Nicosia Zone closes

Brigadier Macdonald pays tribute to past and present members at final ceremony of "Retreat"

As the sweet solemn notes of "Retreat" were sounded here this evening Tuesday, 31 August, the flags of four nations were lowered simultaneously and the 18-month life of Nicosia Zone headquarters of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus came to an end.

With the ceremony the flags of Canada, Denmark, Finland and Great Britain were folded and presented to Brigadier B. F. Macdonald (Canadian Army) commander of the Zone. As announced by United Nations headquarters almost a month ago the improving situation in Cyprus had enabled the Zone headquarters to be closed in an economy move. Up until this evening this headquarters had held operational control over areas policed by contingents from Canada, Denmark and Finland with a small British unit assisting at the headquarters. From 1 Sept. each of the three national contingents will report directly to U.N. Force Headquarters in Nicosia.

Most of the headquarters had been supplied by the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, Calgary, Alberta and in his address to the parade Brig. Macdonald explained that the four flags would now become a proud possession of the brigade archives.

Brig Macdonald addressed his remarks particularly towards the young soldiers of his headquarters. He noted that the "Retreat" ceremony customarily symbolized the end of a day, a campaign, or a life and in this case it marked the end of one phase of a peace-keeping mission. This peace-keeping task was a proud and honourable one, he said, and its continuing success should be a great source of satisfaction to all concerned.

He congratulated his troops on the way they had carried out their important work. Although soldiers had traditionally been war-makers, United Nations officers and men were fulfilling a more important task — the maintenance of peace.

Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Force Commander, issued a special order on Tuesday marking the occasion and containing a farewell message to the Zone Headquarters.

Order of the Day

"Any farewell always contains an element of sadness, and I am particularly sorry in this case to be saying goodbye to Brigadier Macdonald and the officers and men of HQ Nicosia Zone. Not only has your Headquarters been a uniformly efficient organization with which to plan and work, but your generous hospitality and friendliness to visitors have become a byword throughout the Force.

For the eighteen months of its existence HQ Nicosia Zone has been responsible for the most important and critical part of the island. This has thrown heavy work upon you and your predecessors, but by your unfailing determination, scrupulous impartiality, and calm efficiency you have won and maintained the confidence of both communities and so made a great contribution to Cyprus. You will be sadly missed, but your good work will not be forgotten and its effectiveness is plain to see in the greatly improved situation in your Zone compared to eighteen months ago. I wish you all a safe and happy return home, Good Luck, God Speed and Thank you!"
Sverige är "bästa nation"

Sverige är "bästa nation", inte så länge, ifråga om trafiksäkerhet på Cypern. Den svenska konsulens förhållande är enligt den tidigare redovisade statistiken - varit inhållande i endast 30 trafikkontakter, det lågsta antal som någon kontinent kan uppskatta. Mycket arbete ångas nu inom häl-...
UN Decolonization Committee hears Cook Islands report

The United Nations Committee on decolonization last week expressed its disapproval of the recent elections in the Cook Islands which were supervised by New Zealand.

The U.N. Representative, Mr. Omar Abdel, said that the elections were held in New Zealand and not in the Cook Islands, and that the New Zealand government had held the elections in accordance with the terms of the U.N. charter.

Mr. Abdel also expressed his concern about the security situation in the Cook Islands, which has been characterized by political instability and violence.

He called for a more equitable distribution of power in the Cook Islands and urged the United Nations to take a more active role in the region.

U Thant congratulates US astronaut message to Johnson

U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, has sent a message of congratulations to President Lyndon B. Johnson of the United States on the completion of the 6-day flight in outer space by Gemini 7.

In his message, U Thant praised the American astronauts for their bravery and skill, and wished them well in their future space missions.

Mr. Johnson responded with a letter expressing his gratitude to U Thant for the message and congratulating the American astronauts on their achievement.

Turkey gives $200,000 to UNFICYP costs

Turkey has turned over to the United Nations a cheque for $200,000 representing payment of the portion of Turkey’s costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The cheque was sent to the United Nations by Mr. U Thant, with a message congratulating him on the successful completion of the mission.

WPC opens in Belgrade

The Canadian Red Cross Society has opened a branch in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, on Monday, the opening of the second World Red Cross Conference.

The conference is being held in Belgrade and is attended by representatives from all over the world.

Canadians boost Red Cross home funds

Canada’s Red Cross Society has received a significant boost in its fundraising efforts, thanks to a generous donation from the Canadian government.

The donation, which amounts to $200,000, will be used to support the society’s programs and services across the country.

“DAILY MIRROR” CROSSWORD

OOF “most eligible bachelor” is engaged

OOF’s engagement to Captain John Long of the British Royal Navy was announced on Saturday, the 2nd of March.

The couple, who have been dating for several months, got engaged during a surprise proposal on a cruise ship.

“UN” — Accidents

Most road accidents are caused by “UN” accidents. UN stands for Universal, which means they are caused by people who are not paying attention to the rules of the road.

Old people are most affected by “UN” accidents, as they are more likely to fall and have slower reaction times.

The best way to prevent “UN” accidents is to always be aware of your surroundings and drive carefully.


**Force Commander visits Grenadiers**

General K.H. Thimayya, the Force Commander, visited the Grenadier Guards recently to present UN medals to members of the battalion.

**Left:** The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel M.S. Biplay, MBE, receives his award. First commissioned on 1 Dec 1952 as a Second Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, he took command of the First Battalion on 18 July last year. Nearest the camera is Captain R.G. Prox, the Adjutant Commanded to the Grenadiers in December, 1957, he has served in all three battalions of the regiment. He was appointed Adjutant of the First Battalion on 2 March last year.

**Below left:** Major D.C. Gordon-Lees, pictured here receiving the award, was first commissioned in February 1953, and has been Captain of the Queen’s Company since January last year. This is a historical appointment, for since the year 1656 the First Company of the First Battalion has held the unique distinction of being the person Company of the reigning Sovereign.

**Bottom left:** The Force Commander pins a medal to the shirt of Sergeant N. Collins. Sergeant Collins first enlisted in the Battalion in September 1951. Nearest the camera is Sergeant E. Robinson, the Battalion Pioneer Sergeant. He first joined the Regiment as a Boy in June 1949, and has served continuously with the First Battalion since that date as a domestic and assault pioneer. By tradition, Pioneer Sergeants in Infantry Regiments are granted the privilege of wearing a beard — the only men in the British Army allowed to do so.

**ANIMAL LOVER**

The Force Commander visited the WOs and Sgt. Men following the ceremony and was introduced to their Aviary own, Monsieur. The " Zoo" holds Budgerigars and other exotic birds, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits and Goldfish, and is the inspiration of Pioneer Sergeant Robinson and OSMES Clarke. The General is pictured discussing the points of one of the rabbits with Sgt. Men. This rabbit was probably the visitor that had earlier dug a large hole — thereby allowing several birds to escape.

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**NOTER**

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**Princippet** har allerede opstået i mange forløb. Må den således blive vist og forståes i praktik.
FRANCE has ratified the amendments to the United Nations Charter designed to increase the membership of the United Nations Security Council from 11 to 15 and that of the Economic and Social Council from 18 to 27. France's instrument of ratification was received at United Nations Headquarters in New York last week.

The amendments concerning the Security Council in addition to enlarging its membership would also change its voting arrangements on non-procedural matters so that the number of affirmative votes required on such matters would be raised from seven to nine (including the votes of the permanent members).

In order to take effect, the amendments require the ratification by two-thirds of the world organization's members including the five permanent members of the Security Council. The two-thirds figure has already been surpassed and it includes four of the permanent Council members only the United States' ratification is now required for the amendments to come into force.

The amendments were adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1963 in a resolution which also calls on Member States to complete ratification in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by 1 September 1965.

Chinese Representation at UN:

Ten States request issue be placed on agenda

Nine States from Africa, Asia, Eastern and Cuba requested last week that the issue of Chinese representation in the United Nations be included in the agenda of the XX Session of the U.N. General Assembly.

In a letter to Secretary-General U Thant, these States asked that the Assembly consider as an urgent matter "the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations." The letter was signed by the delegates to the United Nations from Albania, Algeria, Burundi, Cambodia, Congo-Brazzaville, Cuba, Ghana, Guinea, Mali and Romania.

Consultations on Peacekeeping report at UN Headquarters

Mexican delegate urges "caution" in 33 Nation Committee's Report

As last week drew to a close, consultations were being held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on the report to be submitted to the U.N. General Assembly by the 33-nation Special Committee set up to examine all aspects of peace-keeping operations.

Speaking on behalf of the group of Latin American states in the United Nations, Mexico suggested in the Committee that a special refinancing fund be established on the basis of voluntary contributions to liquidate debts to the United Nations up to the end of this year.

Dr. Francisco Cuevas Cancino of Mexico said that new horizons had been opened by the evident agreement not to press for the application of Article 9 of the U.N. Charter to those States listed as in arrears as a result of the recommendation if peace-keeping assessments.

In his view, said the representative of Mexico, the waiver of Article 9 applied to debts related to the United Nations' operations in the Congo and the Middle East and that is all. The agreement on this point he said did not apply to the regular budget or to future peace-keeping operations provided there were clearly defined means for their authorization.

Urging the Committee to be cautious in its report, Dr. Cuevas Cancino suggested that it send to the Assembly a declaration of the unanimous desire that the United Nations be strengthened through a cooperative effort, and that the Assembly reconvene under its normal procedures.

Kashmir:

Situation "a dangerous threat to peace"


In summoning General Nimmo to U.N. Headquarters, U Thant described the development of the conflict as posing a very serious and dangerous threat to peace.

In a statement issued earlier in the week, the Secretary-General observed that he had been in constant consultation with representatives of India and Pakistan at United Nations Headquarters, seeking an end to violations of the cease-fire line and restoration of normal conditions along the line.

He again expressed grave concern over reports from General Nimmo that massive crossing of the cease-fire line had taken place resulting in a great number of casualties. Two weeks ago, U Thant had issued a call for "utmost restraint on the part of India and Pakistan."

The Secretary-General, in his statement last week, said he had considered the possibility of sending U.N. Under-Secretary Ralph Bunche to Kashmir as his personal representative to explore ways of preventing a further deterioration and restoring quiet. He broached the idea to the two parties informally on August 20, said the Secretary-General, but responses, while not negative, had in each case involved conditions which he felt would make the mission non feasible at this time. He therefore abandoned it.

Expressing regret at the decision not to send Dr. Bunche, a statement issued by the Pakistan Delegation to the United Nations said that the military observers in Kashmir had only a very limited function and a mission such as that proposed for Dr. Bunche was found unworkable.

It was Pakistan's understanding, said the statement, that Dr. Bunche would have had an unrestricted mandate to seek a solution to the conflict in Kashmir. The cease-fire line, it said, could not be isolated from the surrounding situation, and the concept of restoring quiet on the cease-fire line presupposed the making of an effort toward a peaceful and honorable settlement of the Kashmir dispute itself.