UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has asked for a further extension of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Operation in Cyprus, which has been going on for two years and three months.

In a report to the Security Council made public on Monday, 13 June, U Thant proposed an additional six-month mandate.

The Security Council is due to meet on Thursday to consider the report and decide on the extension of the mandate of the Force.

The Secretary-General indicated that although the 4,800-man UN Force had remained able to keep the peace, no progress had been made toward a real settlement of the Cyprus dispute.

Despite a few changes for the better during the last three months, the armed confrontation between Government and Turkish Cypriot elements was becoming more intense, and shooting and bombing incidents were on the increase. In civil matters, the Greek and Turkish Cypriots—suggested were hostages of "intransigent positions" taken in their behalf.

U Thant said that his Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, had sought to foster discussions between the Government and the Turkish Cypriot leadership on various practical matters such as land records, postal services, and freedom of movement, but that the Government had demurred at talks now because of bombing incidents it attributed to the Turkish Cypriots, charges rejected by the latter.

The Secretary-General said the continued presence of the (Continued on page 7)

U.S. BACKING U THANT RE-ELECTION

Vice-President Hubert Humphrey of the United States said last week that the U.S. Government was among those who hoped that U Thant would be available for re-election as UN Secretary-General this fall.

Mr. Humphrey made this statement following an informal luncheon with the Secretary-General at UN Headquarters. The Vice-President had a private 15-minute talk with U Thant before they sat down to lunch with 10 high-ranking US and UN officials including Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, US Permanent Representative to the UN, and Dr. Ralph Bunche, UN Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs.

On leaving the building, Mr. Humphrey told reporters that he had a "good, wide-ranging" discussion with U Thant, but declined to identify any specific topic that had been covered. Mr. Humphrey's statement of US support for U Thant's re-election was made at a reception held later at the US Mission for United Nations nationals working for the United Nations.

He described U Thant as a great international servant.

The US Vice-President stressed his Government's strong support for the United Nations as a pioneering institution for peace and justice, and the importance it attached to maintenance of an impartial, dedicated, international civil service.

ITALY, LIBYA CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP EXPENSES

Italy, in a letter dated 9 June from the Secretary-General, U Thant, from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Mr. Piero Vinci, said that in response to U Thant's appeal of 24 March, it had decided to make a further contribution of approximately 135,000 dollars to help meet UNFICYP operation costs for the three-month period ending 26 June 1966.

Libya, in a communication dated 1 June, to the Secretary-General, informed the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations, Mr. Wbibi El Bouri, said that it had decided to make a contribution of 15,000 dollars to help meet UNFICYP expenses.


NEW UNFICYP C-of-S ARRIVES; VISITS CONTINGENTS

Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, OBE, arrived in Cyprus on Thursday last from an on-the-spot briefing period prior to his taking over — on 22 June — as UNFICYP Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent serving with the United Nations Forces in Cyprus.

He was welcomed at the airport by the outgoing Chief of Staff, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC, who will be leaving soon to take command of 147 Infantry Brigade (TA) in the United Kingdom.

On Friday, Brigadier Harbottle made his first call at UNFICYP Headquarters and met the Force Commander, Major General I.A.E. Martola, and Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Cyprus.

The new Chief of Staff then visited the different headquarters units and met officers of the various contingents serving at Force Headquarters.
NEW COS VISITS IRISH GROUP

Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, OBE, who succeeded Brigadier A. J. Wilson as Chief of Staff of UN Forces in Cyprus, paid his first visit to the Irish Contingent on Saturday when he arrived at Headquarters, 6th Infantry Group, at Xenos.

He was met by Colonel J. C. Walsh, Officer Commanding 6th Inf Coy, and Lefka District, who conveyed him to a guard of honour under Lieut-William Gibson. Then, having been introduced to Headquarters officers, Brigadier Harbottle received a detailed briefing on the situation in Lefka District from Captain James Fagan, and John Connolly, and later he visited two of the observation posts by helicopter.

A Company have just completed their second month in Camp McKeeley and by now look on themselves as natives of the area. The camp has been improved remarkably by the addition of a new canteen and by renovation of the Officers' and NCO's Mess. Weekly tours have been arranged to places of interest, but Famagusta was the most popular venue. We look forward to a song entailing the virtues of Asake, which has been written by Pte Maurice Malone and which promises to record in the near future.

The Hotel Quebec savings club started some three weeks ago in Xeros Camp is now going well. The first draw of a lottery, which is run as an incentive in conjunction with the saving scheme, was won by Pte O'Reilly of the Engineer Section. The organisers feel that there is plenty of room for expansion and point out that the bigger the amount invested the better the luncheon area will be.

Soccer, Lefka Sports Club best "A" Company on Sunday 4th June by 7 goals to nil. The standard of soccer is considerably better in that area and the Company considers that much training will be necessary before it can compete successfully.

On the same Sunday Hops Coy from Xeros were also unmanned against a National Guard team from Penang, losing by 3 goals to 1. They were unfortunate not to score in the last minute when Pte Pat Gilligan's header went just over the bar. On 7th June the Coy won by 3 goals to 2 against a camp and team scoring being Pte B. Carroll, two goals, and Pte J. Purcell. Colonel John Hussey scored for Camp Selection from a penalty.

NEW COS

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Later he visited the Headquarters Officers' Mess to meet officers of the British Contingent which was followed with a luncheon given by Colonel George Blake, Deputy COE, at the Crown Hotel. During the next two weeks the Brigadier will be touring the island and visiting the different contingents in their areas.

Pte James McCREANOR is laying out a concrete path between the tracks in A Coy Camp at Lefka. To prevent the concrete from being damaged by too rapid drying he has to keep it covered with damp canvas.

Pt William GRAHAM who comes from Cork has been persuaded to act as cook for this B Coy OF Section west of Xeros. Pte Graham is not trained as a cook but he has had some experience during previous tours of duty in the Congo. He is married with two boys and four girls.

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PLAQUE PRESENTATION

On 9th June the Chief Signals Officer and Signals Officers of all contingents of the United Nations Force gathered at DROANDOFFICERS Mess to present a plaque to Brigadier A. J. Wilson who will be leaving the island soon. The plaque was beautifully made and depicted the crest of all signals corps represented in UNIFCYP. Our picture shows Brigadier Wilson admiring the plaque with the Chief Signals Officer, Lt. Col. Robert Whybs.
DEN TREDIE MAND

Hvad skal man alvorligt stille op? (og i særdeleshed DANCON) i højere tone. Densfør har en anden kollega, men efter, rist UNIFCYP og i særdeleshed DANCON) om muligt endnu højere tone. Og nu prøvner jeg at stille et endnu mindre lidt til, "Den Tredie Mand!"

I mødet for roser tor jeg, at jeg vil fremkømme med min stybene medhjælpen. Ikke fordi, thi står her paa jeres roser og gør jer roes, men fordi, thi lige og lidt bliver overvundet af journalisten hjælper mig samt TV- og filmstudien fra den store verden. De samme, de fire og sidst, er det vigtigt, at man laaere hvilke svar pa de samme ting, de samme ting skal forklare for 117%.

Jo, jeg har medhjælper med FN-soldater.

Men hvem har mere medhjælper med mig?


Særligt kendskab til militære systemer har jeg ikke, selvom jeg har arbejdet med dem. Det hele er et eksempel på mine forudsætninger saa ringe som muligt.

 Og nu, for at afslutte at høre, jeg vil laaere, hvad der skal skel.

Boch


REDDUCERINGEN NU ETT FAKTUM


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2nd BLACK WATCH OBSERVES REGIMENTAL DAY IN KRYENIA

REGIMENTAL DAY — ABOVE, the highland dancers of the 2nd battalion 1st Black Watch (RHR) of Comenda perform in the Corder de Lion hotel for the senior unit of the Day celebrations. RIGHT, General Mertola and Lt. Col. Duncan McAlpine watching the Retreat ceremony on the waterfront in Kyrenia during the Regimental Day celebrations held by 2 RHC on Thursday.

Hotel in Kyrenia, Greece. Guests from all contingents of UN-FIFTP along with local government officials witnessed the colourful performance. The battalion Pipes and Drums under Pipe Major Bill Gilmore of Toronto made a striking sight in their white tunics and colourful kilts and plaids with the Mediterranean as a background.

Following a meal in the hotel all guests had an excellent opportunity to meet friends from other contingents and make new acquaintances.

The Regimental Day marks the occasion on which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother presented Queen’s and Regimental colours to the three battalions of the 2nd Black Watch in 1952.

On each occasion since the Regimental Day was decreed the 2nd Battalion has been serving outside of Canada. In 1960, the Pipes and Drums were captivated by a trooping of the colours and in 1964 by a colourful and thrilling Military Tournament, both held in North West Irish Wales but the unit was serving in the British Army of the Rhine.

LIZARD FLATS BOASTS NEW RECREATION CENTRE

On Friday, June 10th, a new building was dedicated at Lizard Flats (Coom Rhythm) near Nicosia by the Commanding General United Nations Command Nicosia. The new building was used to be utilized as a recreation centre which all personnel of the Canadian Contingent Administrative Support Group may gather informally during their off-duty hours to discuss matters of mutual interest or to enjoy a good book.

In his remarks to those attending the opening ceremonies, Captain Kingham praised the efforts of the chief architect and designer, Captain Bob Moore and his assistants Corporal Harry Kingham and Gord King.

He also singled out Corporal Phil Currie for congratulations on his imaginative interior decoration.

Following the traditional ceremony of opening the building, a bottle of champagne was ceremoniously broken against the building and it was officially declared "Kirmachs Community Centre". A brief celebratory followed.

Since 1964, have returned from all over the world to the United Nations and to the Government and to the people of Cyprus, it is through the efforts of the people that peacekeeping is a reality. It can only be achieved without peacekeeping we lose the battle of the future. The peacekeeping efforts should be to ensure that the problem is not compounded and added to. This is the interest of the future of the entire people of Cyprus. But it is also the interest of the European Union, the United Nations, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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(Latin)
President Schick of Nicaragua at UN Headquarters

President René Schick of Nicaragua visited United Nations Headquarters in New York last week, meeting with UN Secretary-General U Thant and later holding a press conference.

Questioned about the prospects for denuclearizing Latin America following a recent meeting of a preparatory group in Mexico, Mr. Schick said that no definitive conclusions had been arrived at and that his country had put forward certain reservations.

Nicaragua felt, he said, that nuclear force could be used for purely peaceful purposes, such as the construction of a canal, but it categorically opposed its use for any other purposes.

Rising to the question of building a new, level canal linking the Atlantic and the Pacific, President Schick said that the 1914 Treaty granted the United States the right to build a canal through Nicaragua. His Government felt, however, that it would be preferable to build it through Panama.

On tensions in the Caribbean, Schick said the Government of Dr. Fidel Castro in Cuba represented a threat to the peace and security of Latin America and that he would allow Nicaraguan territory to be used again as a base for a military expedition against it "at any time, in any circumstances".

ATOMIC RADIATION COMMITTEE OPENS NEW SESSION IN NEW YORK

The 15-member UN Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation opened a new session at United Nations Headquarters last week.

Addressing the gathering, the UN Secretary General, U Thant, said that one of the most important problems to be discussed would be the changes, if any, in the level of environmental radiation and in the attendant risks which have occurred since the Committee’s last report to the General Assembly in November 1964.

Since that time, the only atmospheric tests which have been registered are three conducted by the People’s Republic of China — the last one a month ago.

U Thant said that “given the present political situation”, the Committee’s conclusions would be read with great attention by the Assembly, “even though sharp and durable increases in the levels as were observed a few years ago are not to be expected in the foreseeable future.”

Other issues to be considered are advances in the knowledge of radiation-induced genetic effects, and effects of radiation on the central nervous system.

Pope Paul VI, U Thant Urge Redoubled Combat Against Want

The responsibility of mankind as a whole for combating poverty anywhere was emphasized last week in an exchange of messages between Pope Paul VI and UN Secretary-General, U Thant.

The exchange took place as the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme opened its new session in Milan, Italy.

Stressing the need for harmonious development of man as the price of peace to which the world aspires, Pope Paul said in his message: “How can we not but rejoice to see competent and responsible men joining together to pool resources given to them by the international community of nations for the purpose of promoting the physical, intellectual and spiritual progress of the less favored of its members?”

At a time when needs and anxieties were daily becoming more urgent, said His Holiness, “the whole world must become aware that poverty is not only an intolerable evil for its victims but is also to be considered by every man worthy of this name.”

“Man must indeed be enabled to survive,” said Pope Paul, “but he must also be given the means of living fully, as a person capable of founding a family and giving his children a satisfactory upbringing; these are the tasks that call for disinterested help of all men of goodwill, surprising all differences of nation, race, culture and religion.”

Emphasizing that it was man’s own existence that was at stake, and not an optional assistance and emergency aid, Pope Paul said that “all human resources must be mobilized, and it is not enough to give one’s possessions—one must give the best of oneself. Peace to which the world aspires cannot be built only at this price, as has rightly been said development is a new name for progress.”

Thanking Pope Paul for his message, the Secretary-General said it pointed up again “the clarity of vision and humanity of the feeling with which your Holiness recognizes and understands the problems of poverty and under-development that beset the world and transcend all its political, racial and religious differences.” U Thant said he shared His Holiness’ view that, “to be fully effective, the work of the United Nations in helping to resolve these problems must be carried out in the context of universal awareness of the dangers which these problems hold for mankind.”

Thailand Requests UN Observers on Cambodian border

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, is thought to be considering a request that he dispatch a personal representative and a civilian staff of observers to an area of conflict in the world.

The request came from Thailand which asked that observers be stationed along certain points of its territory in order to thwart border provocations which, it said, were being continuously carried out by Cambodia.

There has been a series of charges and counter-charges between the two countries in recent months.

In considering the request, U Thant discussed the matter with the Cambodian Ambassador to the United Nations.

Guyana Applies for U.N. Membership

The newly-independent state of Guyana applied last week for membership in the United Nations.

Admission requests are acted on first by the Security Council and then the General Assembly. Guyana, formerly a British colony, would be the 118th Member of the UN.

Meanwhile, the International Labour Conference meeting last week in Geneva will decide whether Guyana to membership in the International Labour Organization — raising that specialized agency’s membership to 115 member states.

Black Watch on UN Watch

VISITORS FROM CANADA — As Private R.A. FABIA, 22, of Montreal surveys the Cypriot countryside at SNOW WHITET OUTPOST near Kyrenia, Deputy Commander of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch, The Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, Major W.B. MacLeod of Point Prim, P.E.I., discusses the RHR’s UNFICYP role with Lt Col H.A. Tumble of Canada’s UN Delegation and Mr. L. A. Devole of Ottawa.

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