SPINELLI ARRIVES

BRAZIL: AIRPORT FAREWELL

Mr. Pierre Pasquale Spinelli, United Nations Under-Secretary and Director-General of the U.N. Office at Geneva, arrived in Nicosia last Wednesday evening (4 January) to act temporarily as the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus following the departure of Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes who resigned his post last month, after more than two years on the island.

Mr. Spinelli was greeted at the airport by representatives of the Cyprus Government, members of the foreign diplomatic corps in Cyprus, Mr. Bernardes, Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, the Force Commander, and other UNFICYP officials.

Speaking briefly to reporters at the airport, Mr. Spinelli stressed the “temporary” aspect of his assignment to Cyprus which, he said, would last only until the Secretary-General appoints a successor to Mr. Bernardes.

Recalling his initial assignment to Cyprus in the same capacity, in March 1964 when the United Nations operation was first established in Cyprus, Mr. Spinelli said that he would continue to act within the strict terms of reference of Special Representative of the Secretary-General; he had no new plans or initiatives, he added.

Mr. Bernardes left Nicosia on the following morning (5 January). He was seen off at the airport by representatives of the Cyprus Government, members of the diplomatic corps, Mr. Spinelli, General Martola and other UNFICYP officials, and other friends and colleague in Cyprus. Mr. Bernardes resigned his post for “personal reasons” and will be returning to Brazil, his native country.
**VI KOERER STADIG IKKE FORSIGTIGT NOK**

Det sker alt for mange fællesutfordringer på Cypern, hvor danske kæmper er involveret. Nok har Cypernere ikke det, vi fører ved fælleskollektiver, men dere sidste at færdes på kursen så meget større fare for sig selv.

Man er imidlertid ikke udsat for altid, men kan i stor grad se og forvente, at de fleste af de fællesuddannelser, der er pågående, vil fortsætte.

Der er dog længere af fare for ham, hvis han ikke er forberedt på, hvad der kan ske. Derfor er det vigtigt at være opmærksom på de forskellige aktører i området.

**FODBOLDKAMPEN**

Lørdag 7 JAN blev der spillet en fodboldkamp i Nicosia mellem et hold fra British Army Cyprus og et udvalgt FN-hold. Til trods for, at der var mange anfærder på stadion, blev kampen dog ikke meget udsatt for stormen.

FN-holdet spillede i fælles hælde og havde en klar dominerende position i kampen. Men Cypernere ved at være bemærkelsesværdige og at være i stand til at vinde kampen.

**TRETTONDAGSFEST MED SVENSKA OCH CYPRIOTISKA BARN**

Fotografiet fra dagen viser et børn til civilministerliga Cypern sammen med studenter og datter til svensk FN-personal.

Samtidig måtte de belde de främsta platserna.

Nedan: starten vid Four Mile Point. Th. Sgarrella i Tornio Stadsarena, sitter på det, vil være en viktig utställning på 2 kmp, vil också breder märken i kompaniets resultatlistor.

**FILM OM FRITID**

**BORDTENNIS I OLD CITY**

SEVEN THOUSAND MILE LINK
WEEKLY YUKON FLIGHT KEEPS CANDON OPERATING

A N UMBILICAL CORD SOME 7000 MILES LONG CONNECTS THE 900th CANADIAN CONTINGENT OF THE UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCES HERE WITH THEIR HOMELAND. It's the weekly flight of a giant Yukon transport from Toronto, Ontario, to Nicaragua. And it's a vital connection.

"If we didn't have it, we sure as heck couldn't do the way we've been doing," said Captain Victor Moreau, who has handled Contingent movement control for the past five months.

The four-ton Yukon of the Royal Canadian Air Force arrives Mondays in Nicaragua loaded with roughly 20,000 pounds of freight and thirty-three passengers for Cyprus and on the UN Emergency Contingent in the Middle East. More important is the 2,000 pounds or so of mail it carries.

For so, this Canadian link has carried something like two and a quarter million pounds of freight, a few thousand people visiting here and in UNIFC on a man-for-man basis, and a quarter-million pounds of mail. This is based on statistics going back to September, 1964, when the UNIFC movement was opened for the first time.

In Cyprus alone, the current Contingent brings to 6,000 the total number of passengers handled. The flights have contributed significantly to the flow of supplies and personnel to Cyprus. RLC 22 0 R J 3 5 As far back as the first troops to arrive, the UNIFC was delivered in the Spring of 1964. It took nearly seven days for a sea lift by the Royal Canadian Navy's aircraft carrier Bonaventure to deliver the first troops to Cyprus.

Since then, the various halts in movement have been halted in an operational fashion, the British SBAs, but some material and welfare requirements are peculiar to Canada. There are something like 150 Canadian military vehicles maintained by flying out spare parts and sometimes whole vehicles. As the vehi-

BUSY MONDAY — Movement personnel of the Canadian Contingent were kept busy Monday with arrival of a Yukon with equipment and personnel for the UNIFC. At 1500 hrs. the aircraft was disconnected from a connecting RCAF UN Flight from El Arish, Surt. Stopping at Cyprus, Malta, and Alexandria, 7000 miles away, both in movement control for the Cyprus end. Meanwhile, the Caribou connection for El Arish is disrupted by a faulty rudder. Left, P/O Alton Parks, 32 of Cranberry Point, Mass., and Capt. Peter Vaters, 30, Toronto, movement control officer for Canadians in Cyprus.

planes, no one has flown back to show the least sign of leaving for some time, which is the Contingent needs — the Canadian Air Force's Contingent Command in steps with a special air force transport.

Since HMCAS Bonaventure came in March, 1964, only a few tons of equipment annually comes through the port of Famagusta. Captain Victor Moreau and staff are responsible for this too.

Sargent Veeck, a Canadian, looks after the passenger side of the aircraft and ensures the loading and unloading of the aircraft and equipment, and works with the RCAF.

There's quite a lot of work involved in this aspect since the RCAF has UN flights, to end from El Arish, but that's another story.
VIET-NAM

U THAN CONTINUES EFFORTS TO GET THIS CONC

THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE END OF THE WAR IN VIET-NAM CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF ATTENTION AT United Nations Headquarters as the New Year got underway. A spokesman for the Secretary-General said on Thursday that he could neither deny nor confirm published reports that he had "hard facts" to support his hope that, if the United States would halt the bombing of Viet-Nam without any prior conditions, there would be a positive response from North Viet-Nam with a view to the general de-esalation of the fighting and to starting negotiations between all parties to the conflict.

At the same time, the spokesman drew attention to a statement made by U Thant in a letter addressed to US Ambassador Arthur Goldberg on New Year's eve to the effect that he felt hopeful that favourable developments might follow if the Americans halted the bombing without prior conditions, and that if the New Year cease-fire could be extended.

U Thant's letter to Ambassador Goldberg was sent in response to a request made by the United States on December 19 that the Secretary-General take whatever steps he considered necessary to bring about discussions leading to a cease-fire.

The Secretary-General urged the United States to take the initiative in the quest for peace in Viet-Nam and show "an enlightened and humanitarian spirit" by stopping the bombing of North Viet-Nam "even without conditions". He also urged an extension of the cease-fire period. He said cessation of the bombing should be followed by the next two points in his three point programme for getting peace talk started — a scaling down of all military activities by all sides, and an expression of willingness to talk with all those fighting, including the Viet-Cong.

In the subsequent reply, sent the same day, Ambassador Goldberg reiterated the previous American statement that she was prepared to order "a prior end" to the war. Despite the moment there is an assurance, private or otherwise, that there would be a reciprocal response towards peace from North Viet-Nam.

He added the hope that U Thant would use every means of his disposal to determine whether any tangible response there would be from the North to the cessation of bombing. At the same time, the US Ambassador expressed his Government's conviction that the goal of peace in Viet-Nam could only be attained "by either appeals for, or exercise of, restraint by only one side".

Ambassador Goldberg said the United States welcomed the idea of an extended cease-fire which, he noted, would involve the cessation of bombing of the North and an end to all hostilities and organized violence in the South — but could not but regret "that other parties concerned have shown no interest so far in such a cease-fire".

Over last week-end it was reported that North Viet-Nam and the Viet-Cong had proposed a limited extension of the truce arranged to cover the Vietnamese New Year of February eighth to twelfth, from four to seven days. US Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, told the press that American agreement to this proposal would call for prior consultation with its allies, and in particular, the South Viet-Namese government.

SECRETARY

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 27 DECEMBER 1966 SENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, TO HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS, MR. CARLOS A. BERNARDES.

"Now that by your own volition you have decided to leave as my Special Representative in Cyprus, I would like to repeat how highly I have appreciated your service in the United Nations over the past two years." The very successful operation of UNFICYP and the maintenance of peaceful conditions, if not a return to normality, in Cyprus have been due in no small measure to your tireless and skilful work. That you have managed to maintain excellent relations with all parties involved and at the same time to secure solutions and effective compromises in a number of delicate situations is the finest tribute to your diplomatic ingenuity, firmness of purpose and, if I may say so, to your personal qualities. Your understanding and experience of the working of the United Nations and all its possibilities as well as of the limitations of the Organization have also been an invaluable asset.

"I need hardly tell you how sorry I am to leave the Service of the Organization, although I understand well your reasons for doing so. In thanking you for your loyal and distinguished service in Cyprus, may I also express to you and to Mrs. Bernardes my warmest good wishes for the future and my hope that you may at some later time serve the United Nations again."

HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS COMMITTEE OPENS SESSION

WAYS AND MEANS OF PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTING MINORITIES are being examined in detail by a unit of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which opened a new session at UN Headquarters last week.

The sub-committee of experts, recently enlarged to eighteen members, makes recommendations to its parent body seeking to do away with discrimination of any kind affecting human rights, and to protect racial, national, religious and linguistic minorities.

Since its establishment in 1947, the group has initiated a series of world-wide studies on various forms of discrimination, among them discrimination in matters of education, employment, political rights and religious rights and practices. In 1964 it approved the draft text of the International Convention against all forms of racial discrimination which was subsequently adopted by the General Assembly. In 1965 the sub-committee drew up a draft convention seeking the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance.

As the new session opened, the sub-committee re-elected Mr. W. Ketranzyski of Poland as its chairman. Welcoming members on behalf of the Secretary-General, Marc Schreiber, Director of UN's Human Rights Division, noted the successful contributions already made by the group to the international effort to secure fundamental freedoms. He stressed the great importance attached by the world Organization to eliminating problems of discrimination.

PONTIFFS MESSAGE TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THAN, LAST WEEK SIGNED FELICITATION LOT WITH SPECIAL FOLIO COMMEMORATING POPE PAUL'S VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN OCTOBER 1965 AND HIS PLEA OF "NEVER AGAIN WAR" ISSUED FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The limited edition, which includes the text of His Holiness' message, will be turned over the United States Committee for the Relief of Florence, headed by Mrs Jacqueline Kennedy, for sale to collectors at about 350 US dollars (£120 sterling) a copy, the proceeds to be used for assistance to the flood-devastated city.

In an introduction to the special edition, the Secretary-General said that he had had many occasions to reflect on the enduring importance of the message issued by Pope Paul VI to the United Nations. The text of the Pope's message, to be issued in the original French, will also be preceded by an introduction by the Pope, to be signed by His Holiness.