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## PROMOTION FOR FORCE COMMANDER

THE FINNISH DEFENCE MINISTRY announced yesterday (Tuesday) that the Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, Major General A. E. Martola, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. The Blue Beret, on behalf of all members of the Force, wishes to congratulate the Commander on his promotion.



## SATELLITE FIRSTS FOR UNITED NATIONS

### TRANSMISSIONS TO EUROPE AND JAPAN

THREE SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS — one to continental Europe, one to the United Kingdom and one to Japan — originating from United Nations Headquarters in New York took place last week, thus creating a new "first" in the coverage of United Nations affairs and in the field of satellite communications. These transmissions were organized by United Nations Television, at the request of, and with the co-

operation of, the respective national television organizations.

The first of these transmissions took place on Friday at 1530 hours, New York time, when a series of excerpts from the General Assembly debate on Chinese representation were transmitted to Brussels, the technical centre of Eurovision, via the Early Bird Satellite. From that point, this transmission was made available to continued page five

## U THANT TO SERVE SECOND TERM

### ACCEDES TO UNANIMOUS ASSEMBLY DECISION

ACTING ON THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION by the Security Council, the General Assembly of the United Nations last Friday unanimously appointed U Thant to a new, five-year term of office as Secretary-General of the world Organization ending 31 December 1971.

In acceding to the urgings of the entire Membership, U Thant made it clear that the quest for a peaceful solution in Viet-Nam would continue to remain uppermost in his mind.

"I shall seize every occasion," he declared, "to recall that this war must be ended, and I will continue to regard it as my duty to make every effort on a personal basis to help promote a solution which will bring peace and justice to the people of Viet-Nam."

Commenting on the projected Christmas holiday ceasefire, U Thant asked if it were too much to hope that what was made possible for just a couple of days might prove

feasible for a longer period by the new commitments that peace requires, in order to create an atmosphere necessary for meaningful peace talks.

U Thant said it was not without apprehension, and regardless of his personal preferences that he was acceding to an overwhelming weight of opinion that, under present circumstances, his continuance as Secretary-General for another term would best serve the higher interests of the Organization and thus represent a positive factor in the current international situation. He emphasized that his present decision was not based on any element which had developed in recent weeks or "on any fond hope for the foreseeable future".

U Thant recalled that on September first when he had indicated that he did not wish to serve again — he had drawn attention to some of the basic issues before the United Nations and to disturbing developments in many

## FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORCE FINANCES

### JAPAN GIVES \$2.5M. TO HELP EASE OVERALL UN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE have both announced further contributions towards the expenses of the United Nations Force in Cyprus and Japan is to make a two and a half million million dollar contribution to the special fund set up to help the United Nations over its current financial difficulties.

Singapore will make a contribution of \$500 towards expenses of the Force. In a letter dated 28 November, the Representative of Singapore to the United Na-

tions, Tan Siak Leng, informed the Secretary General that in response to his appeal of 4 October, the Singapore Government would pledge this further sum towards the cost of the peace-keeping Force.

In a letter to the Secretary General dated 30 November, Mr Patrick Shaw, the Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN, informed U Thant that his government would make available the sum of \$50,000 for the eighth period of the Force man-

Ambassador Akira Matsui of Japan informed the Secretary General the following day of the deposit by his government of a cheque for two and half million dollars with the United Nations bankers in New York. In his letter, he referred to the address by the Japanese Foreign Minister to the Assembly's General Debate on 23rd September when the amount was pledged. This followed an appeal by the Secretary-General for contributions to help the world Organization over its present financial difficulties.

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SVENSKNYTT

# OPS CONVENTION PAA CARL GUSTAF CAMP

I FREDAGS VAR DET STOR SAMLING av HQ-officerare på Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta. Då var nämligen den svenska bataljonen värd för månaden "OPS Convention", en konferens för samtliga zones operations-officerare vilken hålls en gång i enanaden.

Förhandlingarna leds av representanter för sektion 1 vid HQ UNFICYP och värdskapet utövas omvälvande av de olika stabsberaterna. Konferensen ägde rum i officersmässen på Carl Gustaf Camp. Ovan hälsar stf zonchefen överstelöjtnant Åke Hessler gästerna välkomna. Bakom presidiebordet sitter fr v: major D. Craig, Storbritannien, major J G Henderson och kapten J D D McElroy, Kanada, samt major E Bonde, Sverige.

Nedan en deltagarbild från förhandlingarna. I främre raden de svenska representanterna fr v: löjtnant B Stålhane, major S Barke och kapten S v Bayer. I andra raden kapten K. Mulligan, Kanada, major M Thobberboch och kapten E. Örnstedt, Danmark. Längst

## 2:A KOMPANIET INSPEKTERAS



Kockarna Peter Sjöberg, Huddinge och Lars Eriksson, Arboga sätter spillångan i lämpliga bitar innan den läggs i vatten i köket på Carl Gustaf Camp.



## DET LACKAR . . .

JA, TROTS GRÖNSKANDE FÄLT, mognande apelsiner och prunkande blomster lackar det alltså mot jul, som det heter. Ett av de säkraste tecknen på det noterades i fredags, då lutfisken gick i spåt på bataljonen.

I fyra stora tunnor ligger nu 35 söndersågade firrar modell spillångar från Sverige och väntar på julafaston, då de ångade och vita

skall stå på julbordet. Men först skall de ta igen sig 14 dar i vatten och sedan behandlas på gammalt beprövat vis med soda och kalk och ytterligare vattenbad för att bli just så fina som kockarna och vi vill ha dem. Det blir för övrigt intet bara lutfisk på julbordet utan också gröt och mandel och mycket annat gott - minst 15 rätter lovar kockarna! Mums.....

Första veckan inspekterade batchefen 2 komp. Här följer han till sammans med löjtnant I Andersson, major S Barke och C 2 komp, major B Qvist, en signalövning på kompaniet. Sittande fr v: Arne Wessberg, Göteborg, Raymond Arvidsson, Uddevalla, Roland Lundström, Luleå, Thomas Weiner, Göteborg, B Andersson, Vimmerby och instruktören Remmud Rokka.



Itsenäisyyspäivän vastaanotolla Nikosiassa olivat tällä kertaa mukana päälystö, alipäälystö ja miehistön edustajat. Kuvassa ev Nuutilainen keskustelussa jääk H Väistön 21 Kitee, ylik J Vaaralan 23, Salla ja jääk M Hotakan 26, Helsinki kanssa.



Rauhanturvajoukkojen lentoliikennettä valvovan toimiston suomalainen jäsen, pirkkalalainen Itn. Jussi Kohvakka lähdössä vastaanottamaan lentokonetta tanskalaisen Vilner Marcusussenin ja ruotsalaisen Svante Nyströmin kanssa.



VIIME HETKESSÄ:

## MARTOLA

IVAN VIIME HETKELÄ olemme saaneet tietää, että Yhdistyneitten kansakuntien Kypriksen rauhanturvaajikyllä ylennetty kenraaliluutnantiksi reservissä.

## KENRAALILUUTNANTIKSI

Ylennyksen tapahtuessa kenraali Martola oli parhaillaan kotimaisissa käymässä. Hän palannee saareelle loppuvuikolla. Blue Beret yhtyy onnittelijoihin.

# ITSENAISYYSPIAIVA KYPKOKSESSA

K YPROKSELLA PALVELEVAT SUOMALAISET rauhanturvaajat viettivät itsenäisyyspäivää jo kolmatta kertaa. Ohjelmaa mainittakoon Nikosiassa St. Paulin kirkossa järjestetty jumalanpalvelus ja valvontajoukko-osaston komentajan, eversti O.Nuutilaisen järjestämä juhlavastaanotto. Tavallisesta käytännöstä poiketen vastaanotolla olivat tällä kertaa edustettuna niin päälystöön, alipäälystöön kuin miehistöön kuuluvat.

Virallisen ohjelman lisäksi oli pataljoonan messeihin järjestetty illalla epävirallisia juhlatilaisuuksia.

Jumalanpalvelus St Nikolaksessa.

Itsenäisyyspäivän ohjelma aloitettiin suomalaisen lippuvartion juhlistamalla jumalanpalveluksella Pyhän Paavalin kirkossa Nikosiassa klo 10:30.

Kirkossa pitämässään puheessa eversti Nuutilainen korosti 49 vuotta sitten otetun askeleen merkitystä kansamme tärkeimpien tavoitteiden: vapauden, turvallisuuden ja hyvinvoinnin saavuttamiseksi.

Itsenäisyysjulistusta seuranneen kahden miespöven ajan olemme sitten pystyneet säilyttämään tämän isien perinnön koskemattomana. Tämä on tosin aikaan-

taville suomalaisille sotilaille osoittamassa saarnassa, vapauden ja riippumattomuuden merkitystä sen ihmillisessä ja uskonnollisessa mielessä.

Komentajan Vastaanotto.

Itäpäivällä oli komentajan virka-asuntoon järjestetty kaksiosainen juhlavastaanotto klo 14 ja 14:45. Joihin kumpaan oli, tavomaisesta käytännöstä poiketen, kutsuttu kustakin komppaniasta kolme upseeria, neljä aliupseeria ja seitsemän miehistöön kuuluvaa.



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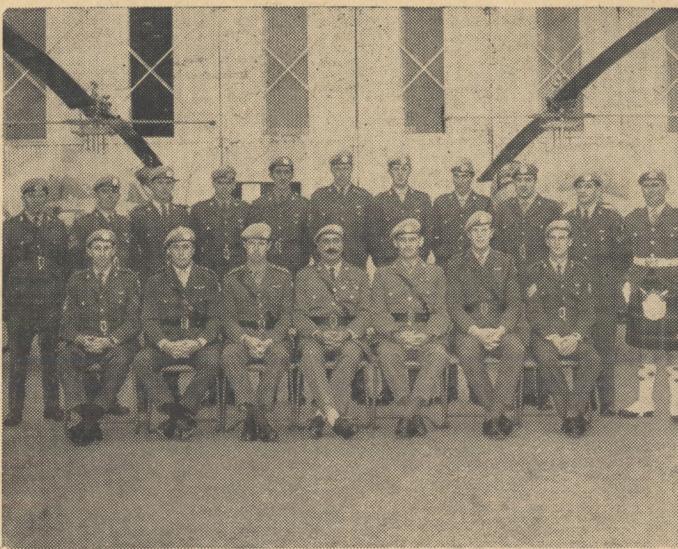
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BRITISH CONTINGENT  
NEWS

## UN MEDALS FOR UNFICYP FLIGHT AAC

ON TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, THE ACTING FORCE COMMANDER, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, OBE, presented medals to members of HQ UNFICYP Flight Army Air Corps.

The Flight was formed on 1 August 66, and took over full responsibility for tasking from its predecessor — 4 Air OP Troop RA — with effect from the 15th of that month. Since then the four Sioux helicopters of the unit have already logged almost 650 flying hours.

A wide variety of support is rendered to the Force Headquarters, and to each of the national contingents serving with UNFICYP. Taking into account the medical and police elements of the Force, the Flight serves units of nine nationalities.

Apart from routine tasks, its helicopters regularly carry the Force Commander and Chief of Staff to various duties. Other VIP passengers have included the Australian Ambassador, the Vice-Chief of the Canadian Defence Staff, and the Commissioner of the New Zealand Police.

HQ UNFICYP Flight, which is commanded by Major David Craig, MBE, GM, from Andover, Hampshire, is made up of five officers and thirteen other ranks. The Flight Commander and the Adjutant — Lieutenant Tony Standen — are serving officers of the Army Air Corps. The other three are — Lieutenant Richard Hawkins, Royal Marines — Lieutenant Fred Perry, 10th Hussars and a Gunner — Captain John McGregor, the Flight second in command. This diversity is equally apparent in the other rank element of the unit, which operates however, none the less smoothly and efficiently.

Most of the present members of the Flight will be returning to their parent units and formations in February next year on completion of their six-month tour with the Force.

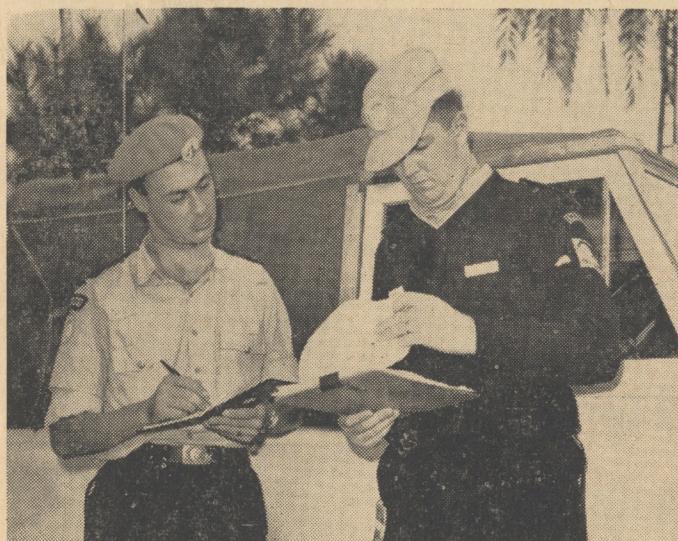
## WRONG END?



Constable Gary Gibbs, who lives in Napier, in the control room of the Contingent's Limassol headquarters.

## KIWI COPPERS

A LOOK AT THE NEW ZEALAND



Constable John Clark (left) from Onehunga, Auckland, is briefed on the day's work by Senior Sergeant Brian Wells, another Aucklander.

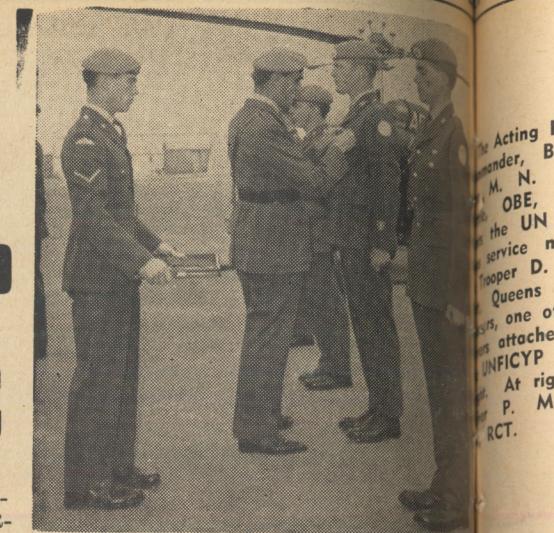
## CIVILIAN POLICE CONTINGENT

THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE CONTINGENT, commanded by Superintendent Ken Sykes of Auckland, is based at Limassol with an isolated detachment of four men in the Troodos hills at Mallia. The total strength of the contingent is twenty men, and their duties involve liaison with the local leaders in UNFICYP's Limassol Zone.

The nominal tour of duty for the New Zealand members of UNCIVPOL, all of whom volunteered for service with UNFICYP, is of six months, but there are exceptions. Sgt John McDonnell from Auckland and Constable Dick Curry, from Wellington, have been in Cyprus for almost two years.

The Kiwis enjoy their work, but most of them are naturally looking forward to returning home to their wives and families in January next year.

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## GROUP SPORT

## HQ DEFEATED IN GAELIC DOUBLE - HEADER -

RAPPAREES  
WINGAIN

THE SECOND LEG OF GAELIC football tournament game between HQ UNFICYP and HQ 7th Inf Group resulted in a win for the Group team by 3 goals 8 points to four points. Outstanding for the Group were Pte Wykes in goal, full back Sgt John Hickie, Cpl Veale centrefield and forward Lt Frank McKeitt who scored a total of 3-3 for the winners. Cpl Sean Price of the UNFICYP side was the best exponent of the game on view while as usual Frank Evers, Mick Hennessey and George Kelly put in very creditable performances.

At Limni friendly games with the loss in soccer and volleyball continue and this week the composite company scored a 2-1 victory in soccer and a win in volleyball by two games to one over the Cypriots.

● Limni basketball team were not so fortunate, however, going down to the more polished HQ representatives by 14-25.

When handed his United Nations insignia, a recent arrival at Headquarters UNFICYP held up his UN mackaraves and said, "What are these then, UN puttees?" Someone's got the wrong end!

## RTE TEAM VISIT GROUP

### SECOND VISIT IN TWO MONTHS

THIS WEEK ANOTHER TEAM FROM RADIO TELEFIS Eireann visited the Irish troops in UNFICYP. It is only two months — at the time of the last rotation — that a team was here before, but as they came with the advance party and returned with the homegoing main body it was mainly the 6th Inf Group who were concerned in the film material at that time.

The present team is completely different in personnel from the last and their job was to prepare a programme about the Irish in Cyprus and Jerusalem to be shown on Christmas Day. The team was composed of Odran Walsh, producer, Captain John Skehan



(R.O.), interviewer, Miss Oona Kavanagh, production assistant, Mr Will Warmah, cameraman, and Mr Pat Hayes, sound. The objective — to record the Contingent at work and play — was an ambitious one to tackle in the time (six days) but they managed to fulfil their assignment as fully as was possible.

The team were loud in praise of the cooperation and hospitality they received in each location visited. A special concert was put on at short notice last Wednesday so they could assess the talent on view and it turned out to be a most enjoyable function. Lt. Paddy Murphy's choir singing Christmas carols was filmed next day with some of the other artists.

Having recorded Christmas messages from the principle political personalities on the island and having filmed some scenic sequences of Cyprus, the team departed for Jerusalem by air last Monday where they will feature the families of Irish Officers serving with UNTSO.



The Irish TV team in action. From left Mr Will Warmah (camera) Mr Odran Walsh (producer), Miss Oona Kavanagh (production assistant) and Mr Pat Hayes (sound).



Capt John Skehan, interviewer for Irish TV team, chats with Pte Billy Lawlor and Pte Jimmy Cox at Limni Camp.



The men of Kato Pyrgos Camp demonstrate their local version of the Irish game of skittles.

## IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Sgt Billy Ronayne performing at the Unit Concert at Xeros last Wednesday.



## CHRISTMAS FORCE CARDS

It is now only eighteen days to Christmas and the dates for posting to the home countries of various Contingents of the members of the Force are drawing close. Force Christmas cards are still available from UNFICYP Headquarters in Nicosia, both from the Hibbert Houses canteen and, for bulk orders, from Mr T. Mooney in the UN Secretariat offices, telephone HQ UNFICYP ext 316.

The cards, which cost fifty mils each, have, as their motif, the flags of all national Contingents of the Force gathered around the UN Cyprus service medal. Inside, the season's greeting are printed in two colours in the six national languages of the Force — English, Danish, Finnish, German, Irish (Gaelic) and Swedish.

## TELEVISION SATELLITE FIRSTS FOR UN

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all European television organizations. The excerpts included both live coverage from the General Assembly Plenary Hall and video-taped coverage of earlier proceedings.

The second transmission was ordered by the BBC to enable its correspondents at UN Headquarters to report, in image and sound, on latest developments in the United Nations. It was also carried by Early Bird Satellite at 1545 hours, New York time.

Finally, at 1700 hours, New York time, the Intelsat II Pacific Satellite linked UN Headquarters with NHK in Tokyo. An NHK team of reporters transmitted to viewers and listeners in Japan their comments on UN developments. In the course of this transmission, remote television cameras, for the first time, projected to Japan a live picture of UN Headquarters. Other cameras inside the building carried the proceedings live in picture and in sound.

(vas) ja uuden nuotopäällikön eiv L. Kuosmasen (oik) kanssa.



MPKP Peder Nielsen, DRKD, Nr. Uttrup, maa skiftet bedre kendt som Fuffy. Har været på Cypern siden den 23 februar i år, og forretter nu tjeneste ved MP-COY/UNFICYP i Wolseley Barracks. Korporalen er uddannet skiltemaler og ses her i færd med at male et skilt til det canadiske islaet i kompagniet.



UNFICYP's MP-kompagni har faaet frisket deres skilt op i flotte farver. Her ses en repræsentant for hver af de lande, der indgår i kompagniet, foran skiltet.

#### DANCON-NYT

I sidste uge præsenterede vi to af de nye kompagnichefer fra DANCON VI. Her bringer vi de to sidste, tv. major Jacobsen fra B-kompaniet, og th. major Gravgaard fra stabskompaniet.

### FN - CHEFEN PAA CYPERN FORFREMMET

**G**ENERALMAJOR A. S. MARTOLA, chef for de Forenede Nationers styrke på Cypern, er på den finske uafhængighedsdag — 6. december — udøvnt til generallojejtnant.

### SIDSTE . . . .

**D**E AABNE CYPERNMESTERSKABER i bædminton blev en stor succes for de danske farver. Vi vandt alt, hvad vi deltog i, idet sergent Petersen fra velfærdskontoret sammen med konstabel Leif Johansen fra movement control vandt herredouble, medens kon-

stabel Johansen herudover sejrede i saavel herresingle som mixed double. Til lykke. Finnerne kan det ikke være.

Praemierne er endnu ikke blevet udleveret, men vi vil i næste uge bringe fotos fra overrækkelsen.

### UNDP ASSISTANCE Totals \$140 Million

\$ QUARTER MILLION EARMARKED FOR CYPRUS

**T**HE THIRTY SEVEN-MEMBER GOVERNING COUNCIL of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has approved a \$140 million programme of technical assistance to developing countries for the two years 1967-1968. The programme calls for technical aid in the form of experts, fellowships and equipment to be provided by the United Nations and ten related agencies to 113 countries, territories and regional projects during the two-year period.

Of the 113 countries and territories included in the two-year programme, 35 are to receive more than one million dollars for technical assistance projects.

In the two-year programme \$264,220 was earmarked for technical assistance for Cyprus connected with fourteen different UN assisted Government projects, some already under way and others new.

Three experts will be provided directly by UN Technical Assistance who will lend their expert advice on dam design and construction, tourist development and economic planning.

Three other experts will be

contributed by the International Labour Office in the field of vocational rehabilitation, vocational hotel training, and conditions of dock-work labour.

The Food and Agriculture Organization will provide four experts — one in veterinary research, another on irrigation engineering and two on fisheries development.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will contribute with an expert in technical education in 1967, and with an expert in educational planning and administration in 1968.

The International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Health Organization will provide, each, one expert: ICAO, in personnel licensing, and WHO, in nursing.

Finally, a fellowship will be extended by the Universal Postal Union in the field of postal statistics and mobile post operations.

The Administrator of the UNDP, Mr Paul Hoffman, who submitted the programme for the Council's approval, urged that Governments review their present

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# THE PEACE TIME DEFENCE FORCE OF FINLAND

Yesterday, Tuesday December 6th, Finland celebrated her national Independence Day and Defence Forces Day. Members of the Contingent in Cyprus were present at a special service held in St. Nicholas' church and later at a reception given by the Contingent Commander.

Little is known outside Finland of the post-war development of the Defence Forces, so Captain Viikko Kaukonen, the Contingent AMPIO, has prepared this article for Blue Beret.

### LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS HAVE SEEN COMPLETE REORGANIZATION

The 1947 Peace Treaty of Paris imposed certain restrictions on Finland's Defence Forces. Their total strength may not exceed 34,000 men in the Army, 4,500 in the Navy and 3,000 in the Air Force. In 1951 a new law concerning military service was enacted by Parliament. The period of compulsory military service was about a year with the exception of officers, non-commissioned officers and specialized personnel.

The detailed organization of the Defence Forces was then laid down. The new organization came into force in 1952; all military units received names, some of which carried strong historical connotations; the oldest Finnish regiments fought during the Thirty Years' War in the 17th century.

During the Second World War the brigade proved to be better adapted to Finnish conditions than the normal infantry regiment. Finally, the new organization gives simple and practical methods of firing, flexible adjustment to the terrain and to changes in the situation, quick concentration and great accuracy.

At the present the Army consists of six brigades, eight jaeger battalions, three artillery regiments, two coast artillery regiments, three coast artillery battalions, one regiment and four battalions of anti-aircraft artillery, and the independent units mentioned above.

**ORGANIZATION**

The President of the Republic is Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces. A National Defence Council works in close cooperation with the Cabinet. The administrative leadership of the Defence Forces rests with the Ministry of Defence. The influence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces in purely military matters is considerable as he is directly subordinated to the President of the Republic. The General Headquarters of the Defence Forces is under his direct control. It comprises of the Chief of General Staff, the Chief of Operations, the Inspectors of the different branches, the Chief of Logistics, the Chief of War Economics, and the chiefs of the various sections.

The various military units and institutions are subordinated to General Headquarters in the following way:

**The Army:** 1st Division (Oulu), 2nd Division (Turku), 3rd Division (Kouvolan), The Armoured Brigade, Independent units; **The Navy:**

**The Air Force.** **Territorial:** The Territorial Organization; The Military Schools; The Special Institutions; The Depots; The Military Hospitals.

The organization of the Defence Forces has undergone great changes since World War II. The divisions have changed character as they have been reorganized to include all branches of the Army. This development is in accordance with the principle of three-dimensional territorial defence. A peacetime division consists of two brigades, one — three jaeger (light infantry) battalions, one artillery regiment, and a number of coast and anti-aircraft artillery units.

**BRIGADES REPLACE REGIMENTS**

The infantry regiments have

been replaced by brigades of two rifle battalions, a field artillery battalion, an engineer company and a signal company.

The Air Force — also with Headquarters in Helsinki — consists of three wings, the Military School of Aviation, an Air Signal Battalion and Air Force Depot. Swedish Saab and French Fouga planes are used for training. Tactical support and air defence is provided by British Gnat fighters and as Russian Mig 21s. The air surveillance radar net, which completely covers Finnish air space, consists of Finnish and British produced radar stations.

**LOCALLY PRODUCED  
ARMAMENT**

In addition to the reorganization of the Army, a great deal of attention has also been given to the modernisation or armaments. The Finnish armament industry has great traditions. The Finnish rifle m/27, has been a good and extremely accurate infantry weapon. The Finnish-made Suomi submachine gun is still effective and well suited to Finnish conditions. Among domestic technical novelties are the new automatic rifle m/62 and the new light machine gun m/62. Both light and heavy mortars have been produced in Finland since before the Second World War. The new Finnish anti-tank weapons, the recoilless rifle m/55 and the recoilless gun m/58, have proved to be extremely accurate and effective. In

**NAVY AND AIR FORCE**

The Headquarters of the Navy are at Helsinki. Subordinated to Headquarters are the naval bases of Turku and Obbnas. A rapid modernisation has now taken place and a number of mine layers, mine sweepers, motor gunboats and assault landing craft have been produced and taken into service. The Coast Guard has received new ships and motor launches for surveillance. In 1962 a British frigate was bought

### UNDP ASSISTANCE

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FAO irrigation expert Branko Milinusic of Syria (right) discusses irrigation problems with Cypriot farmers.

Special Fund components. He said a total of \$170 million had so far been pledged to the UNDP as a whole for next year.

addition, a number of British Vigilant anti-tank missiles have recently been ordered.

The old supply of tanks, consisting mainly of German Panzer IV and Sturmpanzer III, has been used in training. The armour has acquired British Comet and Charioteer tanks for training as well as Russian T-54s and a number of Russian amphibious tanks.

At the end of W W II the field artillery had a mixed collection of guns. The Finnish armament industries have constructed a 122 millimeter gun (m/60) of fine technical and ballistic properties. In addition, Finland has recently bought heavy guns from the Soviet Union. The signals equipment of the Army has also been thoroughly modernised.

### TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION AND SCHOOLS

The territorial organization keeps a file of the conscripts, handles matters concerning mobilization and takes charge of the reserve exercises necessary for certain categories. The country is divided into seven military areas and twenty-seven military districts.

The training of reserve officers takes place during the period of compulsory military service at the Reserve Officers' Schools after which the officer candidate serves some time in the ranks before receiving his promotion to second lieutenant. Active service officers are trained at the Military Academy in Helsinki, at the Naval Academy and at the Military School of Aviation. Applicants to these Academies are required to have passed the Reserve Officers' School. After the course, which lasts two and a half years, the cadets are promoted to first lieutenants.

The corps of non-commissioned officers stems from those recruits of the compulsory military service, under the surveillance of years in the ranks before being posted to the Regular Non-Commissioned Officers' Schools. The curriculum includes general subjects. Active service non-commissioned officers may advance to posts as military technicians and warrant officers.

Scientific military research is concentrated at the Research Centre of the Defence Forces, and at the Institute of Military History, under the surveillance of which the Military Archives, the Military Museum and the Military Library work. The Survey Corps handles all cartographic tasks.

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parts of the world; and he added that the observations he made then still represented his conviction today.

"My concern for any lack of advance in international cooperation and in making this Organization more truly representative of the state of the world remains", he said. At the same time, referring to a statement issued earlier in the day on the Security Council's behalf by its President, U Thant said he noted with particular appreciation that the Council had respected his position in bringing these issues and developments to the notice of the UN Members. He expressed the hope that these problems would continue to receive close attention.

The Secretary-General went on to observe that the present session of the General Assembly had made some real progress in some respects. He said he had also been encouraged to believe that actions under consideration by some States would greatly alleviate the UN's financial situation in the near future. And from his private consultations, he said, he was also confirmed in his belief that there was a sincere desire to reach agreement on a mutually acceptable basis in regard to the main principles of peace-keeping operations.

Notwithstanding some hopeful signs, U Thant said, it must be recognized that a difficult, indeed crucial, period lay ahead for the world Organization. And yet, though little had happened to brighten the outlook of the months ahead, he declared, "my conviction stands undiminished that the United Nations remains the best instrument by which nations may cooperate for their development and for the peace of their people. My acceptance of an extended mandate today stems out of this deep conviction, as much as out of a sense of duty."

U Thant pledged all his faith and efforts to the "developing of this Organization as an indispensable centre for harmonizing action of the nations in the attainment of common ends, and as an increasingly effective instrument for peace and development."



The Austrian Ambassador to Greece, Doctor Ludwig Steiner, arrived in Nicosia from Athens last Tuesday for a week-long visit to the Austrian Contingent serving with the Force. During his stay, he visited both the Austrian Field Hospital and the Civilian Police Contingent. Pictured above, Dr Steiner, centre, is greeted at the International Airport by Colonel Otto Renth, left, Commanding Officer of the Field Hospital unit and Captain Otto Hoermann, chief of the UNCIVPOL element.

## MOVE TO SEAT PRC IN ASSEMBLY DEFEATED

**A MOVE TO HAVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA take over China's seat in the United Nations as the only lawful representative of that country was rejected by the General Assembly last week. The Assembly rejected an Albanian proposal to seat the PRC representatives and to expel the delegation of the Republic of China Government now situated in Taiwan, by a vote of fifty-seven against, forty-six in favour, and seventeen abstentions. The corresponding ballot last year was forty-seven to forty-seven with twenty abstentions.**

Supporters of the move included the Soviet Union and other East European countries, many Afro-Asian nations, and a number of Western countries such as the United Kingdom and France. The majority of the Western and Latin American countries vo-

ted against it along with a substantial number of Afro-American States.

Those favouring having the PRC in the UN argued that the present Peking Government had been in unchallenged control of the mainland, with its 700 million inhabitants, since 1949 and that it was difficult, if not impossible, to tackle major international problems such as the peace in Vietnam and disarmament without her presence.

Opponents argued that the Peking Government, by her doctrine and practice of international revolutionary violence, was in defiance of the Charter and had made no secret of her disdain for the United Nations. They also felt that in any event, there could be no justification for expelling the Republic of China delegation.

## BAN USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

**THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL Committee last week wound up its disarmament debate with the approval of an Ethiopian resolution asking that the World Disarmament Conference give serious consideration to a ban on the use of nuclear weapons, and referring the issue of foreign military bases to the Geneva Disarmament Conference.**

The vote on the Ethiopian proposal was fifty-eight in favour, none against, and twenty-two abstentions; forty-two members were absent.

The resolution drew support largely from Afro-Asian and East European ranks, while Western nations were prominent among abstainers.

Last year, the Assembly endorsed non-aligned proposals for an International Disarmament Conference open to all States, to be held not later than 1967, but preparatory consultations have so far brought no conclusion.

As to the specific issue of outlawing the use of nuclear weapons, this had been considered in one form or another throughout disarmament negotiations of the past

## M.O. HITS THE JACKPOT



The day after being awarded the UN Cyprus medal, Major Gilles Morissette, won the Cyprus lottery top prize of £4,000 — about \$12,640 Canadian. "I felt as if someone had hit me over the head with a hammer" was the first reaction of the Senior Medical Officer of the Canadian Contingent. This is the first time a soldier serving with the UN Force has won the big stake. The lucky ticket cost 150 mils, about 45 cents Canadian.

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### RHODESIA

Monday evening the U.K. asked for early meeting of Security Council to consider "certain additional measures" against rebel white minority regime in Rhodesia. Request followed Salisbury's rejection of final plan to end year-old rebellion and move towards majority rule.

In recent U.N. debate, U.K. said that, with support of Commonwealth members, she would ask Council to make certain economic sanctions against Smith regime mandatory if constitutional rule were not restored before end of year.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Following is the text of telegram sent to the Force Commander Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola, at present on leave in his home country, Finland, by the Acting Force Commander, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, OBE, and the Senior Political Adviser to the Force, Dr Remy Gorgé, on the announcement of General Martola's promotion:

"Sincere congratulations on your richly deserved promotion from all members of UNFICYP."

## WEAPONS

twenty years.

The United States and other Western powers have long held that a nuclear ban, in isolation, would prove totally ineffective and that in any event atomic weapons were an important and legitimate component of their defence and deterrent arrangements.

The Soviet Union has argued the opposite case, contending that the ban would be a useful measure in itself and also would facilitate further disarmament steps.