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Christmas 'Beret'

This week THE BLUE BERET is publishing a special twelve-page Christmas edition, but because of the holiday period, the edition of December 28 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.

UNFICYP SERVICE



Members of all Contingents of the Force took part in a Christmas Service held at St Columbas' Church, RAF Nicosia, on Monday. Each Contingent contributed its own section to the interdenominational service conducted by the Reverend M. Pavay. Pictured above, the Force Commander, flanked by the Chief-of-Staff and his ADC, leads the carol singing.

FORCE COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

IT IS NOW ALMOST THREE YEARS SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS ARRIVED IN THE ISLAND. During this period many thousands of men have served in the Force and returned home after their six months tour of duty. In spite of the rapid and continuous changeover of units and contingents, I have been very pleased to see the excellent friendship and genuine camaraderie which exists between the various contingents of this International Force.

Your role as a peace-keeping Force is one which requires tact, skill and patience, and the fact that the Secretary-General, U Thant, in his successive reports to the Security Council, has warmly



FORCE MANDATE EXTENDED

CASH PLEDGES DURING COUNCIL DEBATE

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON OF LAST WEEK UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A SEVEN POWER RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS until 26th June of next year, "in the expectation that sufficient progress towards a solution by then will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force."

In extending the mandate of the Force — established in March of 1964 — the Council took into consideration the Secretary General's latest report (see *Blue Beret* of 14 December, page seven) in which U Thant stressed that "the familiar pattern of an uneasy truce" had continued during the previous six months and that the situation remained one in which, "were it not for the presence of UNFICYP, several incidents could have developed into serious fighting."

The Council in its resolution, submitted jointly by Argentina, Japan, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda and

Uruguay, urged the parties concerned in the island to "act with the utmost restraint and to continue determined cooperative efforts" to achieve a settlement.

During the Council meeting, pledges of financial assistance to help meet the Force budget for the new mandate came from the United States, who pledged four million dollars, Britain, \$2,000,000 and Greece, \$600,000. Estimated costs for the extended operation are more than nine and a half million dollars.

In a supplement to his report, made public the previous day, U Thant informed the Security Council of the recent purchase by Cyprus of a quantity of arms from Czechoslovakia — including a thousand rifles and sub-machine guns — for the enlargement and partial re-equipping of the police force, and on this point, the United States expressed some con-

praised the work of UNFICYP, is a fine tribute to the excellent work of the Force.

I would like to thank personally all members of the Force for the excellent work you have done throughout the past year. Every one of you has done his utmost to live up to the ideals of the United Nations, often under trying and difficult circumstances, in helping to maintain peace on the Island.

Christmas is the season, above others, when we look forward to being with our families and friends. For most of you serving with the Force this is not possible, but you are away from home in the service of peace. To all of you and your families at home I wish a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

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cern. All speakers, including Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, expressed the hope that the new extension of UNFICYP would see more progress towards a solution to the Cyprus problem. Greece said that the current Greco-Turkish dialogue, which had been taking place confidentially, showed that both parties were seeking a solution and added that the talks had ranged over the entire problem of Greco-Turk relations. Turkey took a similar view of the talks, but further expressed concern at the recent

Following is the text of the resolution adopted unanimously by the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Thursday:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General of 8 December 1966 (S/7611 and Add. 1) that in the present circumstances the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus is still needed if peace is to be maintained in the island,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 December 1966,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions of 4 March (S/5576), 13 March (S/5603), 20 June (S/5778), 9 August (S/5668), 25 September (S/5987) and 18 December 1964 (S/6121), the consensus expressed by the President at the 1143rd meeting on 11 August 1964, and its resolutions 201 (1965) of 19 March, 206 (1965) of 15 June, 207 (1965) of 10 August, 210 (1965) of 17 December 1965, 220 (1966) of 16 March and 222 (1966) of 16 June 1966;

2. Urges the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint, and to continue determined co-operative efforts to achieve the objectives of the Security Council;

3. Extends once more the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force, established under the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964, for a further period of six months ending 26 June 1967, in the expectation that sufficient progress toward a solution by then will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force.

reported influx of arms into the island, stating that this was aimed at renewing the pressure against the Turkish Cypriot minority. Cyprus denied this charge, stressing her responsibility for the peace, security and defence of the island and adding that she had shown her willingness to cooperate with the United Nations Force by agreeing to have officers of UNFICYP inspect the crates of weapons which, she said, had not yet been opened.

Secretary-General's Report...

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT'S REPORT ON THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN CYPRUS, WHICH WAS CIRCULATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 14TH.

"Since the publication of my report on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus for the period 11—June to 5 December 1966, the Cyprus Government, as stated in paragraph three below, has confirmed to UNFICYP that it has imported a quantity of arms which it intends to issue to the Cyprus Police, whose strength, it was recently announced, would be increased from 2,000 to 2,300 men.

UNFICYP has no detailed knowledge of the type of arms imported by the Cyprus Government, other than that the delivery has included, 1,000 rifles and 1,000 sub-machine guns, which will be used to equip the 300 new members of the Cyprus Police, and also to replace the old arms at present being used

by the Police.

As I pointed out previously to the Security Council, any influx of arms and other military-type equipment into Cyprus is a cause for concern to UNFICYP with regard to the discharge of its mandate. My Special Representative in Cyprus and the Force Commander were informed by President Makarios on 10 December 1966 that the new arms which had been imported from Czechoslovakia were at present stored in their unopened crates under the control of the Cyprus Government, but would not be issued to the Cyprus Police for another two months, pending the recruitment and training of additional personnel. The President also stated that a further consignment consisting of twenty armoured cars was

awaited but emphasized that all the new equipment would be used by the Cyprus Police exclusively in the course of its normal duties.

On 12 December, the Turkish Embassy in Cyprus transmitted to UNFICYP a copy of an aide-memoire which it sent to the Cyprus Government on the same day protesting the recent importation of arms.

On 13 December, my Special Representative informed me that at the request of UNFICYP, President Makarios had agreed that the unopened crates be inspected by the Force Commander. My Special Representative indicated that arrangements were being made for the proposed inspection to take place as soon as possible."

RCR PLAN CHILDRENS' PARTY

THE FIRST BATTALION, The Royal Canadian Regiment, is shaping up an elaborate Christmas party for the thirty-one children in the Home for Sick Children, Kyrenia, complete with the appear-

ance of Santa Claus who will distribute gifts to the little patients who are recovering from long-term diseases.

Santa and envoys converge on the Home at

about ten in the morning of December 23rd. In addition to the favours, the Battalion has laid on a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the youngsters.

PEACE - KEEPING PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

A CANADIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS, including their authorization and financing, last week won wide support in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee. The Committee approved three resolutions on the subject, the other two being an Irish draft proposal and a Jamaican proposal.

The Canadian resolution, co-sponsored by six other countries, was approved by a vote of fifty-two in favour to fourteen against and with forty-two abstentions. It recommends several methods of financing peace-keeping operations, some of them voluntary; invites member states to furnish information on

military and civil forces they might be able to provide for such operations; asks the Security Council to authorize a study of means of improving preparations for peace-keeping; and urges the Special Committee of thirty-three nations on peace-keeping operations to continue its comprehensive review of the whole question.

The Irish proposal, co-sponsored by eleven other nations, was approved by a vote of 33—27, with 48 abstentions. It calls for mandatory guidelines for financing peace-keeping operations. It would see a peace-keeping expenditure of up to \$100 million a year apportioned as follows: Five per cent of the cost among the economically less developed

states, twenty-five per cent amongst developed states, and the remaining seventy per cent among the permanent members of the Security Council. Any costs over the target figure would be shared by the Security Council members and the developed countries.

The Jamaican proposal, adopted by a vote of twenty to five with eighty abstentions, calls on the Security to proceed immediately to negotiate arrangements with Member States for the provision of the armed forces and facilities necessary to carry out enforcement measures as envisaged in the United Nations Charter as a last resort, should all efforts for peaceful settlement of disputes fail.

HOLD SPACE CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR REQUEST

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEE last week unanimously requested that a UN Conference on the peaceful uses of outer space be held next year.

One topic of the conference is to be how to bring the benefits of space

programmes to non-space powers. The conference will not be limited to United Nations members, but a proposal to extend a blanket invitation to all States was turned down.

The Committee also opened its debate on the

recently agreed draft treaty on Outer Space for Peace, with Professor Manfred Lachs of Poland, the Chairman of the group that prepared it, describing it as the first basic law of a realm now opened to man's exploration.

MEDALJE - OVERRÆKKELSE



Det cypriotiske fjernsyn er for tiden ved at optage en fælles FN-udsendelse, som vil komme på skærmen juleaften. Hvert kontingent yder sit bidrag i form af et eller andet, der er karakteristisk for kontingentet. DANCON's bidrag er julebadningen, og vor fotograf har her "snappet" TV-fotografen under optagelserne.



I disse dage har Cypern besøgt af den danske minister for mellemøsten, Hans Eksellence Steensen-Leth. Ministeren har naturligvis også besøgt DANCON og er her lynskudt sammen med chefen og den danske charge d'affaire i Beirut Troels Munk.

Lørdag den 17. december fandt DANCON VI's første samlede medaljeoverrækkelse sted. Desværre viste vejret sig ikke fra sin bedste side, og overrækkelsen måtte derfor ske indendørs i A-kompagniets store sal. Der var stillet et æresdetachment op, og her ses chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant J. Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, under højtideligheden, netop som en af de nydekorede får fæstnet medaljen på brystet.



I forrige uge havde infirmeriet besøg af oberstløjtnant K. Jensen fra Lægekorpsen i København. Oberstløjtnanten medbragte et brev med generallægens juleønsker til korpsens personel og ses her sammen med vore to læger og tandlægen umiddelbart efter, at brevet var blevet afleveret.

JULE- FORBE- REDELSER



Overalt har man travlt med at gøre klar til julen. Der klippes hjerter, pyntes op i kvarterer og messer, og også julebagningen er i fuldt sving. Vor fotograf har været en tur rundt for at indfange stemningen, og her ses messemanden i KIH-messen i færd med at bage småkager samt et interieur fra "De gamles hjem", ligeledes fra KIH, som var det smukkeste pyntede kvarter, vi fandt.

DANCON-NYT





Pikkujoulun tiimoilta järjesti kenr. ltn. A.E. Martola ylentäjäiset turvajoukkojen kansainvälisen esikunnan messiin viime perjantaina. Kuvassa onnittelijoina evl. A.A. Salin ja esikuntapäällikkö Brigadier Harbottle.



YK:n rauhanturvajoukkojen kansainvälisen esikunnan kanadalainen varapäällikkö eversti W W Turner sai viikonvaihteessa kyproksittallinsa komentajan kädestä.



Kykön pikkujoulujuhlien uusinnassa tiistaina oli mukana myös arvovieraita Suomesta. Kuvassa komentajamme, eversti Nuutilainen ja maj. S. Siljanmäki Reserviupseeriliitosta sekä heidän takanaan puuhakas matkai lumies toim. joht. Eero Julin.



Palloilusarjojen lisäksi esikunnan Aly on osoittanut paremmuutensa myös ammunnessa ja vihreän linjan viestissä, joissa se korjasi ylivoimaiset voitot miten tahtoi. Kuvassa Alyn ankkuri Taisto Turunen, 21, Lappeenranta saapumassa maaliin.

SUOMALAISIA KANSAIN- VALISESSA YMPARISTOSSA

YHDISTYNEITTEN KANSAKUNTIEN KYPROKSEN RAUHANTURVAJOUKKOJEN komentajan, kenr.ltn A E Martolan apuna toimii kansainvälisestä henkilöstöstä muodostettu esikunta. Se jakaantuu YK:n palveluksessa vakinaisesti toimivista siviilivirkamiehistä muodostettuun poliittiseen sihteeristöön ja eri kontingenttien jäsenistä koostuvaan sotilas-esikuntaan.

Sotilas-esikunta puolestaan käsittelee operatiivisen, tiedotus-, henkilöasiain ja huolto-osastot, joiden henkilökuntaan tällä hetkellä kuuluu yksitoista suomalaista.

Erillinen Esikuntaryhmä

Suomalaisen valvontajoukko-osaston toinen osa, esikuntaryhmä, muodostuu tällä hetkellä juuri noista e.m. yhdestätoista suomalaisesta. Ryhmän vanhimman määrää puolustusministeriö ja muut jäsenet pääesikunnan komentopäällikkö. Nimitykset alistetaan kuitenkin YK:n New Yorkin päämajan hyväksyttäväksi.

Tentäviensä puolesta esikuntaryhmän jäsenet ovat HQ UNFICYPin esikunta ja osastopäälliköiden alaisia. Kansallista laatua olevissa asioissa suomalaisen valvontajoukon komentaja ja esikuntaryhmän vanhin ovat heidän korkeimpina esimiehinään. Ryhmään kuuluvien palkka ja varusteet hoidetaan pataljoonasta, joka myös vastaa heidän terveydenhoidosta, postin kulusta yms. asioista.

Tällä hetkellä on esikuntaryhmän vanhimpana evl. A A Salin,

joka toimii rauhanturvajoukkojen kansainvälisen esikunnan henkilökunnan päällikkönä. Hänen osastonsa alaisuuteen kuuluvat Kyproksen YK-joukkojen henkilö-, welfare- ja poliisiasiat sekä sairaalatoiminta.

Henkilöosastossa, pitkään pääesikunnan YK-toimiston päällikkönä ja monissa YK-tehtävissä toimineella evl. Salinilla on alaisinaan englantilaisia irlantilaisia, ruotsalaisia, kanadalaisia ja tanskalaisia esikuntaupseereita sekä muuta henkilökuntaa. Hänen alaisuuteensa kuuluu myös esikunnan yhteydessä oleva Suomi-toimisto, jonka vääpelinä toimiva monipuolisuusmies Martti Jouha hoitaa yhteydet pataljoonaan sekä toimii oppaana ja neuvonantajana UNFICYPin esikunnassa asioiville suomalaisille.

Operatiiviset Ihmeet.

Turvajoukkojen esikunnan polttopisteestä eli operatiivisesta toimistosta tapaamme vanhempana tilannepäivystäjänä (watchkeeper) helsinkiläisen komentajakapteeni "Kaku" Lehtosen. Hänen tehtäviinsä kuuluu määräämuina pitää

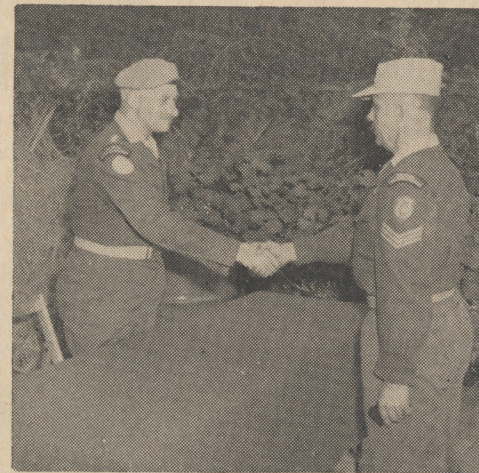
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FAMAGUSTA ROAD-RACE

Runners from seven nations took part in a five mile road-race organized by the Swedish Contingent on Sunday. The hosts ran out the winners, closely followed by a team from the Black Watch, with the Finnish Contingent team third and a local Cypriot team fourth. Pictured left: Swedish Contingent runners hand over the baton at a stage change, closely followed by the Black Watch duo, while other teams' runners wait at the roadside.

CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION FOR TWO; SAFE DRIVING AWARDS AT TJIKLOS CEREMONY



Sgt Earl Mosher (top) and Cpl Peter Morrison (right) were awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) for good conduct in 12 years service by Lt Col P. A. Labelle at a ceremony at Tjiklos Camp.



The Canadian Contingent United Nations Force in Cyprus Award for Safe Driving was awarded on 12 December to Pte Ken Smale (bottom right) for 5000 miles safe driving and on 14 December to Pte Tom Brown for 2500 safe miles.



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operatiivinen tilannekatsaus esikuntapäällikölle, lähettää päivittäin tilanne ilmoitukset ja raportit YK:n päämajaan New Yorkiin sekä pitää operatiivinen johto tilanteen tasalla.

Saman toimiston yhteysupseerien ryhmässä toimii Gazat ja Kyprokset kokenut kapt "Hank" Härmäläinen. Hänen tehtäviin kuuluu kauan suomalaisten käsissä ollut yhteydenpito kyproksenturkkilaiseen varapresidentti Kucukin toimistoon ja valtakunnanturkkilaiseen pataljoonaan Orta Köissä.

Suomalaisten Tunetuksitekeminen.

Wolseley-parakeilta saatamme sitten tavoittaa esikuntaryhmän ja tällä hetkellä koko Kyproksen turvajoukkojen Nestorin lehdistöupseerina pitkään toiminut kapt "Nappi" Kaukosen. Hän työskentelee sihteeristön monikansallisessa tiedotusosastossa ja pitää maailman ja kotimaan joukkotiedotusvälineet ajan tasalla Kyproksen rauhanturvaamistehtävistä. Siinä sivussa hän on kansainvälisen lehdistön, radion ja television välityksellä ehtinyt tehdä ykspläisiä ja suomalaisia sotaväkeä tunnetuksi yli sadassa maassa.

Varsinaisen "leipätyönsä" lisäksi ja kontingentissa ilmenevästä suuresta asiantuntijajoukosta huolimatta, lehdistöupseeri on, jo kuu-den pataljoonan ajat, joutunut hoitelemaan myös pataljoonaan ja kotimaahan suuntautuvaa tiedotustoimintaa.

Sotapolitiiseja Ja Lento Liikennettä

Sotapolitiisen puolesta paivelevat komkapt Toni Veltheim ja ylik Spede Södersven. Edellinen toimii turvajoukkojen sotapolitiisikomentajain apulaisena ja on ansiokkaalla tavalla erikoistunut jokiliikenteestä köyhän Kyproksen liikenne- ja tieturvallisuuskysymysten hoitoon. Jälkimmäinen taas hoitelee yllätyksellisen vakanssia SIU:ssa eli turvajoukkojen rikostutkimuskeskuksessa.

Nikosian lentokentän VIP-huoneesta tapaamme kapteeni Charley Palosaaren ja ltn Joe Kohvakan. Edellinen käy siellä usein kenraalin adjutanttina arvohenkilöitä vastassa, kun taas Joe Kohvakka kuuluu kuvaan lentoliikennettä tarkkailevan Movment Control-miehenä.

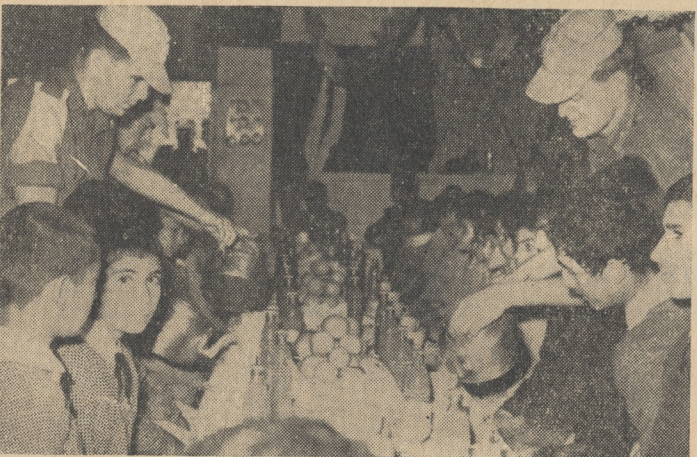
Suomalaiset Suositujia

Koska työ on vielä kesken, on tässä vaiheessa vaikea ryhtyä sanomaan mitään lopullista suomalaisten menestymisestä. Kuitenkin on käynyt selvästi ilmi, että suomalaiset ovat olleet hyvin suosittuja tässä kansainvälisessä työympäristössä.

Jonkinlaisena osoituksena suomalaisia kohtaan tunnetusta luottamuksesta voidaan kuitenkin pitää sitä, että HQ UNFICYP:ssä suomalaisille upseereille on uskottu pitempiaikaisesti hoidettavaksi vaativampia tehtäviä kuin, mitä heidän sotilasarvonsa edellyttää ja että näitä hyvää kieli njäevotte-lutaitoa vaativia tehtäviä on, jo vuosia sitten koettujen alkuvaikeuksien jälkeen ruvettu yhä enenevässä määrässä antamaan suomalaisen upseerin hoidettavaksi.



Busy men at Christmas time — the Welfare staff of the 7th Inf Gp (from left) CQMS Alfie Moran, Pte Finbarr Coffey, Capt Pat McEvoy and Cpl John Sylvester.



Sgt Noel Cosgrave (left) and Sgt Robert Taylor attend to the children at a party in Limnitis Camp.



Gunner William Bradish with some young guests at a children's party.

GROUP CHOIR

THE GROUP CHOIR CONTRIBUTED AN IRISH CAROL at the interdenominational Church service at St. Columbas, RAF Nicosia, on Monday. They also made a recording for inclusion in a Cyprus Radio broadcast on Christmas Day. We would like, in speaking of the choir, to welcome back to Cyprus Lieut Paddy Murphy and to sympathize most sincerely with him in his recent bereavement.



Cpl Paddy Drohan opens his parcel from home.

IRISH CHRISTMAS

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS WERE WELL IN HAND THIS WEEK in the 7th Inf Group. Decorations were being hung in Messes and Canteens, cribs and Christmas trees were being erected, programmes for parties and entertainments were being prepared and arrangements for all the traditional festivities that go with the greatest of Christian feasts were being made.

Naturally for men separated from their families at such a time, the season, in spite of all our efforts, will be tinged with a shade of loneliness. This feeling was referred to by the Commanding Officer Lt. Col M. K. Hanley in his recorded message sent on tape to Ireland last week.

In it he said that our relatives at home could be consoled by the thought that their sacrifice of separation was helping to bring our modern world nearer to the Christian ideal of peace on earth to men of good will.

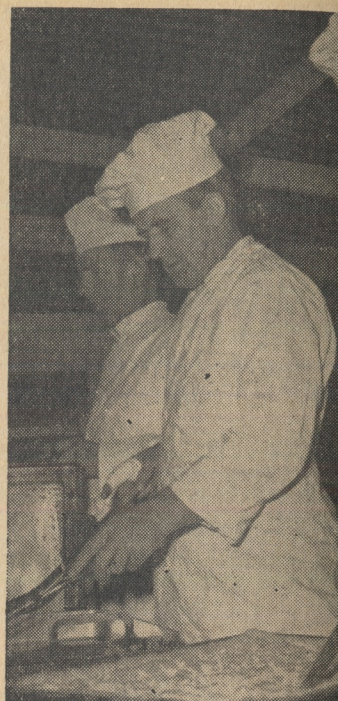
Such slight nostalgia being admitted however, the men of the Group are determined to celebrate the feast in the old traditional ways and to make it the best ever "away from home" Christmas.

Midnight Masses will be celebrated at Xeros and Limnitis camps and at the other centres early morning Mass will start the day. At all these services carols will be sung by members of the Group. The usual Christmas fare of turkey, ham and plum pudding will be partaken of and officers will, as the custom goes, serve on the men at table.

Later all ranks will take part in games and competitions and the organising of Christmas Day parties and sing-songs will ensure banishment of dull care. Those on duty in the lonely outposts have also been catered for, and when relieved they will be similarly entertained on St. Stephens Day.

Irish Officers and men serving with UN HQ have been cordially invited to be guests of the unit on Christmas Day so a real get-together of the Irish in Cyprus is expected.

As this season, by its nature, is a time for spreading happiness to all children, each Irish camp have this week been entertaining local Cypriot children to parties, gifts from Santa, films and refreshments.

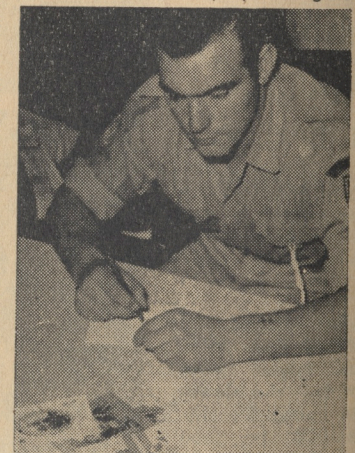


Christmas Message of Antaire Cosanta to members of 7 Grupa Coisithe serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

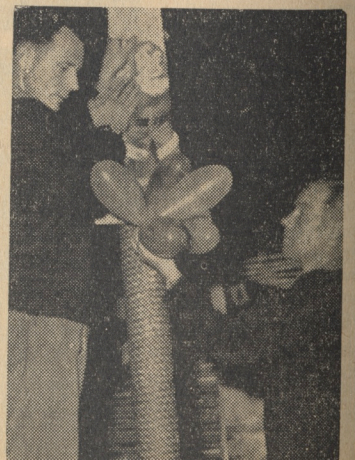
"It is a pleasure for me today to speak to you, members of the Irish Defence Forces serving in Cyprus, in order to convey to you my very best wishes for a happy Christmas. In sending you this greeting I am, I know, conveying also the good wishes of the Irish people in general and of your relatives and friends at home who will miss you all during this Festive Season."

As I say on your departure from home, the Irish people are proud of the achievements of their training with the United Nations. In proud, in particular, of the way of your success in maintaining peace and of the honour that you have thereby brought upon your country. Your task is difficult one but we know that you will continue to apply yourselves fully to your work in the cause of peace. Most of all we are confident in your work with the Cyprus people you will always foster the spirit of service which has been fostered over the years by Irish training overseas with the United Nations Forces.

Once again I wish you all every blessing this Holy Season.



Pte Michael Brennan writing his Christmas greetings at Kato Pyrgos.



Sgt George White and Pte Jim O'Brien putting up Christmas decorations at Lefka camp.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would also like in this message to greet those Irish Officers who are serving with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in the Middle East and to convey to them my best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

May God bless you all."



The Commanding Officer Lt Col M. K. Hanley speaking at the opening of the new NCOs Mess at Lefka. Also in the picture is the O/C "A" Coy Comdt. Kevin O'Donovan.

DOING ONE!

AN ARTICLE UNDER THE HEADING "IRISH IN CYPRUS LOSE SAFETY RECORD" which appeared in a leading Irish daily newspaper based on the accident figures for the month of October published in "THE BERET" of 30 November, has caused some consternation in the Contingent. There have also been a great number of comments in letters from home expressing concern and anxiety.

Actual figures of the Irish accidents reported in October, however, were cases where a Landrover ran over a dog, and everybody knows that dogs everywhere are sadly lacking in road sense. Indeed the other two were also of a very minor nature. We are, however, pleased to report that for the month of November, Contingent vehicles covered a total of over 90,000 miles without an accident; not even frightening a single dog!

GROUP SPORT

RUGBY: THE 7th GROUP SCORED WHAT IS PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT sporting win of any Contingent so far when their "A" team won the seven-a-side tournament at Dhekelia last Saturday, beating an RE side in the first round, 9 Sigs is the second, disposing of the Yorks and Lances in the semi-final, and gaining a brilliant 7-0 win against the Nomads (RAF) in the final. Throughout the competition all seven of the winning side

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

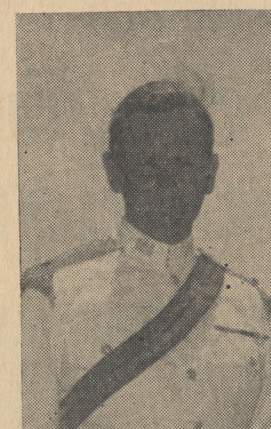


Investigators of four Contingents collaborate on a case. Left to right: Master Sergeant Gerry Myhrman (Sweden), Sergeant Ned Heaphy (Ireland), Sergeant Finn Hansen (Denmark) and Staff-Sergeant 'Speedy' Sodersved (Finland).

'SKINS' OC LEAVES

Last week saw the departure from Cyprus of Major Mike Swindells, Commander of 'A' Squadron, 5 Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the island since January. Mike's new post is Brigade Major with 7 Armd Bde at Soltau, Germany.

During his tour with UNFICYP, Mike has twice



commanded Paphos District when the British Battalions have been involved with rotation problems. He also commanded the Kokkina "Bridgehead" when the Irish Contingent had similar difficulties.

As the new Squadron Commander will not arrive until next month, command is temporarily in the hands of Major Richard Keightley who has come over from Benghazi where the main body of the Regiment is based.

FOCUS ON SIU

ONE OF THE TRULY INTERNATIONAL UNITS IN UNFICYP is the Special Investigation Unit, under the command of a British Army SIB Warrant Officer — WO I Gerry Mullen, assisted by one criminal investigator from each Contingent. Mr Mullen is detached from SIB in BAOR for his UN tour.

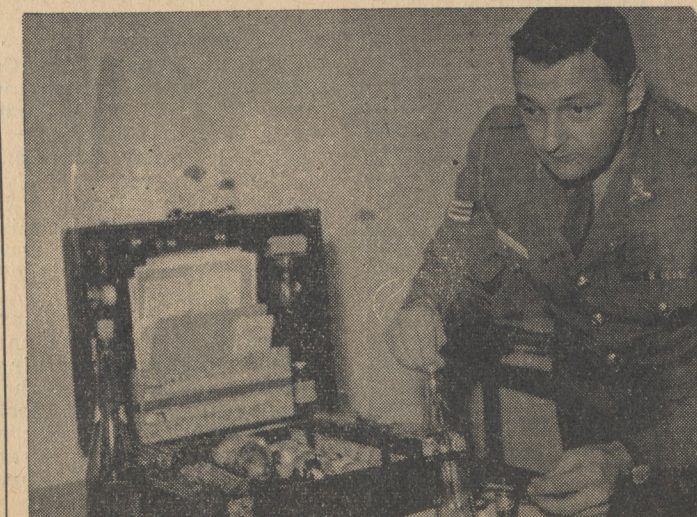
Sgt 'Speedy' Sodersved from Vasa is the Finnish policeman and the 'character' of the unit. He is a Detective Sergeant in the Finnish CID mobile investigation team and is on contract to UNFICYP.

Sgt John Savage from Catterick is the unit's 2IC and his specialty is the prevention of crime.

Msgr Gerry Myhrman from Soderhamn is Sweden's contribution to SIU. He is a policeman in civilian life and in the Army on a six month contract. Amongst other qualifications he holds a private pilot's licence.

Sgt Vic Auburn from Camp Borden, Ontario is the Canadian investigator, and a professional soldier with twenty-one years service. His last five years prior to coming to Cyprus were spent teaching at the Canadian Military Police School. He is the SIU's "scene of crime" man, and with the aid of his crime detection outfit can 'read' the scene of a crime as a reader would a book.

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Sergeant Vic Auburn, Royal Canadian Provost Corps, working with the crime detection outfit.



Force Provost Marshal, Lieutenant Colonel Jack Treleaven, Royal Canadian Provost Corps.

72 SQUADRON TAKE OVER

A DETACHMENT FROM 72 SQUADRON RAF has relieved 18 Squadron RAF as the Helicopter Support Unit within UNFICYP. The effective date of change-over was 10 December, and members of 18 Squadron left the island on 17 December, en route for Gutersloh, Germany.

An article on 72 Squadron RAF (which is commanded by Flt Lt Peter Faid) will appear in next week's "Blue Beret".



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HOT BATHS AROUND THE ISLAND...

THE photographs accompanying this article were taken at Xeros Bridge, in Limassol Zone, where 'D' Company, First Battalion, The

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS



GROUP SPORT

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showed admirable courage and stamina.

Mrs Scourfield—Davies presented tankards to the winners who were:— Capt Claude Carroll, Lieuts Tony Egar, Sean Duggan, Paul Quirke, Peter Archbold, Fred Swords and Mr. Paddy Bishop.

ROAD RACES: Two road races were run at Lefka last Wednesday. Results were as follows:

440 yds—Cpl. C. Ryan, "B" Coy, Cpl. P. Lucey, Pte. B. Conway.

One Mile—Sgt S. O'Sullivan, Armd C, Lt. McCann, Tpr. J. Hutchinson.

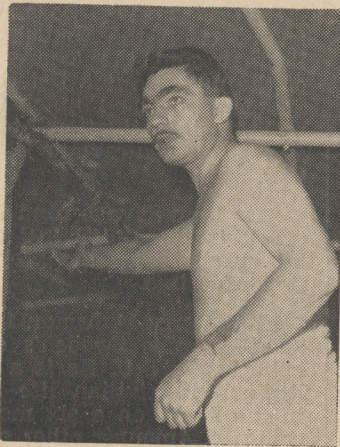
SOCCER: In the Inter-Company Soccer tournament, 'A' Coy had an easy win over Armd Car Group last week.

FAMAGUSTA DINNER

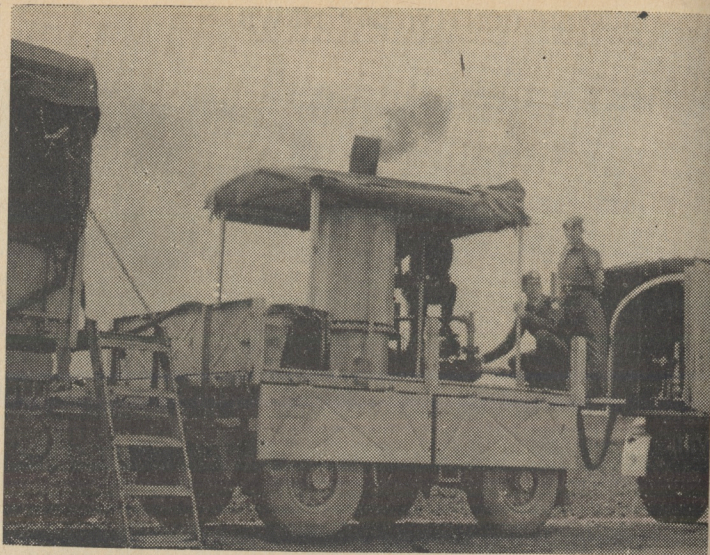
A DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE IRISH CONTINGENT was given by Mr. Stephano of Famagusta, the local representative of a famous Irish distilling company. The Commanding Officer and a number of officers and Irish people attended, together with prominent business people from Famagusta. The guests were entertained by some of the more talented members of the Group rendering typical Irish musical numbers. Those present were presented with a sample of the 'misty' product of the company concerned which will be, no doubt, a memento of a very enjoyable night.

Black Watch have an outpost.

The Bath Section, which forms part of the Ordnance Detachment, HQ UNFICYP, is under the command of Sgt Austin Brownrigg from Liverpool, whose parent unit is 16 Battalion RAOC at Bicester. The Section visits UN posts all over the island and provides welcome hot baths for everyone who has no other adequate means of bathing.



About to take the plunge is Pte Angus Wilson of 'D' Company 1 BW who is stationed at Xeros Bridge.



The 'boiler room' for the Bath Section heats the water which will provide shower baths for members of 'D' Company 1 BW at Xeros Bridge.



Checking water temperature and pressure are (left) Lcpl Roy Gallagher and Sgt Austin Brownrigg.

FOCUS ON UNFICYP'S INTERNATIONAL SIU

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Sgt Finn Hansen from Copenhagen is the Danish member of the unit. He is studying to become a lawyer.

Sgt Ned Heaphy, from Cork, is the Irish representative. Apart from investigations he is the 'production' specialist, and most of the paper work flows out from under his guidance.

All members of SIU are physically fit and take part in sport and fitness training. Amongst their hobbies they include judo, boxing, football, squash, tennis and cycling. They are also expert sho's and are trained to use each other's weapons.

SIU work is interesting and varied. Each member must be competent to deal with



Staff Sergeant John Savage of the British Contingent at work in the SIU offices at Force Headquarters.

calls from any Contingent, although they usually deal with their own Contingent's problems. On a serious case more than one investigator may be assigned to the inquiry. Hours of work are often long and irregular due to the urgency of most inquiries.

The SIU provides a highly qualified service for UN units and when a case of serious crime occurs, a telephone call to the Duty Investigator will produce immediate assistance. At the time of writing there are no unsolved cases on the books. The unit estimates that for every man who is arrested they save an average of three from getting into trouble. These facts speak for themselves.

TRIBUTE TO THIMAYYA

LAST SUNDAY MARKED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING AWAY OF GENERAL K.S. THIMAYYA, UNFICYP Commander from July 1964 until his sudden death on 18 December last year.

On this occasion, the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation organized a special memorial programme which was broadcast Sunday evening with the participation of representatives of the different contingents serving with the Force.

In this connection, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, made the following statement which we reproduce here for the readers of THE BLUE BERET:

"It seems hard to believe that a year has elapsed since that sad morning when we were stunned with the news of the sudden death of the late, and warmly remembered, General Thimayya.

"To me, it was particularly shocking as I personally had known him perhaps more intimately and had learned to admire and respect him for his keen professional abilities and his warm personal understanding.

"Much has been said and written about him — as a soldier and as a man endowed with exceptional human qualities — and yet one feels that much more could still be said of his professional skill, sharp wit and his disarming smile which saw him through many difficult periods of his distinguished career.

"In sharing responsibilities with General Thimayya in our mission in Cyprus, I was always firmly convinced that he was particularly conscious of the significance of United Nations peace-keeping operations and the role of those who serve in them. He was aware that quite apart from their importance in prevent-

ing the tensions and frictions in any particular area from extending into more serious conflagrations, these operations have a historic significance of their own. Indeed, peace-keeping operations are starting to develop the first generation of soldiers to appreciate the true role of a military man in these difficult days — by understanding to prevent war.

"General Thimayya's success as a soldier stemmed from the fact that, based on his own solid military experience in World War II and subsequently, he realised perhaps more than other soldiers, how easily the irresponsible use of military force could destroy humanity. His own life and personality was an object lesson in how a soldier should carry that responsibility.

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation for its initiative to honour the memory of our late Force Commander. I can think of no better tribute than to recall that when the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, was informed of the sad news a year ago, he described General Thimayya as "a splendid example of those soldiers of peace which the United Nations has uniquely inspired and employed".

"No better description could have been made of this, indeed, unique soldier."

Messages in their national languages were also broadcast by the following UNFICYP officers, all of whom were serving with UNFICYP at the time of General Thimayya's death: Austria: Colonel O. Renth, Canada: Lt. Col. C.V. Carlson, Denmark: Major O.H.M. Haxthausen, Finland: Lieutenant Colonel E. Lehto-vita, Ireland: Commandant E. O'Brien, Sweden: Lieutenant Colonel G. Streiffert, United Kingdom: Lieutenant Colonel A.R. Wythe.

HUMAN RIGHTS — Human Rights Day, which marks the anniversary of the proclamation 18 years ago of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, was observed in Nicosia — on 13 December — with a ceremony organized by the United Nations Association of Cyprus. In the above photograph, taken during the ceremony, we can see Dr. Remy Gorgé, Senior Legal/Political Adviser of the Force, addressing the gathering. On his right, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, who also addressed the meeting, and on his left, Justice M. Triantafyllides, President of the UNAC.

DECOLONIZATION MOTIONS APPROVED

AS THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS COMMITTEES pressed ahead last week towards the end of the twenty-first session, a variety of resolutions concerning decolonization were given final approval by the Assembly meeting in plenary session.

One general text declared that the continuation of colonial rule threatened international peace and security and that the practice of apartheid, as well as all forms of racial discrimination, constituted a crime against humanity.

It requested colonial powers to dismantle military bases in colonial territories, stated that the existence of an entente between South Africa, Portugal and the illegal regime in Rhodesia contravened the interests of peace, and called on all States to withhold any support or assistance from these countries.

The resolution further condemned the policies of certain Administering powers which, it said, sought to impose non-representative regimes.

PORTUGAL: In another resolution the Assembly urged the Security Council to impose a mandatory diplomatic and economic boycott

against Portugal because of her continued refusal to grant independence to African territories under her rule. It condemned Portugal's policy as a crime against humanity, denounced foreign financial interests in the territories for exploiting the peoples and resources and called on all States to support the peoples' struggle for freedom.

Portugal reiterated her position that the territories were an integral part of her national domain.

FIJI: The Assembly called on Britain to fix an early independence date and hold elections on a "one man, one vote" basis, but Britain said that these steps were premature and against the wishes of the two main communities in the mid-Pacific territory.

ADEN: The Assembly asked the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Mission to determine the extent of UN participation in the elections leading to that territory's independence. The mission was also asked to consider steps for the setting up of a caretaker government. The resolution — approved without opposition — also called on Britain to end the present state of emergency, so the mission could carry out its objectives.

JAMAICA MAKES FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

JAMAICA HAS MADE A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION to the operational costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

Last week, the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, Mr. E.R. Richardson,

sent a letter to the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, in which he informed the United Nations that Jamaica has approved a voluntary contribution of \$2,000 for UNFICYP costs for the period ending 26 December 1966.



Förtjusta cyprioter trängs runt lucian Boel Stjärna när hon och kören under batass Martin Westins ledning sjunger svenska julsånger på Democratia Avenue i Famagusta.

LUCIAFIRANDET BLEV FOLKFEST FÖR FN-SVENSKAR OCH CYPRIOTER

BATALJONENS LUCIAFIRANDE BLEV EN STRÅLANDE FEST. TRE SÖTA SVENSKA LUCIOR, Marianne Wallander, Boel Stjärna och Ann Grubb, spred ljus och äkta hemlandsstämning på OP:n och förläggningar. De genomförde ett rekordlångt dagsprogram från tidiga ottan till sena natten. I det programmet ingick också besök hos officiella personer och på sjukhus samt kortger genom Famagusta och Larnaca.

Många cyprioter såg en aning förvånade ut när de eljest så krigiska kp-bilarna kom rullande genom

Famagustas och Larnacas gator prydda med facklor och fullastade med permissionsklädda FN-soldater. Men allra mest undran - och beundran - väckte förstas den söta lucian med sina ljus i täten av kortgera.

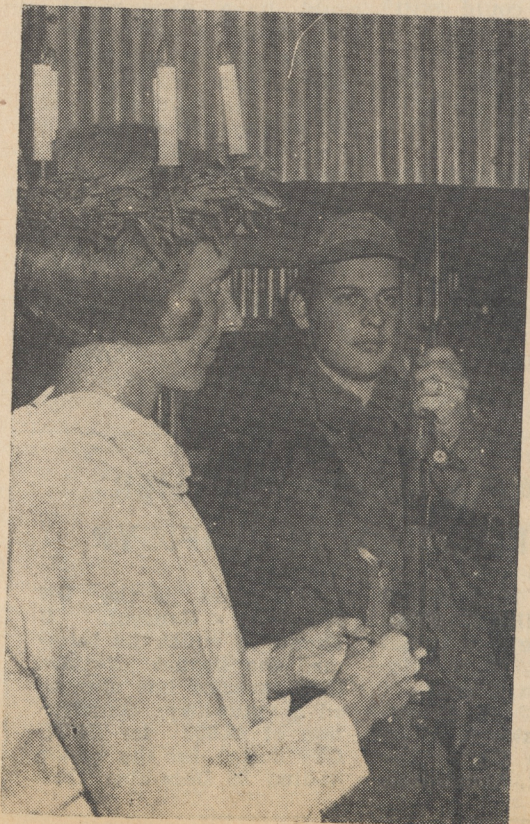
I Famagusta tog borgmästaren emot lucian Boel Stjärna på stads- husets trappa med en chevaleresk kyss på kind. Dessförinnan hade hon och hennes uppvaktning besökt torget och sjukhuset i Old City och det grekiska sjukhuset i Famagusta. Från stadshuset fortsatte tåget vidare genom staden. När lucian

klev av vid Democratia Avenue blev det genast stor folksamling. Sällan har kontakten mellan FN-soldater och cyprioter varit så god som när lucian efter "Staffan var en stalledräng" delade ut leksaker till barnen som trängdes omkring henne. Applåder ville aldrig ta slut.

3 komps lucia, Ann Grubb, upplevde en händelserik lucidag med bl a besök i byarna Ayios Theodoros och Kopinou. Kvällens luciatåg genom de centrala grek- och turkdelarna av Larnaca bjöd på många minnesvärda inslag. Dit

hörde t ex den orkester, som ledsade lucian genom de turkiska kvarteren. Man hade t.o.m. slagit upp en estrad för lucian från vilken hon fick ta emot folkets jubel.

Ett stänk av cypnallvaret mitt i luciafirandet fick 1 komps lucia, Marianne Wallander, uppleva i Arsos, där hon lussade för FN-soldater, greker och turkar. Men en sak var alla sidor överens om: lucian var förtjusande och alla tog emot henne med cypriotisk gästfrihet och spontanitet.



"...då på vår tröskel står, vitklädd med ljus i hår, Sancta Lucia, Sancta Lucia". STR:s och 2 komps lucia Boel Stjärna på väg in till den avslutande luciamiddagen i filmsalen på Carl Gustaf Camp.

1 komps lucia, Marianne Wallander, passerar campvakten vid Reindeer Camp. Dick Forsberg, Gävle-skyldrar med k-pisten.



Lussekaffe i Kopinou dricker här 3 komps lucia, Ann Grubb, tillsammans med Sven Jerring, plutonchefen löjtnant Leif Strömberg, Växjö, och zonchefen överste Bertil Stjernfelt.



Peter Zeki, 7 år, välkänd mascot vid Gold Fish Camp i Famagusta, har lärt sig en hel del svenska av FN-soldaterna. Efter en regelrätt svensk avlämning i farbror Svens mikrofon hälsar han här till barnen i Sverige.



INGEN JUL UTAN JERRING

I Ayios Theodoros kom cypriotiska skolbarn på besök i FN-förläggningen och spelade och sjöng för farbror Sven.

SVEN JERRING GJORDE STRADITIONELLT JULBESÖK på svenska cypnabataljonen 11 - 20 december. Han genomförde en lång rad inspelningar, bl a sin 1574:e Barnens bråvla! Den sänds i Sveriges radio den 22 december och innehåller förstas många hälsningar från FN-pappor till familjerna där hemma. Ett speciellt hälsningsprogram från vår bataljon sänds senare under julhelgen.

MO's GIFT TO CHILDRENS' HOME

LOTTERY PRIZE MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR NEW TREATMENT ROOM

MAJOR GILLES MORISSETTE, SMO OF THE CANADIAN Contingent of the Force, who two weeks ago won the Cyprus lottery top prize of £4,000, gave three hundred of it to the Red Cross Home for Sick Children in Kyrenia on Wednesday. Major Morissette gave the cheque to the matron of the Home, Miss Joyce Cholmondeley, at an informal ceremony. Also present was Chaplain John Farmer, Protestant chaplain of the Canadian Contingent and liaison officer between contingent and hospital.

More than half the thirty-one children also saw the ceremony. They are being treated for the most part for long term diseases.

In making the presentation, Dr. Morissette said: "I am so happy that Providence gave me the luck to win that

money that I couldn't decently go back to Canada without giving a little bit of it for humanitarian purposes. As a doctor, I think one of the best places to give to is the Home for sick children in Kyrenia. If I happen to win another one I will be here the following week."

The money, close to \$1,000 Canadian, will go towards building, beginning in February, a structure modelled after the Queen Alexandra Solarium for Crippled Children in Victoria, B.C., some 10,000 miles away. The Toronto Children's Hospital's gift of a stainless steel treatment tank, too large for present quarters, will be installed in the new building which initially will have a thirty-bed capacity and eventually, authorities hope, sixty beds.



COUNCIL REJECTS SEVERAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BRITISH RESOLUTION, BUT

MANDATORY SANCTIONS

INCLUDING OIL EMBARGO, TO BE EMPLOYED AGAINST RHODESIA

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDED ON FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK THAT ECONOMIC MANDATORY SANCTIONS — INCLUDING AN OIL EMBARGO — SHOULD BE EMPLOYED AGAINST RHODESIA IN A FURTHER EFFORT TO BRING DOWN THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME OF MR. IAN SMITH.

Acting on the basis of British proposals, extended by African amendments, the Council ordered all United Nations Members to boycott selected Rhodesian exports involving over sixty per cent of her international trade. It also called on all States to prohibit the supply of oil and oil products to Rhodesia, as well as arms and military equipment, and aircraft and motor vehicles.

However, the Council turned down an African de-

mand that Britain be asked to use "all means" at her disposal to prevent the transport of oil or oil products to Rhodesia. This provision had been requested by the African states as a means of ensuring South African and Portuguese compliance.

The resolution acted upon by the Council was approved by eleven votes in favour, with France, the USSR, Bulgaria and Mali abstaining. France had explained earlier that she favoured action to bring down the Smith regime, but that she felt the decisions were Britain's responsibility. Russia, Bulgaria and Mali pressed for stronger Council action — as advocated in the rejected African amendments.

The proposed invitation to Britain to use "all means" to prevent the transport of oil to Rhodesia was turned

down by a vote of seven in favour with eight abstentions. Britain objected that this implied responsibility for enforcement by her alone, and she could not accept this.

Also rejected by the Council were provisions which would have had the Council deplore Britain's refusal to use force, and also Portuguese and South African support for the regime. Another African amendment — which failed by one vote to get the total needed for Council action — would have included coal and all manufactured goods on the list of boycotted exports.

Britain argued that this would do more harm to Zambia than to Rhodesia, but Uganda declared that it was not Britain's business to tell the Council about the Zambian economy, when that

country herself supported the proposed move.

Also rejected was a proposed call on Britain to withdraw all previous settlement offers to the Smith regime and declare categorically that she would grant independence only under majority rule. Britain said that this impinged on matters under the sovereignty of the British parliament and was out of place in a Council resolution.

After the vote Nigeria expressed disappointment, saying the Council apparently felt that "the half-hearted steps" should be continued, but that the decision was, nevertheless, historic and should be respected. Mali expressed concern over the need for more vigorous measures to secure the rights of the Zimbabwe people and the USSR claimed monopolistic British and other interests were responsible for the rejection of the African amendments. Britain said, however, that she felt the action by the Council was right and necessary at this time, and a major step towards a just solution.

"HISTORIC MOMENT" IN HISTORY OF UN WORK FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS

TWO COVENANTS ADOPTED

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, last week unanimously adopted two Covenants on Human Rights, which, when ratified, will legally require States Parties to implement the rights and freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Both the Secretary-General, U Thant, and the Assembly President, Mr Abdul Rahman Pazhwak, described the adoption of the Covenants as a "historic moment in the history of the United Nations."

UN AIMS ARE REAFFIRMED

KOREA RESOLUTION CARRIED

THE MAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK REAFFIRMED THAT THE AIMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN KOREA WERE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND THE FULL RESTORATION OF SECURITY IN THE AREA. The resolution adopted by a vote of sixty-six in favour to nineteen against and with twenty-four abstentions also asked the UN Commission for Korean Rehabilitation and Unification — set up after the last World War — to continue its work.

The resolution further said that the UN forces still remaining in South Korea would be withdrawn when Seoul requested this or when

Both Covenants recognize the right of people to self-determination and have provisions barring discrimination in the enjoyment and exercise of human rights.

The substantive articles of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights include provisions recognizing the right to work, to social security, to adequate standards of living and freedom from hunger, and to health and education.

The Covenant on Civil and Political Rights provides for the right to life and liberty,

security and privacy of the person. The right to a fair trial is guaranteed, slavery is prohibited, and protection against arbitrary arrest or detention is provided for. The Covenant recognizes freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of opinion and expression; the right of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association. Other articles provide for freedom of consent to marriage and for protection of children. Preservation of the cultural, religious and linguistic heritages of minorities is guaranteed.

a settlement was reached. The resolution was in all essentials the same as that adopted yearly since the 1950—53 war.

Support for the resolution came from nearly all the western and Latin-American countries and a substantial number of other nations. Opponents included East-European nations and some Afro-Asian states. Abstainers were almost exclusively Afro-Asian.

The Committee rejected a Soviet proposal asking that all American and other foreign troops in Korea be withdrawn, that the UN Commission be dissolved, and the United Nations drop the whole subject. With few exceptions, the vote was the reverse of that for the adopted

resolution, on the Soviet proposal which said that the unifying of Korea was the affair of the Korean people and could best be settled by direct negotiations between North and South.

In the closing stages of the debate, Russia reiterated charges that the US wanted to turn South Korea into a permanent base and denounced the use of South Korean troops in Viet-Nam, but the Republic of Korea rejected those charges and expressed gratitude for the presence of the United Nations troops and for their continuing help in the defence of the South, stating further that the resolution represented the best hope for Korean reunification.

UNEF BUDGET APPROVED

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL Political Committee last week approved a budget of fourteen million dollars for next years' operational costs of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East (UNEF).

STOP PRESS

ASSEMBLY ENDS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

The United Nations General Assembly wound up its twenty-first regular session yesterday (Tuesday). One of the last actions of the session was the approval of a treaty on the peaceful uses of outer space. Under the terms of the treaty, celestial bodies, such as the moon, may only be used for peaceful purposes, and are exempt from claims of national sovereignty. A ban on the orbiting or stationing of nuclear weapons in space is also included.

On peace-keeping, the Assembly failed to reach a decision and has postponed the debate until next April.

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