FAREWELL TO ERIKA

Mr. W. J. Y. Duke, Chief Administrative Officer UNFICYP, presenting the farewell gift to Mrs Erika Dennis. (See also p. 8).

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Padre Griffith Sparkham, MBE, in his farewell speech, thanked Mrs Dennis for her untiring efforts in running the Canteen which is such a popular rendezvous for members of the Force.

The running of the Canteen has now been taken over by Miss Doris Fitch.

AMBASSADOR THANKS UN FORCE

"I should like to express my most heartfelt thanks to these units, and I would be grateful if you would transmit my thanks to the officers and men of UNFICYP who took part in the rescue operations.

"It was with gratitude and admiration that I learned of the part played by UNFICYP units in the rescue and salvage operations in connection with the air crash of 20 April 1967 in which seventy-one Germans perished.

nursing staff, who took care of the few survivors of the accident with such great skill and devotion.

"It was some consolation to those bereaved by the crash to know that in such hours of need, fellow-feeling between people of different nationalities and the spirit of humanity shone at their brightest".

UNFICYP BUDGET

THANT MAKES NEW APPEAL

Deficit $6.5 Million

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, last week issued a new appeal for voluntary contributions from Governments to pay for the UN Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus.

U Thant said the deficit remained serious and that more than nine and a half million dollars had to be raised if costs were to be fully covered up to the end of the current mandate of the 4,500-man Force.

The Force is entering its fourth year of service in the island republic. Its most recent authorization from the Security Council was for a six month period ending 26 June 1967.

On 5 January 1967, UN Secretary-General U Thant addressed an earlier appeal to all Governments for further voluntary contributions for the financing of UNFICYP. In response to that appeal, a number of Governments came forward with further voluntary contributions, amounting to $1,754,686. However, despite these contributions, the deficit remains serious.

The present financial situation in respect of UNFICYP may be summarized as follows:

(1) For the period from the inception of the Force on 27 March 1964 to 26 June 1967, the estimated cost continued page eight

CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP COSTS

AUSTRIA LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD make a further voluntary contribution to the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

In a letter to the Secretary-General dated 5 May 1967, the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations announced that his Government would make a voluntary contribution of $80,000 to the current period of UNFICYP (26 December 1966 to 26 June 1967).

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM A LETTER FROM His Excellency Jens Petersen, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, to the Force Commander, Lt. General A.E. Martola, which pays tribute to the UNFICYP units which took part in the rescue operations of the recent air crash in Cyprus in which 71 Germans perished (see BLUE BERET of 26 April 1967).

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DIREKT IN I OP-TJÄNSTEN

BLEV ANGRIPET AV PÅTÖLJEN

I DEN NYA SVERIGES INFANTERIEN.

Samarbetsförbudet med polisherrarna.

Samtliga skyttelsesamhällen har

Nu också genomfört den första

rotationen av platanioner mellan

ÖP - na. De kommande tjänst-

göroplatserna börja alltså bli

bekanta för OP-soldaterna, om

och också i ännu viss målsättning.

Bilden

Så snabbt och slyndigt

från OP:n det i tjänst och frihet.

Radio program

För

Swedencon

UPPFATTADE NI TAL,

OCH SÅNG PÅ SVERHS-

KA: I Cyprus Radio's sändna-

gar i söndagskväll, så tog ni inte fel! De startade nämligen

sommarns andra radioprogram

den för den svenska kontingenten i

FP-tjänst på Cyprus - och för

program skall det bli!

Cyprus Radio har en särskild

förändring för FP-program, bli det

speciella kontingentprogram.

Två år gånger i månaden kommer ni att kunna höra tal,

sång och musik på svenska i den

ejykliska staden. Det blir inter

yuter med förhållande m.m.

Zonstorbredskärens stärkning för

produktionen av detta program

om inte skulle förväxlas med

måndagsveckans svenska öv-

ningsprogram. Detta kommer att

förändras, när Spåret kommer i

Cyprus Radio, som utsändes

den 30 mars.

Sändningstiden är - både på

söndagar och måndagar -

klockan 19.30 till 21.00. Ibland

för Swedencon-programmet samt

om strax före ett senare program

för det svenska kontingentet.

Ibland bara 15 minuter långt,

och bland andra den 19 mars.

Sändningarna möts dock på

vågtåget 456 m på medellan

vågbandet, både söndagsveck-

Världen.

En viktig sak till sist: Menin-

gen är inte med söndagsprogram-

men att Swedencon bara skall utökas

och lyssna på den. Så många

som möjligt skall på ett eller

annat sätt också delta i dem -

fast inte i samma program för-

sina. Med andra ord: så fort

ni talar om något intressant och

trevligt som kanske kunde bli

ett bra tillfälle i ett radioprogram,

låt zonstorbredskärens nota det.

Samma sak gäller det som av

alla aver hela ena länets andra

samhällsberättigare.

Adressen är: Kn Hallberg,

HQ UNIFIP, eller per tel.

102591 sthls. 214. Och så

... på återbörande i cypernus!

Rotationen startade med korruptionen 09 MAJ. Här

blir de nye signalisterna, der skal forberede sig ufor Swedencon.

Stående på jorden for venstre: 709576 Rasmussen/F1R, 679167 Moller

KJF, 701540 Jorgensen/F1R og 632803 Nielsen/STGR. Stående på

husvognen for venstre: 718371 Jensen/STGR og 398428 Just fra marinen.

Volkommen till vararna!

SÅ VAR DER EN IGEN-

PÅ DEM SELV! DER ER IKKE ANDRE, DER GOR

DET! Husk, at hver gang SWEDENCON på grund af åndens et vær, der ikke

kan repareres, har vi en vogn mindre — vi får ingen erstatning.

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NIGERIA, Cyprus.
**NEW BRITCON AMPIO**

Captain Jimmy Boxworth, Royal Corps of Transport former Assistant Military Public Information Officer (Britcon), departed on Sat 14 May for UK on completion of his tour. The new AMPIO (Britcon) is Captain Terry Mayman, Royal Signals.

**CAO VISITS IRCON**

ON TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER of UNFICYP Mr. W.J.Y. Duke, accompanied by the Chief Logistics Officer, Lt. Col. S.H. Clark, visited the operational area of the Irish Contingent in Lefka district.

During a tour of the area they inspected camps and observation posts and assessed the construction and logistics problems of the 8th Inf Op. Before returning to UN HQ they dined with the CO and his Staff at the Group HQ Officers Mess.

**NCO FLOWN HOME**

CQMS Tom Mullins of the 1st Infantry Group flew home to Ireland last Thursday morning. He was accompanied to Dublin by Lieut Thomas Kins RD, from the Australian field Hospital under whose immediate care he has been during his hospitalization. He was seen off by a number of officers including COMERCON and Colonel B. Nussbaumner, MD, OC Australian Field Hospital and by NCO friends.

That the CQMS lived through his illness at all has been a surprise to many. Certainly his recovery is a wonderful tribute to the medical skill and devoted attention which the Commanding Officer and all the staff in the Australian Field Hospital have lavished on him. To them we offer congratulations and a sincere "thank you".

**UN MEDALS**

Last week UN medals for service in Cyprus were presented to three Irish members of UNFICYP HQ staff by CO-MERCON. The recipients were Command Bill White from Killarney, Force Engineer Officer, Capt Sean Conlon from Ballinamore, Co Leitrim, Irish FO’s clerk, and Private Brendan Buggy from Tallanmore, Laois branch clerk.

Command White was in charge of the Irish group of officers who served with UNFICYP from June 1965-66. C/O Conlon went to the Congo in 1966 with the first Irish unit.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

During last week the Group HQ NCO’s mess decided it was time to have a party. But for what? Well, birthdays come every day for someone or other so Sergeant Bill Lacy of the Signals Platoon offered his services and his 24th birthday as a good excuse. So it was organized and very successful it was too. The party was attended by the 2 IC, HQ Command, the Chaplain and many, many others. Highlight of the evening was an excellent performance of music and ballads from a group organized by Cpl Nolan of the Engineer Platoon.
KAMERA KIERTÄÄ
1:K:N ALUEELLA

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK WAITED THE OUTCOME of private consultation on the two main issues before the Special Session — South West Africa and the general problems of Peace-keeping Operations and their financing.

The Special Committee which is to report to the Assembly on Peace-keeping received a proposal calling for a renewed appeal for voluntary contributions to help the UN out of its financial difficulties, and suggesting that the Assembly take the whole peace-keeping issue up again at its 1968 session.

Meanwhile, the Committee would further study the problem, with the possibility of reporting to the next regular Assembly session in the Autumn should progress warrant this.

These suggestions were contained in a memorandum submitted to the 33-nation Committee by the delegations of Algeria, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, India, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

The memorandum put forward the view that, when a costly peace-keeping operation is to be financed through the sharing of expenses by all member states, the share of the developing countries should not exceed five per cent of the total cost.

U.N. BUDGET IN PERSPECTIVE

The United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, speaking last week at a press conference, said the UN budget for 1966, excluding Mission costs, was $71,550,000. With these estimates, the Secretary-General said, the UN could meet its obligations without drawing on its reserve fund.

The Secretary-General noted that the UN budget was a small fraction of the total amount spent by member states for peace-keeping and other purposes.

The Secretary-General stressed the importance of maintaining a coalition of nations committed to peace and security.

EL FATEH IS THE NAME OF THE Syrian Arab nationalist organization conducting what it describes as a national liberation campaign against Israel through raids and sabotage.

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Our picture shows Padre Griffith Sparkham, MBE, making a farewell speech to Mrs Dennis. Left to right are Miss Doris Pitch, Miss Evelyn Abel, MBE, Mrs Erika Dennis and Padre Griffith Sparkham, MBE.

ESCALATION IN VIET-NAM

DANGER OF THIRD WORLD WAR

U THANT’S WARNING

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT SAID LAST WEEK that he was afraid the world was witnessing the opening events to a third world war unless the present trend of the Viet-Nam conflict could be drastically altered. He gave the estimate at a luncheon press conference held last Thursday at UN Headquarters.

U Thant said that he would like to be wrong in his prediction, but the logic of the present policies in Viet-Nam, as the logic of the events in the years preceding World War Two, must lead to a major confrontation between the great powers.

Specifically, he said they must lead to an inevitable confrontation between the United States and the People’s Republic of China, and it was his understanding that a treaty of mutual assistance between the Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China remained in effect.

U Thant insisted that any meaningful peace proposals must now focus on the prior cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam. And in this context, he remarked that his most recent proposals of March 14 suggesting a general standstill truce as a beginning, must be regarded as no longer under consideration since neither side had fully and unconditionally accepted them.

The Secretary-General reiterated his conviction that talks could take place if the bombing stopped. Since 28 January, he said, members of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam had repeated that if bombardment were to cease, there could be such talks.

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to the Organization total $69,715,000. These estimated costs are as indicated in the appeal of 5 January 1967, include the cost for final repatriation of contingents and liquidation costs. They do not, however, include the cost which Governments provide, and to units provided to the nations, notably, Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom, are absorbing at their own expense.

(2) The amounts paid or pledged to date to cover these costs total $63,995,630. Details of the contributions making up this sum are given below.

(3) Accordingly, new pledges totalling approximately $6,619,370 must now be received if the Organization is to be in a position to cover in full the costs involved in maintaining the Force until 26 June 1967.

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Costa (Democratic Republic) 10,000
Cyprus 462,400
Czechoslovakia 290,000
Federal Rep. of Germany 5,200,000
Fiji 175,000
Ghana 4,000
Greece 5,050,000
Iceland 2,000
Iran 10,000
Iraq 50,000
Israel 25,000
Ireland 1,214,400
Jamaica 4,000
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Singapore 1,500
South Viet-Nam 1,500
Sweden 1,360,000
Switzerland 690,000
Thailand 2,500
Trinidad and Tobago 1,500
Turkey 1,245,900
United Kingdom 13,620,640
United Republic of Tanzania 1,000
United States of America 28,100,000
Venezuela 3,000
Zambia 20,000

63,995,630

af Maximum amount pledged, part of which will be dependent on contributions of other Governments.