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ROTATIONS CONTINUE

SWEDISH AND BRITISH ELEMENTS BEGIN CHANGEOVER

THE AUTUMN ROTATIONS OF THE FORCE continued this week with the change-over of the Swedish UN Battalion and the main body of the British Contingent both beginning on Monday.

The Swedish Battalion 34C, with responsibility for the Force Famagusta Zone is scheduled to return to Sweden before the week-end. It is replaced by Battalion 36C, under the command of Colonel Bertil Stjernfelt, which began arriving at Nicosia airport on Monday.

The major unit of the British Contingent, the First Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, began to move back to Germany yesterday (Tuesday) morning. The previous night, the advance party of the First Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) (42nd and 73rd) arrived at Akrotiri un-

der the command of Lt Col E.W. Nicoll, and will shortly be taking up responsibility for UNFICYP's Limassol Zone. The rotation is due to be completed by November 5.

MAKARIOS STOP-OVER FOR TALKS ON CYPRUS WITH U THANT

THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, His Beatitude, Archbishop Makarios, taking advantage of a stop-over in New York on his way to visit several Latin American countries last week called on the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant. After the one-and-a-half hour meeting, a spokesman at United Nations Headquarters said they had had an overall review of the Cyprus question and that the talks were friendly and constructive.

Also present at the discussions were Cyprus Foreign Minister, Spyros Kyprianou and Ambassador Zennon Rossides, and Mr Ralph Bunche and Jose Rolz-Bennett, UN Under-Secretaries for Special Political Affairs.

Rhodesia talks censured by General Assembly

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY last week condemned any agreement on the Rhodesia situation made between London and Salisbury that did not recognise the inalienable right to independence of the people of Zimbabwe — Rhodesia — and reaffirmed that power should be transferred on the basis of universal adult suffrage — one man, one vote.

An Afro-Asian draft resolution was adopted by 86 votes in favour to two against — those of Portugal and South Africa — with eighteen countries, including Britain, either abstaining or not taking part. The resolution expressed grave concern about the current talks between the British Government and the "illegal racist minority regime" of Ian Smith. It said these talks jeopardized the inalienable rights of the African people — who

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WORLD MUST FIND PEACE FORMULA

MARTOLA TELLS UN DAY GATHERING

THE FORCE COMMANDER, MAJOR-GENERAL A. E. MARTOLA, speaking at a United Nations Day dinner in Nicosia on Monday, organised by the United Nations Association of Cyprus, said that although the world Organization had achieved a certain amount of success in peace-keeping, it had not, unfortunately, been so successful in the field of peace-making.

Speaking of the Viet-Nam war the U.N. Force Commander said that this again served as a harsh reminder that the peoples of the world have still failed to find a formula that will save "our children and our children's children from the scourge of war".

Not all the international efforts to maintain peace and security have been a failure, General Martola said — for timely intervention has several times served to stop armed clashes in various parts

of the world, but he continued, "while the world powers, large and small, still fail to find this ever-increasingly urgent peace-making formula, there is little hope of achieving the much desired stabilization and reduction of armed forces and military budgets".

The full text of the Force Commander's speech appears below.

"It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me to be able to share a few thoughts with such a distinguished and friendly gathering on the occasion of United Nations Day.

"I say this with genuine sincerity, for as President of the Finnish Red Cross, I too, have been and continue to be active in the work of the various non-governmental organizations — such as the United Nations Association which has brought us together tonight — dedicated to the principle of international understanding.

"Twenty years ago the General Assembly established the 24th of

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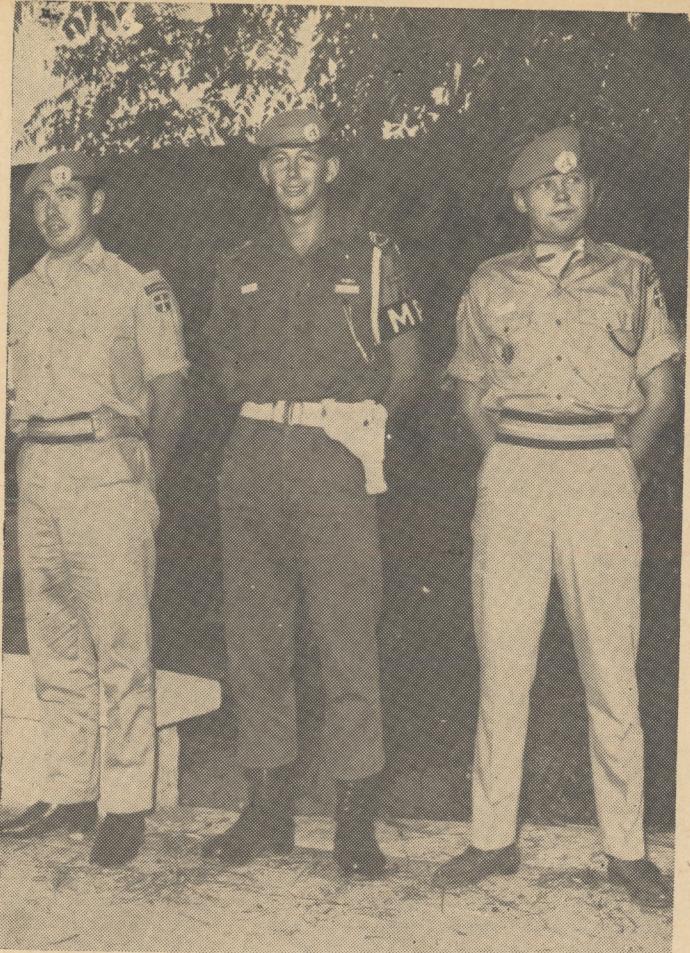
MILLION DOLLAR UNFICYP CONTRIBUTION

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY has informed the United Nations that it has decided to make a further contribution of one million dollars to the costs of the United Nations Pea-

ce-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

In a letter to the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, the Permanent Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Sigismund von Braun, said that this additional

sum was being made available for the six-month period of UNFICYP from 27 June to 26 December 1966, bringing his Government's total contribution to the costs of the Force to \$5,500,000.



De tre fødselsdagsbørn. Fra venstre konstabel Larsen, MP-korporal Løvdal og konstabel Poulsen.



Konstabel Poulsen, af mange bedre kendt som "Hopkins", er kontoromann ved KIH. Her ses han kæmpende i fredens tjeneste ved sit personlige vaaben, skrivemaskinen. Han har længe været klar over, at hans fødselsdag er sammenfaldende med de Forenede Nationers, idet han allerede som tiaarig blev modtaget på Københavns rådhus i forbindelse med festlighederne på FN's tiaarsdag. Ved KIH blev dagen fejret ved, at "Hopkins" fik overrakt en flot fødselsdagskage.

De Forenede Nationers Dag

I MANDAGS NAAEDE DE FORENDE NATIONER myndighedsalderen, idet den verdensomspændende organisation kunne fejre 21-årsdagen for sin oprettelse. Dagen markeredes ved at et budskab fra de Forenede Nationers generalsekretær blev bekendtgjort sammen med en appell fra chefen for UNFICYP, generalmajor I.A.E. Martola. I anledning af dagen udsendte chefen for det danske kontingent, oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal en dagsbefaling

saalydende :

"Som dansk kontingentchef er det mig en glæde med den givende sanledning at kunne fastslaa, at DANCON i Nicosia West District og i de øvrige opgaver, DANCON har faaet paalagt, har løst sin opgave tilfredstillende. Jeg paaskønner den pligtroskab enhver har udvist og forventer, at DANCONs personel lige til det sidste sætter en øre i at være paapasselige

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PAA MULDYR TIL KYRENIA

ENKEDRONNING ELANOR ER SAMMEN MED DEN unge konge taget til fange af genueserne, og Eleanor, der jo samtidig er interesseret i at hævne sig paa sin mands mordere, sympatiserer i begyndelsen med Genuesers aktioner paa Cypern. Men da hun opdager, at de har til hensigt at afsætte hendes søn fra tronen og erobre hele øen, skifter hun sindelag. Hun erfarer, at Genueser vil belejre fæstningen i Kyrenia, hvor hendes sviger Jakob endnu holder stand, og nu tilbyder hun personligt at lede de genuesiske styrker til angreb paa borgen. Det er aar 1375.

Vi giver ordet til et øjenvidne, krønikeskriveren Makhairas : "Og dronningen bestiger det pragtfulde muldyr Margarita, det stærkeste og hurtigste paa Cypern. Hun rider sidelæns, som kvinder gør, men hun beordrer sin page, Putsurello, til at medbringe sporer, og hun siger til ham : "Naar jeg giver dig tegn, skal du svinge mit ben over, saa jeg kommer til at sidde som en mand, og du skal sætte sporerne paa". Og hun glæder sig ved tanken om, hvad der forestaaer. Genueserne følger trop tæt ved hendes side, men i bjerpasset giver hun tegn til Putsurello, og han svinger hendes ben over og sætter sporerne paa, og hun sporer muldyret og stikker af. Da raaber genueserne : "Lad kun dem følge os, som vil. De, der ikke vil, bliver haengt". Og dronningen rider til Kyrenia, hvor hun modtages med hyldest i fæstningen".

Belejringen af Kyrenia er begyndt. Efter nogle mislykkede angreb bringer genueserne forstærkninger frem. En flade skal samtidig angribe fra søsiden og med en enorm blide monteret paa en pram bombardere borgen. Angrebsstærne, tre etager høje, rulles frem, men stormen avisere af forsvarerne. Murverket modstaar stene fra bliden, angrebsstærne væltes med stager fra murtindene og sættes i brand, og armbrøstslytter sender en dædbringende regn ned over genueserne samtidig med at rytteri fra St. Hilarion falder over de flygtende og afbryder forsyningsslinerne. Mere end 400 mænd meldes dræbt paa en dag. Belejringen hæves, efter at Jakob har inviteret sine modstandere til en overdaadig middag paa borgen, og givet dem syn for sagn paa, at fæstningen virkelig er uindtagelig. Der er vaabenhviile under freds-

forhandlingerne. Jakob faar frit lejlighed til at rejse til Europa. Han gør det, men genueserne bryder deres løfter og tager ham til fange ved Rhodos. Han føres til Genua og frigives først i 1385, hvor han vender tilbage til Cypern som konge, idet nevøen Peter II i mellem tiden er død.



Mange har sikkert undret sig over hvad det mon kan være for mærlige gule indskrumpne frugter, der hænger ned fra visse palmetræer. Her faar vi forklaringen af en fagmand. Handelsgartner og gardehusar Gunner U. Hansen udtaler overfor dragon John Fyllgraf (og Den blaa Bærets læsere), at det drejer sig om ubestøvede dadler. For dadlers vedkommende er naturen ordnet saaledes, at der kun kommer "rigtige dadler" paa palmerne hvis humblomsterne bliver bestøvede, og det maa gøres ad kunstig vej, ved at man overfører støvet med en pensel. De ubefrugtede dadler er ikke giftige, men paa den anden side heller ikke spor velsmagende.

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DANCON-NYT

UGENS TRAFIKTIPS

Vedligeholdelsestjenesten er uhyre vigtig. Der kan nemt opstå fejl paa gamle og udsldte køretøjer, og de kan faa skæbnesværgre følger. Vær derfor omhyggelig med de daglige efter-syn.

Husk at dække lidet ved at køre over kantsten. Efterse dem jævnligt, og undgå derved farlige punkteringer. Pas paa genstande paa vejbanen, det er ofte klippestykker.

DE FORENEDE NATIONERS DAG . . .

fra side to

og aarvagne soldater med fast vilje til at løse de anviste opgaver saavel under rolige som urolige forhold".

Samtidig med de Forenede Nationer kunne tre DANCON-folk fejre fødselsdag, nemlig konstabel Karl Larsen ved A-kompagniet, der fyldte 23 aar, MP-korporal Kurt Henningsen Løvdal ved MP-kompagniet, der blev 22 aar, og konstabel Jan Børge Poulsen ved stabskompagniet, der fyldte 21 aar, og altsaa er præcis lige saa gammel, eller ung, som den verdensorganisation i hvilken han forretter tjeneste.

The Blue Beret återkommer med fylligare presentation av den nye svenske bataljonschefen. Tills dess säger vi farväl till 34:an och hälsar 36:an välkommen till Cypern



I lørdags var der bal ved HQ UNFICYP. Ikke saa faa DANCON-folk deltog i dansen, og endnu flere forsynede sig ved den lange buffet i behageligt kvindeligt selskab. Vor udsendte medarbejder og hoffotograf har her lystkudt et smukt eksempel paa britisk — dansk samarbejde. Fra venstre ses: Konstabel Finn L. Nielsen fra C-kompagniet; MP-korporal Pat Vyse fra Royal Airforce, Episcopi; konstabel John Nielsen; Tandlaege fraenken G. Green fra Royal Airforce, Episcopi og konstabel Benny F. Nielsen fra C-kompagniet.



Justitieminister Herman Kling og statssekretær Ove Rainer beundrar utsikten over Medelhavet från civpols högkvarter på hotell Constantia i Famagusta.

CELEBRA SVENSKAR I FAMAGUSTA

SVENSKA FN-BATALJONEN SHADE förra veckan celebret besök från Sverige. Justitieminister Herman Kling, rikspolischef Carl G. Persson och statssekretär Ove Rainer inspekterade under tre dagar den svenska civila polisens verksamhet på Cypern.

I programmet ingick besök på civpols olika detachement och posterings inom den svenska zonen. Delegationen blev också briefad om det aktuella läget på Cypern vid en genomgång med den svenska bataljonsledningen på Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta.

Justitieminister Kling sammanträffade dessutom under sitt cypernsbesök med den under president Makarios frånvaro fungerande regeringschefen G. Clerides, vicepresidenten dr Fazil Kutchuk och den grekypriotiska justitieministern fru S. Souliotou.



Lt Col H. G. Woods, CO 5 INNIS DG, talks to Sgt Peter Minella of 'A' Squadron during the troop training exercise held in the Paphos District on 19th October.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Troop training for 'Skins' gets under way

ON 19th OCTOBER, 'A' SQUADRON, 5th ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON Guards carried out a training exercise in the Stroumbi area, north of Ktima. At eight that morning the Ferrets began to stream out of District HQ Camp to take up positions for the start of the exercise. A high pitched whine, a cloud of dust, bobbing aerials and fluttering pennants; this was the impression of a troop on the move.

The aim of the exercise was to practise control of road movement, observation patrolling and escort drills. Drills were practised in phases and each phase was carried out concurrently by troops in different parts of the area.

After the morning's work the troops converged on Coral Bay beach near Ktima where every-

ROAD SAFETY AND YOU



1. Take care of your vehicle, it may be getting old and mechanical failures can be fatal. Have it serviced at the correct times.
2. Remember your tyres take punishment every time you have to pull onto the verge. Inspect, regularly and thoroughly to avoid blowouts. Avoid running over objects lying in the road. NEVER run tyres until bald.



Trooper Derek Fuller of 'A' Squadron 5 INNIS DG checks over his car before going out on patrol in the Polis area.

SIGH OF RELIEF AT CAMP MAPLE LEAF GREETS END OF CONTINGENT ROTATION

CAMP MAPLE LEAF heaved a collective sigh of relief last week after the much delayed last main rotation flight left Nicosia. When the dust settled it revealed 1 RCR firmly in control at "Lizard Flats". By now most of our personnel have adjusted to the climatic change as well as the time difference. It is obvious to

everyone that "wintering in the Med" involves a lot of hard work on both sides of the house.

Transport platoon's training carried out in Canada prior to rotation has paid off. Our drivers have quickly mastered two different types of vehicles. However, everyone is well aware of the additional hazards encountered on

roads and all ranks are staying on the alert for an accident free six months.

The Pioneer platoon has been busy producing signs and is painting on the road markings for one. Our food section always had to put in a lot of long hours

of cases is

RCEME, Ordnance, Postal, and Dental detachments have all completed rotation. The pay clerks have had an additional load placed on them at this time because of the 1st of October raise and the Savings Bond Campaign.

NEWS WORTHY REPORT FLYING OUT OF WORRIES FREE

ON Sunday Oct 66, Recce Sgn, the Garry Horse manned the "Garry House" outposts on Green Line while 1 RCR was from Canada. Cpl Fred Head was at the Cornaro House doing sentry duty from a corrugated tin hut. It served as a normal outpost. There were glass windows, a table, and camp cots, bordered by two five foot high fences of triple concertina.

Cpl Hazelwood first warning of something unusual came when his safety lead up and hit him in the face. Suddenly the hut literally fell in a hail of glass, flew the two fences of barbed-wire deposited itself 50 yards and a ball of crushed tin and wood. Cpl Hazelwood was hit by one of the local mid-eastern twisters soon in Cyprus.

• A general up programme has been initiated in Fort Worthington the Squadron-Sergeant Major Raeside, WO 2 Raeside, Camp Commandant.

• Corporal Penney and Guy Beaulieu got the institutes in hand. Doug Glendinning is Pres of the Sergeants' Mess. He has the place looking like a mess, so the word has it. They themselves have gone to work in their villas amid the orange and grapefruit trees. These villas show a vast improvement in a week or two, and initiative.

• Our "Green Line Club" very sees a lot of business from other UNFICYP members. The night club is a large attraction.

• The Sqn will be starting their tour of the Island within very shortly. This, along with the active sports programme in Cpl John Davidson and Clive Addy are providing all the necessary recreation.

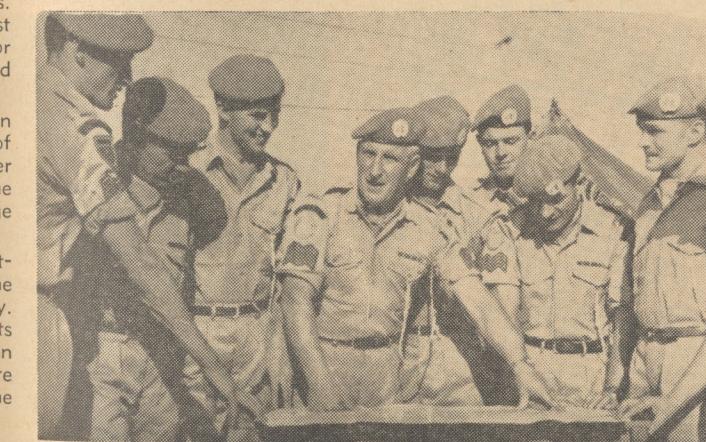
• Members are already GOING HOME...



Bn Sgt-Major Bill Jackson 7 Inf Group chats with a group of U.N. veterans of HQ Coy.



Getting the records straight in A Coy, 7 Inf Group. From left CQMS Bob O'Donnell, Cpl Kevin Geraghty and Coy-Sgt Chris O'Shaughnessy.



Sgt Ryan of A Coy, 7 Inf Group, using a map to refresh the memories of members of A Coy who are here for another term.

7th INF GROUP - A NICE BLEND OF YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE

7TH INF GROUP, THE LAST ELEMENTS OF WHICH arrived on 12th October, have by now settled in to their locations. It is time to introduce them properly to these pages. Of the 503 all ranks a total of 323 have never served overseas before. This means that the balance, or about 35½ per cent have either been in Cyprus before or are veterans of the Congo operation. Just over half of the officers have had previous UN service although only 5, including both chaplains, have been in Cyprus previously.

Of the returnees the most impressive record is that of Cpl. Denis Deasy who is now serving his fourth term in Cyprus in addition to having served in the Congo. Cpl Deasy is a wireless operator with the Signal Platoon. He served here with the first Irish contingent of UNFICYP, the 40th Bn, and also with the 4th and 5th Inf Groups. He hails from Dunmanway, Co. Cork.

Cpl Deasy's record is only just ahead of a number of other "old salts" in the Group. In HQ Coy the Group orderly room sergeant, Sgt John Daly, is here for the third time while bandsman Mick Halligan and driver Francis O'Brien have also been here twice before.

In A Coy, located in Lefka, we took the picture reproduced this week of a selection of veterans. Of these Sgt Michael Ryan and Pte Frank Foran are also on their third Cyprus tour and every man in the picture has done either three or four previous overseas spells with UN.

B Coy at Kato Pyrgos can number no less than ten who have five or more trips abroad behind them. Of these Cook Cpl Andrew Doyle, Cpls Denis Wynne, John Spillane and Arthur Parker and Pte Thomas Dorney are all here for the third time too.

In Limni a similar pattern exists in the Armoured Car Group Composite Company. There we found that C/S Desmod Nolan, Fitter Sgt John Hayes and Cpls Edward Irwan and John McAlister, all with two previous terms in Cyprus, lead quite a large group of veterans.

The Group then is, in sporting parlance, a nice blend of youth and experience. We hope to deal next week with the first timers and to get some of their impressions.



Corporal Denis Deasy, 7 Inf Group who is back in Cyprus for a fourth term.



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AUSTRIA

TODAY, WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER, AUSTRIA celebrates her national day. The date is significant, for it was on this day, eleven years ago, that the last soldier of the occupation armies left Austrian soil, bringing to an end some eighteen years of foreign rule and occupation.

In 1945, following seven years of Nazi domination, Austria obtained formal independence and the Second Republic was born. However, in all essential problems of politics and economy, the national government still needed confirmation from the Allied Control Commission.

The famous poet Schiller once wrote "Der Oesterreicher

CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE

hat ein Vaterland er liebts und hat auch Ursach es zu lieben" (The Austrian loves his country and has reason to) — and it was this love of country that helped to overcome the many difficulties that stood in the way of complete independence. Finally on May 15th, 1955, the Austrian State Treaty was signed and the Minister for Foreign Affairs told the crowds gathered at Belvedere Castle "Austria is free."

On October 26th of that year, the last soldiers of the allied occupation forces left the country, and on the same day the Federal law of

permanent neutrality was signed — stating Austria's determination to remain neutral and the right to defend her decision with all her strength. October 26th is also marked as the birthday of the Austrian Defence Force — the Bundesheer.

Since joining the United Nations, Austria has always attempted to contribute to world peace. In UNFICYP, the Force Field Hospital has been most effectively administered and operated by successive Contingents of about fifty officers and men sent from Austria. The Force Commander, Major-General A.E.

Martola, is scheduled to visit the Hospital today on the occasion of Austria's National Day.

UNRWA may face deficit

MR LAWRENCE MICHELMORE, head of the United Nations Agency caring for more than one million Palestine refugees told the General Assembly's Special Political Committee last week that a shortage of funds could force curtailment of essential aid and cause great human suffering — with probable political repercussions in the Middle East.

He said that the voluntary contributions, on which the Agency depended, would apparently fall four million dollars short of the 1967 budget of about 40 million dollars. He remarked that only about a third of the members of the United Nations had contributed to the Agency since it was set up sixteen years ago.

Sanctions issue in S.W.Africa debate

CONTINUING ITS DEBATE on the problem of South West Africa last week, the United Nations General Assembly again found that there was wide agreement that South Africa, through her imposition of racialist and other oppressive policies in the territory, had forfeited her League of Nations mandate, and that it should be terminated. There were however, varying opinions on how this could or should be done.

The central issue was that of economic sanctions against South Africa. Britain, while stating that she would support concerted UN action within the Organization's capacity, warned that there were limitations to the pressure that she could bring to bear.

Ambassador Solomon of Trinidad and Tobago said that Britain had already made it clear that she would not enter an economic war with South Africa, but such a country as the United States, could, if its government steered itself against business interests, reduce the South African government single-handed.

Cuba and Albania, however, laid the primary blame for the situation on the US and her economic interests. Bulgaria and Byelorussia also blamed western monopolies for the plight of the people of SW Africa stating that they were sustaining South Africa in her long defiance of the United Nations.

GENERAL DEBATE

WOUND UP

VIET-NAM STILL DOMINANT THEME

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY last week wound up its four week General Debate in which representatives of 108 nations had set forth their views on major world issues of the day. The Viet-Nam conflict, which has dominated the debate throughout, remained the major theme in the final round of statements heard, with the issues of decolonization, disarmament and economic development also figuring prominently.

On the Viet-Nam war, the Prime Minister of neighbouring Laos, Prince Souvanna Phouma, urged prompt negotiations to end the conflict and to neutralize all of Indochina. Stating that his people, along with the Viet-Nam, were direct victims of the war, the Laotian Premier said that if the process of so-called wars of national liberation were not stopped in time, it could lead to a third world war which would "destroy us all".

Ambassador G.G. Ponnambalam of Ceylon suggested that a small group of non-aligned nations visit Viet-Nam and the capitals of directly interested countries to foster a peaceful settlement of the conflict. He said that recent US reciprocal de-escalation proposals indicated a genuine desire to reach a solution and should be thoroughly explored.

Mr Frank Corner, the New Zealand delegate, said everyone agreed the war must end — the question was how to end it in a manner that would safeguard the rights of the Viet-Nam people to choose their own Government. Stating New Zealand was fully committed to defence against aggression, Mr Corner asked if those who contended the war was of a civil nature would stand aside if West Germany were to attack the German Democratic Republic. Constructive proposals had been made for ending the conflict, he said.

and it was to be hoped that there would be constructive response.

Algeria, Syria, Cuba and Hungary, however, saw the matter in a different light, arguing that US intervention in Viet-Nam posed an ever increasing danger to world peace.

At the close of the General Debate, US Ambassador Arthur Goldberg said his country remained committed to a political settlement in Viet-Nam and was ready to take the first step in de-escalation by the cessation of bombing of the North as soon as there was an assurance that there would be "a response towards peace" from North Viet-Nam.

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INSPECTIONS REPORT

A report on UN inspections carried out on 19 October in Demilitarized Zone between Syria and Israel and defensive areas on both sides told of armistice violations by both parties, but said no build-up of forces or equipment had been observed.

The report, submitted by Chief UN Truce Supervisor, Lt-Gen. Odd Bull, has been transmitted by Secretary-General U Thant to the UN Security Council, which has been considering renewed trouble in the area.

In a new letter to the Council, Israel complained of two more incidents involving sabotage and mine-laying raids on her territory, which, she said, were part of a pattern of raids organized and directed from Syria.

RHODESIA

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make up more than ninety per cent of Rhodesia's population.

The bulk of support for the resolution came from Afro-Asian countries, together with East European states and the abstentions, mostly from Western countries.

While the sponsors of the resolution and their supporters argued that Britain, having failed to bring down the Smith regime by ineffective sanctions, might be on the verge of making a deal at the expense of the country's Africans, Britain again stressed that she would not grant independence

ce before majority rule unless the people of Rhodesia as a whole favoured it.

Britain's present plan, as outlined at the UN, is that Mr Smith should give way to a regime appointed by the Governor, and that this government would negotiate with London for a settlement "directed to achieving the objective of majority rule". This settlement would in turn be submitted to the people of Rhodesia by "appropriate democratic means". Afro-Asian speakers have pressed Britain to use more drastic measures to topple Mr Smith — including the use of force.