ASSEMBLY TO RECESS?
Review of peace-keeping operations may be undertaken during adjournment

The United Nations General Assembly is expected to recess soon to allow for a comprehensive review of the whole issue of U.N. peacekeeping operations, including their financing.

The U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, told the General Assembly on Monday afternoon that a general feeling among Delegations favoured such a recess once agreement had been reached on how the peace-keeping review should be conducted.

Mr. Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana, the Assembly President, said his consultations bore out U Thant's conclusions, and said he hoped for an agreement on the review machinery by Friday, at the latest.

Meanwhile, the Assembly scheduled a meeting on Wednesday to act on certain budgetary and other matters on which an early decision is required, and on which U Thant put forward proposals on Monday. Among them were a year's extension of the U.N. Agency caring for Palestine refugees and the appointment of a head to the new U.N. organ dealing with trade and development.

The present Assembly has not been able to function normally because of a constitutional and financial crisis involving the heavy costs of certain U.N. military operations, the refusal of some countries to pay their assessed share because of legal and political objections, and a Charter Article providing that Members two full years in arrears shall have no vote in the Assembly.

In his statement to the Assembly on Monday, U Thant — after mentioning that the predominant opinion favoured recess — added that the Assembly, of course, should be reconvened once those reviewing the peace-keeping issue were able to report a "substantial measure of agreement". Neither he, nor Mr. Quaison-Sackey, indicated how long the adjournment might last.

Assembly action requested by U Thant at present included:

- Continued authorization to him to enter into commitments and make expenditures up to 1964 levels, along with permission to transfer funds between categories of expense.
- An appeal to Members to make advance payments to U.N. in amounts not less than 80 percent of last year's assessments.

A one-year extension of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, whose mandate expires at the end of June this year.

Approval of Dr. Raul Frenich, Argentine economist, as head of the permanent U.N. Conference on Trade and Development.

TOAST TO THE BRIDE

Colonel E. Sillanpää, the Commander of the Finnish Contingent, proposes a toast to Sgt Enso Vaalto of YKSFP at Kyrko Camp last week.

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CONSULTATIONS ON INDONESIA'S WITHDRAWAL

The U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, last week held a series of meetings with members of the Security Council and heads of the African Asian and Latin American Groups of Member States for informal consultations on Indonesia's decision to withdraw from the United Nations.

A United Nations spokesman said the discussions were being held because there was no U.N. Charter provision covering the withdrawal of a Member State. He noted that Indonesia had recently sent a letter to the Secretary-General confirming the withdrawal decision.

The communication, transmitted the week before, said Indonesia's "actual withdrawal" from the U.N. had been carried out on 1 January, but suggested that the Indonesian Mission's office in New York, and that of the U.N. in Djakarta, remain open until 1 March for technical reasons.

Indonesia said the withdrawal was prompted by searing Malaysia in the Security Council. Indonesia contends the Malaysian Federation is but the creation of British neo-colonialism in South-East Asia.

Cyprus Mediator arrives today

The United Nations Mediator for Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, is scheduled to arrive in Nicosia, from New York, today (Wednesday, 10 February) accompanied by F.T. Lu and Robin Miller, his political advisers.

Mr. Plaza will remain in Nicosia until 16 February when he intends to visit Ankara for two days. On 22 February he will visit Athens and London before returning New York on 25 February.

Tunnel blocked — area under UNFICYP control

The following statement was issued by an UNFICYP spokesman on Monday:

"The tunnel which was uncovered last month in the Roccas Bastion in Nicosia has now been blocked off at the eastern edge of the bastion. The whole bastion, including the portion of the tunnel within it, is under complete UNFICYP control.

A permanent UNFICYP position has been established on top of the bastion to ensure continuous surveillance."
PAPA EMILIO'S BAR IN BEIRUT

Beirut - This summer's hottest bar in Beirut is the American-owned PAPA EMILIO'S BAR IN BEIRUT. With its eye-catching interior and lively atmosphere, it has become a favorite among locals and tourists alike.

There are many options for places to enjoy a drink in Beirut, but PAPA EMILIO'S BAR IN BEIRUT stands out due to its unique blend of style and service. Its welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff make it a great place to relax and enjoy a drink with friends.

The interior of PAPA EMILIO'S BAR IN BEIRUT is designed to impress with its sleek and modern decor. The bar itself is the centerpiece of the space, with a wide selection of drinks available to choose from. The menu includes a variety of cocktails, beers, and wines, as well as a selection of appetizers and light snacks.

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For more information, visit their website at www.papalemios.com or call 01210 2020.
UNIA PERECES REPLY TO PROTESTS ON CONTRIBUTION ARREARS FROM TEN STATES

SECRETARY-GENERAL, U Thant, replied last week to the request of the tenth country to protest against their listing in a recent Special Secretariat report as being among the countries contributing in arrears to the United Nations.

The protests arose from the December 30 report of the Secretary-General which included assessment of contributions of all member states for the 1965-66 biennium. Contributions from 11 states were found to be in arrears by the Secretary-General.

 Achilles, Yugoslavia, Czeckoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria; Hungary, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria; India; and Turkey, Japan, Nepal, and Thailand.

U Thant said the Secretariat was bound by resolutions and decisions of all principle organs of the United Nations and from the reports of the General Assembly and decisions of some of the member states in this case.

He said the Secretary-General had provided the Assembly with the information available to him concerning payment of contributions, and had taken the necessary steps to guide them through the financial procedures of the General Assembly.

In 1962, the International Commision on Nationality and the other opinion to express the world's opinion on the matter, the United Nations and the Eastern Congo, and the Organization which the report appears to be borne by Member States as apportioned to them last year, the Court's opinion was subsequently endorsed by the Assembly.
Cuba charges “aggression”

CUBA has declared it has undeniable, irrefutable evidence that the Dominican Republic, together with the “colonial government of Puerto Rico and in open complicity with the United States” is openly committing acts of aggression against Cuban sovereignty, and it has thus mobilized mercenaries with weapons and equipment for their activity.

In a letter to the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Mr. Raúl Roa, said the latest incidents directed against the security and independence of Cuba constituted flagrant violations of the United Nations Charter and threatened international peace and security.

Mr. Roa said Cuban military forces recently discovered a group of armed foreign agents consisting of the counter-revolutionary leader Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, and three mercenaries, and a quantity of weapons, explosives and radio equipment.

He said that according to statements made by the captured men, the group sailed from a training camp and operational base at the western El Morro, the U.S. Military base of the Dominican Republic near the border of Haiti. The Cuban Foreign Minister’s letter said the weapons seized when the four men were captured were purchased in the United States.

Finns to supply run

Finnish supply run

Pictured above are members of the Recce Platoon of KRP 2 loading a Landrover with supplies at Kyrkko Camp before leaving on a supply run to some of the outlying posts in the Finnish Contingent area.

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US - RUSSIAN PACT ON DESALINATION

THE Soviet Union and the United States have informed the International Atomic Energy Agency of a recent agreement concluded between them providing for close cooperation in their respective large-scale desalination of water.

They have at the same time agreed to make available to the Agency information exchanged between them, and from time to time to invite the Agency to participate in their joint meetings.

The process of desalination by distillation – removing salt from saline water by heating it and condensing salt-free steam that has been practiced for centuries. So far, however, no process has been perfected for doing it on a scale enough to provide water for the cultivation of vast areas of arid land.

Of recent years there has developed a great interest in perfecting such a process or processes and considerable progress has been made in the United States, in the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

Much of today’s research relates to the use of nuclear energy as a source of heat since, for use on the large-scale projects envisaged, the cost of nuclear energy promises to be competitive with the cost of conventional form of energy and to offer other advantages.

Last December, a number of contracts were allocated for the development of a large plant on the outskirts of the United States which envisages the combined production of electric power and de-aluminized water for the area.

A similar project is being jointly studied by the United States and Israel to supply water and power in the arid areas of the latter country.

The agreement now concluded between the Soviet Union and the United States was signed by their respective representatives to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Alexander Alexandrov and Frank K. Hafner, and handed over to the Acting Director of the Agency, Algirdas V. Urbonas.

Mr. Alexandrov described the agreement as the first step taken jointly by the two countries who, although small, might nevertheless help to create a better future. Mr. Wells said the very fact that the two countries were cooperating in the field and were willing to enable the Agency to reap the benefits of that cooperation, was “truly significant”.

Special mission to Israel-Jordan

THE U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, last week sent a special mission to investigate recent incidents of firing involving Israel and Jordanian armed elements in Jerusalem, on Mount Scopus and elsewhere in the area.

The mission consists of Pier Spinelli, Director of the U.N. European Office, as Representative of the Secretary-General, and Maj. General L. Rikbye as military adviser.

The decision to send the mission followed receipt of a letter from the previous week from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations and from the views on the situation expressed orally by the Representatives of Israel and Jordan.