large sterling silver cigarette box with the signature of each officer engraved on it.

ISRAELI AIR ATTACKS

LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL

Israel informed the UN Security Council on Thursday evening, 14 July, that its air raid earlier that day on Syrian engineering equipment north of the Sea of Galilee had been motivated by a series of Syrian attacks in recent months.

In a letter to the current Council president, Chief Adebbo of Nigeria, Ambassador Michael S. Comay declared that the action had been "strictly limited" and was

meant to "impress upon the Syrian authorities the gravity with which the Israeli Government views continual violence against Israel's population and territory."

The tractors and mechanical equipment attacked were involved in a project to divert the waters of the River Jordan, according to press dispatches.

In his letter, Mr. Comay said that Syrian raids and sabotage had cost Israel 16

casualties, including four dead, since February, and considerable damage to property. Diplomatic efforts through the UN and other channels, he said, had proved of no avail.

Mr. Comay added that the Syrian authorities were able to prevent incidents and maintain tranquility on the border whenever they chose to do so. He did not ask for any Council action.