U Thant Again Calls For New Contributions To Help Meet Costs Of UN Force in Cyprus

UN Secretary-General U Thant has again called for voluntary contributions from Governments to help meet the operation costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter to all Member States of the United Nations and its specialised agencies, he noted that over five and a half million dollars were needed to cover the current three-month mandate of the 4,700-man Force. However, he said because of the “chronic and growing” deficit, an additional four million dollars was needed if the UN is to honour past commitments to nations furnishing troops to the Force.

U Thant recalled his warning last month that if the financial deficit were not met this may bring about the premature withdrawal of United Nations units. The Force has been in Cyprus since March 1964.

When the UN Security Council met in New York in March and agreed on the most recent extension of the Force’s stay — until 26 June — it expressed the hope that progress toward a Cypriot settlement during the current period would enable the troops to be cut or withdrawn entirely.

U Thant said that the total cost of the peace-keeping operation from March 1964 to June 1968 was about 90 million dollars.

The Force is financed on a voluntary basis. The major contributor has been the United States, with close to half of the 80 million dollars so far received. Forty-nine other nations have also made contributions.

New Contribution By Denmark To UNFCYP Costs

Denmark has informed the United Nations that it will make a further contribution of 60,000 dollars to help meet the operation of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter dated 3 April to the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, Mr. Otto R. Borch, said that the new contribution by Denmark was being made to meet the costs of the period ending 26 March 1968.
Festaftener ved DANCON

En underhållningsskola från Danmark besökte av Tove Reinau och Melody Misner har besökt DANCON i sitt 5-10 april. Underhållningsskolan varit den östligaste, och de kom fram. Dessa bilder är hämtade från STKMP, DNCLON, där den hölls Tove Reinau.

DANCON - NYT


Vittberest journalist tar över Blå Baskern

Intet är som rotationslöst. Till och med FN-bat 39 C:s konpressofficer måste bytta sig och föra till det nätta uppdraget strävar i Rådhuset. Han går så i förväntning att efterlåtnen, major Finn Rådland, Stockholm, besitter överbåtandet mäster att ta även jobb.


Om sina många gånger högnadsväckande utgångar i förslagen och ännu utforska underlag på Fins Rådland skriver fyra böcker och sigras i blott den femte. Utöver dessa verk av trycket kommer bland annat andra Necker av hans hand, vilka skall använda som inläsningstillståndet i läsminnen geografi i grundskolan.


Riksdagsmän snabbbesökte FN - bat 39 C


AMBASSADOR JARRING PÅ AVKOPPLANDENS VISIT


Ett lederskap i blivit möte ambassadör Jarring vid hans ansvar att vidare sin skolavhandling i hans tjänstlig.

LOCAL COMMANDER MEETS LOCAL LAW

Last week the camera reached Polis after several false starts and caught some interesting shots. One of my local commander's many tasks is to stir up frequently with the local police. Here Major Tim Huntley (right) is talking to Inspector Economides during the course of his rounds. The commander's driver, Rifleman Alan Phillips from Freshwater, Isle of Wight, is also welcome to take a cup of coffee with his boss and the law — not the same in this case! Perhaps being an 'inspector' himself, has contributed to Polis' admitted enjoyment of life at Polis.

A LONDONER FROM NORTH AMERICA

As the time approaches for the Grenadiers to leave the Cypriot scene for home, inevitably the packing of one's belongings takes on a gravity rating.

Here is Rifleman Cliff (Zeke) Hunter, from Kesington, Lon-
don, putting the finishing touches to the Q.C.'s MFO box. For the benefit of the uninitiated, MFO stands for Military Forecasting Organisation and sees to the unac-

companied baggage of its mem-
ers on overseas posting or return to UK from same.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT XEROS

Religious ceremonies play a large part in the Irish cele-
bration of Easter. Here at their HQ in Xeros, Rev Fr. C. Mat-
thews C.F. is seen blessing the Paschal Fire during the cere-
monies there on Easter Saturday. His attendants are (from

left) Cpl E. Fitzgerald, Cpl P. Roche and Pte P. Holohan, all members of HQ Coy, 16 Inf. Gp.

IRCON NEWS

COS Visits 10 Inf Gp at Xeros

The new Contingent, 10 Inf Gp, recently received a wel-
coming visit from the Chief

of Staff, Brig. M.N. Harbottle, OBE. He was met at the Gp
HQ in Xeros by Op Commdr. Lt Col R. O'Sullivan and inspect-
ed a Guard of Honour under Lieut.
A.A. Gifford.

The photograph on the left

was taken by the Guard being inspect-
ed by the COS (from the left)

Capt. J. Kinloch (Tid Sea), Sgt D. Taylor (Avy Mar
Ty) and Cpl John Landy (Arm Cut Gp). On the visit of the COS
the Group Standard was on parade for the first time. Over

the years, with its legend "10 Inf Group", the standard con-

tains the symbols of the various formations of which 10
Inf Group is composed. Displaying

the standards in advantage are (from the left) W.C.

Lownson, Sgt Paddy Merrigan, Mayoman Sgt Roddy Taylor

and Dublinman Mr George Manifold.

ROTATION PREPAINS

MAIL CALL AT KATO PYRGS

Lance corporal Gary Bonnet, from Birmingham, having a dis-

cussion with the head teacher of the village of Naka during a

routine visit. The school-children are always glad of these visits as

they provide a short diversion from lessons.

The pleasure afforded by a letter from home is evident here on the faces of the lucky recipients. The Sgt distributing the mail seems rather cynical about it all while the man on the right who has not yet got any letters seems rather deter-

mined that there simply MUST be one there for him. Our

picture shows (from the left) Sgt J. Scheck, Pte J. Kane, Pte

W. O'Reilly, Sgt M. Collins, Sgt J. Fogarty, Pte J. Wilson and

Pte P. Pay, all members of "C" Coy, 10 Inf Gp.
HAPPY MOMENT FOR THE CHILDREN: And so it was last week for the children at the Red Cross Children’s hospital in Kyrenia when men of the 1st Battal- lion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada presented the traditional gift of money to the hospital authorities prior to returning to Canada. Making the presentation were Corporal Lewis J. MacPherson (left) and Corporal Eric Fredrick. Accepting the gift is Matron Hilda Button. Corporal MacPherson is the son of Mr and Mrs MacPherson of Antigonish, N.S., and he resides in Dum- motee, N.B., with his wife Edith and six children. Corporal Frederick halls from Boulfiers Paint, Halcyon County and he lives in Ormouvo with his wife Noreen and three children.

CANCON NEWS
(Canadian Forces Photo)

MECHANICS AT WORK

Warrant Officer L. (Lae) Cote, a supervisor with the Royal Cana- dian Electrical Mechanical Engineering Detachment supervises the work of one of his men, Private Bruce MacKey working on one of the engines of the many vehicles used by the Canadian Contingent in Peace-keeping duties in Cyprus. Private MacKey, a Vehicle Technician, is the son of Mr and Mrs Bruce MacKey, South St Marie and is serving on a six-month tour in Cyprus.

HIGHLAND FLING CYPRIT STYLE

Corporal H. Hayden, a pipe with the Pipes and Drums, 1st Battal- lion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada provides some entertain- ment during the visit to the Cyprus pa- tient at the Red Cross Child- ren’s Hospital at Kyrenia, a small resort town on the north- shore of the island. The entertain- ment took place when men of The Black Watch presented the hospital with a gift of money for the patients welfare. From the looks on both participants’ faces, one might wonder who is enjoying it the most — the instructor or the student ? Corporal Hayden lik- e most men of the 1st Battalion is a Maritime from Plattsburg, N.B., where his mother resi- des. His wife Marilyn and two dependents reside at Ormouvo, N.B.

Staff To Cancon Commander

Assting the Canadian Contin- gent Commander, Col. H.C.F. Elliot with the numerous details associated with the running of the Contingent are Captains S. T. (Stu) Klub, General Staff Officer 2 (left), Corporal S. Champagne, Personal Assistant to Colonel El- liott and Miss Ross Edwards, secre- tary to the Colonel, who in addi- tion to his responsibility as Cana- dian Contingent Commander is also Deputy Chief of Staff to headquarters United Nations Forces in Cyprus. Captain Klub lives from Edmonton, Alta., where his wife and four children reside. Corporal Champagne is from Montreal, P.Q., where his parents live. Miss Edwards lives in Nica- ria.

“AAVIKON SANKARIT”


Canada's Liberals Name Trudeau Prime Minister

The Liberal Party supporters serving with the Canadian Contingent of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus have sent the following to the editors of THE BLUE BERET. It is being published as a nonpartisan public service as a matter of general interest to Force readers.

Following the Liberal leadership convention in Ottawa in April 1968, the Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau became Prime Minister designate of Canada.

Mr. Trudeau was born in Montreal on 28 October 1921, the son of Mr. Charles Emilie Trudeau and Miss Grace Elliot, both Canadian citizens. He was educated at Jean-de-Brebeuf, a Jesuit school in Montreal, and at the University of Toronto, where he received his degree in law. He was also a member of the Royal Society of Canada and the Quebec Bar.

He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1965 and appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minis- ter, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, in January 1966. He became Mi- nister of Justice in early 1967. Mr. Pearson has since become Prime Minister of Canada ap- proximately at the end of the current month. His home is in Montreal.

UN General Assembly To Resume Session In New York Next Week

The 123 Member States of the United Nations have been noti- fied formally that the XXII General Assembly, in recess since December, will be resumed at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 24 April.

South West Africa Council Fails To Enter Territory

The UN Council on South West Africa announced in Zambia late last week that it had not been able to charter an air- craft for a flight to the Territory because of the opposition of the South African authorities in control.

In a statement issued in Zamb- ia, the Council declared how- ever that it would pursue its ef- forts to enter South West Africa, an old League of Nations mandate Territory for which the United Nations has asserted its direct re- sponsibility in 1966.

Meanwhile, the Council said, it was going to Tanganika to meet with South West African figures residing there. The Council was set up a year ago to take over the adminis- tration of South West Africa and prepare it for speedy indepen- dence.

South Africa, which contends that the UN has no jurisdiction, has refused to let it in.

The Council had been meeting last week in Lusaka, Zambia, to hear representatives of South West African independence moves.

Reorganization of UN Secretariat Weighed

The UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has appointed a small group of experts to con- sider the problem of reorganiza- tion of the UN Secretariat and to make appropriate recom- mendations to him.

A seven-member Committee has been appointed by the Se- cretary-General on a wide ge- ographical distribution basis which will enable him to se- cure the assistance and advice of people of recognised com- petence from the various parts of the world.

SUGAR CONFERENCE OPENS AT UN PALAIS IN GENEVA

A number of preparatory meetings have been held and Mr. Prebisch, accompanied by offi- cers of the International Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Dr. Paul Prebisch, to find means of providing a mechanism that would bring with it better prices and in- creased stability in the world sugar market.

Road Safety Corner

1) Keep your headlight ad- justment so that the light beams will fall below the level of an oncoming driver's eye.

2) If for any reason you park your vehicle on the road at night, switch on your park- ing lights. Make it a point to carry always with you, the internationally approved “Red Triangle” with reflec- tors which you can place 20 feet in front and 20 feet to the rear of your vehicle in case your lights are out of order. Failing this, inform the nearest police station that adequate action may be taken to avoid accidents.

3) Pay particular attention to pedestrians, especially in poor lighted areas. It is dif- ficult to spot a pedestrian when he wears dark cloth- ing.

4) Check the beam of your headlights and your dipping mechanism.

5) Check your electric traffic indicators.

When the session was suspend- ed last December because of non-proliferation of nuclear wea-pons, the Middle East situation and the question of South West Africa, the Council left open for further consideration.

Since then, the Geneva Disar- morment Conference has sub- mitted a report containing a draft treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear arms based on a text jointly submitted by the United States and the Soviet Union and subsequently revised to incorpo- rate changes proposed by other Member States.

The report also contains a draft resolution in which the United States and the United Kingdom have under- taken to sponsor in the UN Secu- rity Council a resolution designed to give the conference on the Council — against the threat or use of nuclear weapons against any State or States the disposi- tion of such weapons under the proposed treaty.

Seminar Submits Measures to Check "Brain Drain"

Measures to help stem the "brain drain" of scientists from the developing countries to the more advanced ones ca- me under discussion at a week- end seminar held at UN Head- quarters in New York under the auspices of the UN Advisory Committee on the Applica- tion of Science and Techno- logy to Development.

Some European and Ame- rican scientists took part in the seminar. Their view was that the "brain drain" problem was the feeling of isolation from the in- ternational scientific community experienced by many scientists in the developing na- tions.

To overcome this, the Advvi- sory Committee proposed to the seminar that associate scholarships be given to scien- tists from developing countries by US universities and uni- versities. These, which would run for two to three years, would allow scientists to spend up to three months a year in either Canada or the United States provided that they returned to their own countries to continue their work for the remainder of the year.

Another scheme put forward was for a 20 per cent grant of the costs of travel between scientists in develop- ing countries and those in un- derdeveloped ones. Scientists would remain in their home na- tive states but would pool their knowledge, discuss their research and publish the results jointly.