UNFICYP strength down to 5,000 as Scandinavian Contingents cut back in line with S-G’s Report

THE strength of the United Nations Force in Cyprus has been reduced by seven hundred and forty officers and men in accordance with the Observations in the Secretary-General’s Report to the Security Council on UNFICYP dated 19 December 1965 (See Blue Beret, 22 December 1965, P.4).

The Finnish Contingent of UNFICYP was reduced by approximately two hundred officers and men during a partial rotation which took place between 26 and 31 December last year.

Between Saturday, 15 January and Tuesday, 18 January, approximately three hundred and fifty officers and men of the Danish Contingent and two hundred officers and men of the Swedish Contingent were repatriated. The combined reductions of these three contingents amount to approximately seven hundred and forty officers and men. The approximate revised strengths of the three above-mentioned contingents is:

- Danish — six hundred and fifty
- Finnish — eight hundred
- Swedish — seven hundred and fifty

The strength of the remaining UNFICYP contingents remain unchanged, and the total revised strength of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, including Civilian Police and Civilians is approximately five thousand and fifty.

UNFICYP COSTS RUNNING AT TWO MILLION DOLLARS PER MONTH:

Further contributions by three States: BRITAIN TO MAINTAIN 1,000 MAN CONTINGENT

Mr. Orhan Erol, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations, sent a letter to the Secretary-General on 4 January with a cheque for $50,000 covering the pledge made last December by Turkey of a further contribution to the operational costs of UNFICYP.

On 14 January, the United Kingdom informed the Secretary-General that she would make a further contribution of one million dollars toward the upkeep of the Force during the new three-month period.

Great Britain also informed U Thant that she would maintain her contingent in Cyprus at its present strength of some 1,000 men until 26 March — end of the three month extension granted to the Force by the Security Council when it met last month.

Costs of UNFICYP operations have amounted to some two million dollars a month since it was set up in March 1964.
**Valdemar Atterdag kom ikke til middag i London**

**MEN TRAF KONGEN AF CYPERN I KRAKOW OG PRAG.**

De fleste beæger om Cyperns historie beretter, at Kong Peter 1 af Cypern under en rejse til England i 1363 var til middag hos Londons borgmester sammen med bl. a. kongen af Danmark. Dette må bero paa en misforståelse, for Valdemar Atterdag var ikke i England paa dette tidspunkt.

Kong Peter, der regerede fra 1359 til 1369, havde et brænde-
dende ønske om at generere Jerusalem, men han havde ikke penge og styrker nok til de at starte et korpse. I Oktober 1362 sejlede han derfor fra Cypern for at opleve og Europas konger om muligt at skaffe de fornødne støtte til sit forbedrevende. Arket efter noade han til England, og der var her, at han blev inviteret til middag hos Londons borg-
mester, Henry Picard. Inden forklarene var også Englands konge, den franske og den skotske konge, prinsen af Wales.

Valdemar mærkede at rejse til England, for han havde udført sig og fæstet den 1. Februar 1364 udstedt lejdebrev for sig og sit folke paa 300 personer. Men uvidst af hvilken grund blev det ikke benyttet.

Naar det i saa mange beæger høvdes, at den danske konge deltog, i fæstet, skyldes det for-
møndentlig, dels usikkert, at præcis hvornår middagen fanden sted, dels at en korrekt beretter, at der var i alt fem konge til stede ved festen, og endelig tilsidesættelsen af det ubevistede lejdebrev.

**Ind imellem kampen med AB og en kamp mod et tyrisk militærhold er det opgave lykkedes at forvirre turneringsorden mellem kampagnierne. Finalen spildedes lørdag formiddag mellem A-kampagniet og D-kampagniet. D-kampagniet vandt med 3-1 og selv om A-kampagniet holdt efter kampen udbragte det "ærne lave" for selstræfferne blev D-kampagniet samme efter det første offer for reduktionen. Her ses de topre elleve fra Delta med meemænden og holdlederen, lejtnant K. E. Kristensen i midten med selstræfernes facade.


Tak for kampen. De to holdledere, lejtnant K. E. Kristensen for DANCON og Niels Yde for AB, veksler haandtryk efter kampen i Honolulu forrige Onsdag. Det blev en 3-1 sejr for AB, men DANCON-holdet ydede god modstand og førte med 1-0 ved halvleg. Lejtnant Kristensen bliver maoske mest kluk-
kommere med Niels Yde, i der han har planer om efter sin hjemlandele at melde sig ind i AB.

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og mange andre fornemme personer.

Det forarvelles, at der blev spillet terning og hasard ved festen, og at Kong Peter i første omgang vandt, men senere tabte han 50 mark til bargmesteren. Kong Peter var ikke nogen god taber, og for ikke at fornaerm de fornemme gaestre maatte bargmesteren betale kangen pengene tilbage.

Er senere materi der nu hænger paa Londons boers viser situ-
ationen. Møllen hvori middagen holdtes er festligt udsmykket med vaskbænkebøjler, og blandt disse finder vi oppe den danske flag.

Saa vidt vider rejste Valdemar Atterdag fra Danmark i Oktober 1363, fra Pommeren tog han til Polen, hvor han i Krakow, sammen med Kong Peter af Cypern, bivænsede Keiser Carlis bryllup med Elisabeth og de i den anledning afholdte turneringer og andre festligheder. Fra Krakow gik præl videre, forlængt i selskab med tvært til nævnte og Kong Peter, til Prag. Efter hav have afsluttet visse forhand-
linger med keiseren fordi Valde-
mar Prag for familien med Kong Peter, der, med rigtig forfægt, forsøgte at overtræde ham til at deltage i det høvede, at begive sig og kom til Prag.

Sommeren med AB-holdet enkomm festlig Tirsdag et lille hold er-

**MOR Danish News and Pictures.**

**THE BLUE BERET**

Wednesday, 19th January, 1966
The Colonel of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Brigadier H. A. Phillips, OBE, CD, and the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. W.T.E. Finan, CD, arrived on Monday, 10th January, for a week-long visit to the Canadian Contingent of the UN Force in Cyprus.

During their stay, Brigadier Phillips and Lt.-Col. Finan met with Brigadier Wilson, acting Force Commander; Colonel J. L. Drewery, Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons' Squadron in Cyprus.

They also visited the Canadian manned observation posts in the Kyrenia district.

Brigadier Phillips, after whom Fort Phillips was named, presented ninety-seven UN Cyprus medals to officers and men of the RCD Squadron last Wednesday.
A MONG the rotations within the United Nations Force in Cyprus there is one that rarely makes the headlines: that of the civilian personnel with the Force. There are approximately 60 United Nations civilian staff members serving with the Force. They have been detailed here from different United Nations departments and offices either at U.N. Headquarters in New York or from U.N. offices and missions scattered throughout the world.

Most U.N. staff members detailed to the Force remain here for approximately six months, although some stay on longer. UNFICYP being a temporary, short-term mission (regulated by periodic decisions taken by the U.N. Security Council on the length of its duration), it cannot be staffed on a more or less permanent basis.

At present, there have been a few changes on the civilian staff with UNFICYP. Mr. Albert De Lauro, who had been serving as UNFICYP Chief Administrative Officer for the last ten months, left last week for New York to return to his post of Chief Administrative Officer of the Office of the Controller at UN Headquarters.

Mr. Patrick W. Beirne, Administrative Officer of the Office of the Controller at UN Headquarters, has arrived in Cyprus to take over the duties of CAO of the Force. As can well be guessed from his name, "Paddy" Beirne comes from the land of the shamrocks: Ireland.

The new CAO is not a new face with UNFICYP, as he served as Chief Finance Officer and Deputy CAO with the Force during its early formative stages — from March to July 1964. Mr. Beirne has been a UN (or UN Family) staffer since 1951 when he joined the International Civil Aviation Organization (a specialized agency related to the United Nations) as accounts officer in ICAO's technical assistance programme in Montreal. In 1957, he was transferred to the UN Technical Assistance Board where he served as Administrative Officer. Later, in 1959, he was given his first peace-keeping assignment as Chief Finance Officer of the United Nations Emergency Force in Gaza. In 1962, he took over as Administrative Officer of the UN Office in Beirut where he stayed for one year. After a brief stay at UN Headquarters, he joined UNFICYP for his first tour of duty. In between UNFICYP assignments, he served as Administrative Officer of the Office of the Controller at UN Headquarters.

In the meantime, he has returned to Cyprus and the Peace Forces' Administrative Section of the Office of General Services.

"Paddy" Beirne will continue to be in touch with his UNFICYP friends as his New York post is directly related to the administrative operation of the Force as well as other peace-keeping operations of the United Nations.

Mr. De Lauro came to Cyprus following the sudden death of Mr. Frank Begley, who had been serving here as CAO until the time of his heart-attack.

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Leaving Cyprus — and the Force — this week is Mr. Alessandro Corradini (of Italy), who has been attached to UNFICYP since September 1964 as a Political Officer. Mr. Corradini is one of civilian staff members who have served longest with the Force in Cyprus.
ABOVE: The Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, presented nine Medals to members of the British Contingent serving at Force Headquarters at a ceremony held there last Thursday. He is pictured above congratulating Driver Steve Dunn on his award.

BELOW: The HQ UNFICYP Comp QM staff left to right (back row) Pte Willie Thompson, RAOC, Gnr Kevin Clarke, RA, Lcpl Ian Gunn, RE, Lcpl Roy Coate, RAOC, front row ROAS John Sexton, RAOC, Capt Pat Patrick, RAOC, SQMS Paul Woods, Royals, and guard dog Sandy, seated in front of Capt Patrick. This picture was taken just prior to a changeover in which three of the staff returned to their units.

NEW CAVALRY REGIMENT DUE THIS WEEK

A Squadron of the 5th Royal Ulster Fusiliers, Commanded by Major G.M.G. (Mike) Swindells, are due to re-train in Cyprus within the next few days and will be taking over from 'A' Squadron 14/20th King's Hussars at Zylf.

Major Swindells arrived on 30th Jan with Captains P.Q. and (Patrick) Brookings, and an advance party under Captain W.A. (Andy) Evans, who have been working since mid-December to make arrangements for reception of the main body on 21st and 21st January.

The Regiment from which this Squadron is drawn, is the result of the amalgamation in 1922 of two old and distinguishable Cavalry Regiments; the 5th (Princess Charlotte of Wales) Dragoon Guards and the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.

The 5th Dragoon Guards were raised in 1685 under Charles, 2nd Duke of Shrewsbury being first known as Shrewsbury's Horse and later as the 'Green Horse' because of the colour of their coats. The 6th Dragoon Guards was raised in 1642 in the town of Enniskillen in Northern Ireland.

The list of Battle Honours borne on the Regimental Standard starts with 'Blenheim', 'Ramillies', 'Oudenarde', 'Malplaquet', denoting distinguished service by the 5th Dragoon Guards in the War of the Austrian Succession. The two Honours, 'The Hook' and 'Korea 1951-52' being earned only fourteen years ago, when the Regiment did its first spell of duty with a United Nations Force.

In the years between, distinguished action by both Regiments was remembered too by a 'D' Squadron's Staff, captured by the 5th Dragoon Guards on Jack's Cap in 1813, which is carried on all Regimental Parades. Last year was the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, at which the Inniskilling Dragoons took part in the decisive cavalry charge. Both Regiments charged with the Heavy Brigade at Balaclava in 1854.

Among the party in Scotty's Antarctic Expedition of 1913 was a Captain of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons - Lawrie Reid, who, struck by the most dreadful cold and almost completely crippled, stumbled out into the blizzard to die rather than hinder his companions, and thus become one of the greatest heroes of the expedition. The date was St Patrick's Day and each year the Regiment observe O'Gara's 'St Patrick's Day' with a commemorative service held on the nearest Sunday to St Patrick's Day.

In 1940, the Regiment which had exchanged its horses for light armoured cars only two years before, fought in the retreat to Dunkirk. They returned to France in Cromwell tanks shortly after 'D' Day and fought through Normandy to finished the War in Schleswig-Holstein. A long period of service in the occupation Army followed till a year in Korea brought a further taste of action and the regiment is now equipped with Centurion tanks first issued to them in 1947. The Regiment Grace in Leicestershire trained young soldiers in Combat and drill, and went back to Germany for another long spell of six years and in 1963 landed in 84 members of the Regiment to form part of the Strategic Reserve.

Last year saw 'A' and 'B' Squadrons alternating between Aden and Bahrain whilst 'C' Squadron were detached in Hong Kong. In Bahrain, 'A' Squadron tanks were loaded aboard a Landing Ship Tank, and the crews spent long periods ashore in the Persian Gulf.

After nearly twenty years with the Centurion tank, ideas must change when the Regiment take over the 14/20th Hussars Ferret Scout Cars and during the last months in Bahrain all spare time was given to conversion training so that no time will be wasted on arrival in Cyprus.

The Regiment is equally well known for its successes in the field of sport and units of UNFICYP can look forward to meeting keen competitors in the new 'A' Squadron in cricket, football, basketball and polo.
Ny Zonpress-officer: Arne Friberg tar över från Kai Karlholm

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KOKA vattnet!

Det kan vara på sin plats att hoppa på vattenprover från campanella i Famagusta, Larnaca och Chalis har som beskert underåt i vattenberedskapeti i Stockholm, och resultatet blev ju det vattet är direkt hålsägglig. Det är särskilt kondition som fångar att använda vattnet inom bataljonens område som drunknatsten, innan vattnet först har kokats. Tidiga ödmjuk erfarenheter visar att det bör öka det bestämmelsen!

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Skandinavisk reduktion, UNFICYP nu drygt 5.000

"Den stora reduktionen" är live - för både danskarn, finnor och svenskar.

Danskarna har minskat sin kontingent om drygt 300 man, finnarna med omkring 200 man och svenskarna också med drygt 200 man. Sammanlagt har FN-styrkan på Cypern reducerats med 740 man och riknar nu omkring 5.050, inklusive civilpolis och civilbefälighet per person.

Den danske kontingentens uppgift till 650 man, den finska till 800 man och den svenska till 750 man.


I övrigt gick allt bra, fast lite trassel med vikten var det ju lite här och var. Det ordnade dock upp sig i sista stund, och ingen behövde lämna kvar någon kamp- sadel på soliga Cypern.

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Ställnacke mästare i terrängöppning

Zonpressofficiet i terrängöppning


Bataljonschefen, överste Wain Hørnefjelde, förstod inriktningen efter viljan och gav också en välfärande elog till 3.kompani, då vakttavlingsskaran, kompanionschefen major Olaf Carlsson, för sina arrangement.

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Färgbild efterlyses på General Thimayya

Har ni en bra färgbild på händerna för Force Commander, general Thimayya? Den vill i så fall den cy- prophobet begreppen gärna tänka.

Regeringen planerar närmast att hedra general Thimayya minnes genom att ge ut ett särskilt fir- märke med hans bild. Då man vet att general Thimayya ganska ofta besökte de svenska bataljon- nen och särskilt Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta har man vänt sig till svenskarna med en särskilt för- frågan om man från svensk sidan ska skaffa ett bra färgbild på den borggående generalen.

alla de fotografiska svenska-erna bör alltså titta efter bland sina färgfotografer från general Thimayya.

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Medaljöndelning med storförmänandet

Det nya årets första besökare på bataljonen har redan anlänt sig.

Det blir stor medaljöndelning på förråd, och då finns troligen på plats både ambassadör Claes Willin från Beirug och chefen för armen- stabens FN - avdelning i Stockholm, överstilfältmán Stallungjum. Det är omkring 550 man i bataljonen 32 C som nu står i för att ta emot FN:s Cypern-medalj efter tre månaders "oförvitlig FN-tjanst".


Eero Lehtovirta tunnattu mies Kyproksella

Olmme katsumassa kuinka monena onko kirkastuvat pataljoonahuoneet, kannan aika sitten pataljoonahuoneen saapuksi uskallutamme tutustua tähän lupaavalle, - ELLE LEHTOVIRTA. - Elle ilme, sillä olisivat saman tähän erittäin kunnossa vikko virsaa pitää silissä, kun han melut jättää koko loppupuolelle.

Taman tuton miehen tasaamisesta ei eivät kasvo ilahduttavat ainoastaan suomalaispataljoonasta, vaan myös muista kontingentiesi, poliittisessa siisteissä ja paikallisen vaeston keskuudessa. Sillä niin ilahdut maan täällä samaa Ops Eco 10 joutumaton sanasta varten viimeksi kiertämään. Ja mielitettävällä ja vaatimattomalla kaykotellen ehdinyt hajauttaa suosittua sillä.


Sodissa hän oli mukaan jouk­kueen johtajana ja komppanian paalikasta aina Lapin retkeen 1945 myöten. Sen jälkeen hän on pal­vellut eri tehtävissä koulukunta­käsemen Hameenlinnassa ja Lapin reitillä. Ovisassa 1960-64 Panssaripataljoonan komentajana ja viimeksi Kypreksellä kotitonti­seroona ja patolajomennin takuullisen toiminnon paalikasta.

Lt Col Lehtovirta is married, the father of five children.
WESTMINSTER HALL: TWENTY YEARS AFTER

U Thant looks back on UN's progress

L ooking back at the problems that the United Nations had to grapple with during its first twenty years of existence, the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, declared last week that "an infinitely larger public opinion throughout the world now looks to the United Nations, with infinitely greater and ever-increasing insistence, for effective action to help set the world right and make it a safe and pleasant environment for the lives of all."

In a message prepared by U Thant for the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the first meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in Westminster, London, the Secretary-General said that today peace through the United Nations "finds itself grappling with problems as different in nature, in urgency and in significance as the world itself is different from what it was then."

"Yet", the Secretary-General added, "common strands tie the two periods together: above all, there are still the political differences between great Powers, still the awful implications of nuclear armament, still the intolerable inequality in the distribution among the people of the world of the benefits of scientific and technical development, and still indeed man's inhumanity to man, that prove most strongly upon the destinies of all of us. It is the surface things that have changed, the shape of our problems, the identity of the leading figures — rather than the fundamental causes."

In stressing the world's present-day increasing reliance on the United Nations, U Thant said that the U.N. has responded "in a not unsubstantial degree to this demand."

The extent of its response can be measured especially, in the Secretary-General's view, in the trend over the years to transform it into an organization for action, and not only for discussion; action in keeping the peace where other efforts have failed; action in teaching, in a collective, systematic and direct fashion the problems of economic and social under-development; and action. It is hoped, for universal participation, for agreement on stopping the spread of the nuclear menace and on disarmament.

"So far, so good", the Secretary-General stated, "but voices by the millions are crying: 'There are the millions in whose name the Charter was written, and for whose sake the United Nations must be made to function in the fullness of its potentialities."

These millions, he said, are asking for peace — not only the cessation of hostilities on immediate battlegrounds of Vietnam or other areas of conflict, but also security for themselves and the generations to come against the threat of war anywhere and at any time, for the present capabilities for mass destruction, a nuclear holocaust hangs as an ominous danger over the whole of mankind.

"These peoples of the world", he said, "are clamouring in short, for that lasting and universal peace in which, alone, international cooperation can work for the greatest good of the greatest number."

The Governing Council of the new United Nations Development Programme met last week at United Nations Headquarters in New York to consider proposals for more than 80 pre-investment projects for about 60 developing countries and territories.

The new programme, established by the last UN General Assembly, was described last week as the most extensive cooperative and multilateral endeavour ever undertaken by the World Organization.

The Co-Administrator of the Programme, Mr. David Owen, spoke of the role played by technical assistance in the help provided by the United Nations family of organizations and said the merger of the Special Fund opened constructive possibilities for an increased specificity in the financial management of development aid.

A report before the Council showed that as of January 1, 111 Governments had pledged contributions totaling some 134 million dollars for this year's activities of the Development Programme. The target is 200 million dollars. Many of the speakers expressed the hope that the target would be reached, while some looked forward to the time when there would be sufficient resources to permit direct investments as a follow-up of the present pre-investment activities.

Need to expand industrial activities in the developing countries was emphasized by a number of speakers. At the outset of the new session, Mr. Mario Fransz of Italy, was elected Chairman of the Governing Council.

PLANS for an International symposium in 1967 to appraise the industrial progress and potential of the world's developing countries and the accelerated for accelerated growth, have been communicated by the United Nations to one hundred and twenty-three Governments.

In a press report on preparations for the symposium, the United Nations Commissioner for Industrial Development, Mr. I. H. Abdel-Radman, suggests a tentative agenda, invites support for action relating to industrialization, and proposes that Governments set up national machinery to plan their participation.

"The Commission expresses the hope that national delegations will be "at the Ministerial level", with "appropriate authorities and specialists" present for consideration of particular agenda items. Participants will be representatives of the member Governments of the United Nations or its related agencies.

"The international symposium, expected to last about three weeks, will follow the holding of a series of regional symposia on industrialization in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. All are being planned in response to resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Industrial Development.

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Many U.N. members, and others in the United Nations who have argued that the use of force would be the only effective method of bringing down the racist regime which had illegally established itself in Rhodesia.

"WAR ON WANT WILL BE WON": UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATOR TELLS COMMITTEE: Economic expansion essential

Industrial progress of developing areas to be subject of conference Symposium planned for next year.

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