SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONES ACTION ON UNFICYP

The UN Security Council which was expected to meet in New York last week to consider the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Force in Cyprus on the basis of Secretary-General U Thant's report (see BLUE BERET, 13 December 1967, P. 1) has twice postponed scheduled meetings on this question.

Late Monday night, Nicosia time, it was announced at UN Headquarters in New York that the Council would now probably meet today, Wednesday, 20 December.

GENERAL MARTOLA LEAVES FOR FINLAND

The Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, left Nicosia on Tuesday for a brief private visit to his native country, Finland.

General Martola is expected to return to Cyprus on 3 January.

FORCE COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As Christmas approaches, our thoughts turn to our homes and families, but most of you will be unable to be with them other than in spirit as you have been called upon to serve the cause of Peace.

Your role in this peacekeeping force is exacting, it requires tact, skill and patience, qualities you have shown in good measure especially during the difficulties of the past few months. I thank you all for your excellent work.

Next year may well offer a new and better opportunity for solving the problems that have beset the people of this island and this will certainly present us with new challenges in helping towards its fulfillment. I know I can count on your continued loyal support, and the maintenance of the fine spirit of comradeship which exists within this Force, no matter what tasks we are called upon to undertake.

To all of you and your families at home, I wish a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Lt. Gen A.E. Martola.

UN GROUP TO PURSUE PEACE-KEEPING REVIEW

The special UN group of 32 nations appointed by the General Assembly to study the question of peace-keeping operation has been requested by the Assembly once again to continue its consideration of all aspects of peace-keeping, including its financing.

The Assembly currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York has asked the review group to prepare a progress report by next July, and to include in its study matters related to facilities, services and personnel which Member States might provide for UN peace-keeping operations in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

CENTENNIAL MEDAL HONORS

Five members of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse pose after having been awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal, issued to selected Canadians to honor Canada's 100th birthday. Left to right are: WO Bob Slaney, Pte Robby Robins, Sg’t Willy Williamson, Cpl Joe Parrott and Cpl Mac Lanther.

123 MEMBERS

SOUTH YEMEN FLAG RAISED AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week heralded the entry of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen into the United Nations as a further step towards the universality of membership in the Organisation.

The Secretary-General was speaking at a flag-raising ceremony for the new Republic, which became the 123rd Member of the UN on 15 December.

In welcoming Southern Yemen with "joy and gratification", the Secretary-General further declared: "Few nations in recent years have had to traverse so many obstacles as Southern Yemen on the road to freedom. Fewer still have experienced such prolonged and difficult birth pangs. By the same token, very few dependent territories, since the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial countries and peoples, have received such close and continuous attention as the United Nations has devoted to the Territory that is now Southern Yemen."

The Secretary-General added that he hoped Southern Yemen would consolidate its independence in unity and harmony, overcome its problems, and play a constructive part in the world community.

Christmas 'Beret'

This week THE BLUE BERET is published a special twelve-page Christmas edition, but because of the holiday period, the edition of December 27 will have to be curtailed to four pages. The BERET will return to its normal size the following week. The Editor and staff of the BLUE BERET would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members of UNFICYP a happy and peaceful Christmas.
"Lyss"e" glad happening för svenskar och cyprioter

LUCAHORTEGER
I FAMAGUSTA
OCH LARNACA

Med lända lju i hacket, med las-
seketter, papirkakor, "dijèrmess"-
sång och allt som hör till svenska cypernståndets. Ingen svensk på OP eller camp behöva
shåta sig på att det var den 13
december.

Radan tidigt i morgonenberikt
började husandet med bukett på
enligt OP:s av varia viktiga
gåter, den vänaste med tindran-
de löv på hjälmarna, och sedan for-
natt dagen runtom bataljonens
fortsättnings i traditionell svensk
stil.

På kvällen drog lucahorther-
genom gatorna både i Famagusta
och Larnaca, där vanligt nytta
klyftar kunde svenska nära "no-
tiska" platon.

MEDALJE PARADE
FÖR DANCIVPOL

- Ja, så var det DANCIVPOLs
ter till att få FN-medallen för "tro-
tjänste" på Cyprus. Det skede på
"Savvy Hotel" söndag d. 13. DEC, och
här förrättar han den första
20. DEC.

Vid premiären förde alla glåt och
plånnäs sig i lagning i enbrottet ut-
kronstet med sin ambulans.

"Af skade bliver man kug",
snart efter premiären, och de
blev efterföljta, de helkopter-
tränningen för DANCIVPOL VIII
började. Man undervisade nämlig
"tillförselnödvända", som var åtor
för de mange uför det hade på
valet nog omsorgs- och

DANCON - NYT

JULGÄST FRÅN SVERIGE

Ingen jul utan Jerring skrev Blue Beret för ett år sedan, och

"Jokon" selekt i UP norra utan att du alla

Jojon och följa allt För att skapa ett rygg som

Svenska FN-

REPORTATŌRER

JEFERSOM

detta nummer är det sista före
helgen vill Blue Beret svenska

De flesta av oss har nog

kom på ikläpp med red. Av-

vänt om från Sveriges Radio.

och det dröjer några min-

Under en gemensam besökt

och anhörte i Sverige kom

då ha på meddelandet Cypern:

Tack vara Sven Jerring!
Mr G.W. Reynolds, MP, Minister of Defence for the Administration, made a whistle-stop tour of two UNIFCYP units on Friday.

En route to UK from a tour of East units, he had lunch with the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Mantola, at RAF Akrotiri. Accompanied by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col F.E. Kitchin, Mr Reynolds then visited the Greenjackets in Polemidia Camp, and after inspecting the Quarter Guard attended a briefing in the Ops Room there.

Mr Reynolds then flew to Zvij and visited the newly-arrived 'B' Squadron 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards before returning to Akrotiri.

Mr G.W. Reynolds inspecting the Quarter Guard under command of Sgt Burke, of the Greenjackets, 20 minutes after Sgt Burke left for UK where he is to attend a course to qualify as a light aircraft pilot.

Mr Reynolds is seen talking to Signaller Donald Gray from Loughton, Essex.

Mr N.C.N. Harris, OC, B Coy 4/7 DG, explains a procedure to Mr Reynolds, right is Sgt M.J. Wythe from Bingham, Yorks, and Cpl Sam Vakakepe from Fiji.

The E-in-C, MajGen J.H.S. Browning, QBE, MC, visited the Tnpp from B Field Squadron, RE, attached to the Greenjackets, on Wednesday.

He spent a few minutes on Tango Hill in the Kophinou area, went on to Mars and concluded his tour at HQ UNIFCYP where he met the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Mantola. He also inspected the Engineer Detachment under command of WO1 P.J. Meeke, RE. The E-in-C was accompanied by Lt Col S.H. Clack, RE, Chief Logistic Officer, HQ UNIFCYP.

The E-in-C inspecting the upper personnel of HQ UNIFCYP. Left to right: Sgt 'Jocks' Grant on sales counter, Cpl 'Taff' Tyas (Electro-mechanic), Cpl John Seber (Chippies), Lplt 'Taps' Winstone (Water Dept), Lplt 'Taff' Hold (Draughtman) and Spr John Hayes (Storeman).

At a parade held at HQ UNIFCYP on Wednesday the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Mantola presented UNIFCYP medals to members of the Headquarters staff and Force support units. 3 Officers and 36 men were so paraded. The Force Commander was seen presenting Lplt Mike Parker, RAOC, from Stratford-upon-Avon with his medal; Mike is the HQ Armament Storeman. Next to Lplt Parker is Pte Ed Mould, the QM's clerk.

By now, it was Monday morning and the first tired men went through Customs formalities in the Customs Hall at Akrotiri. After duty sleep, in transit accommodation, they left for Zvij: later that morning.

One member of the Squadron who has a good story in Cyprus is Tpr David Anderson from Coper, Fife, Scotland. His parents have lived in married quarters in Akrotiri for two years; the three of them hope to return to UK together next June. David's father, Sgt Anderson, is the Sergeant's Mess Steward at the RAF Station. The Army appears to be telling the RAF a lamp-throwing tenet tale, but mother recognises it as a good worn yarn!
Last week members of the Army Mortar Troop 9 Inf Gp took over duty on Defence Platoon HQ UNFICYP from 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (42nd and 52nd). The change over was carried out with full ceremony. The photographs show the Platoon at the "Present" while the Bugler sounds the "General Salute".

Present during the change over: CSM John Willoughby Royal Green Jackets, BSM Bill Jackson 9 Inf Gp and BSM James Paul Camp Staff HQ UNFICYP.


Sgt Patrick Skehan reading the Guard to members of the New Guard. (L to R) Gnr William O’Connor, Cpl Hugh O'Connell and Cpl Hugh O'Connell.

A Merry Christmas
To You All

Guley Sami from the local village meets Santa Claus.

Cpl Patrick Butler (R) and Lt Cdr O’reilly satisfying the thirst of the children.

Sgt John Davis and Sgt Padddy Hughes looking after their guests.

On Sunday 17th Dec, 8 Coy 9 Inf Gp entertained the local children at a Christmas Party in Kakka.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE — Members of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse at Camp Maple Leaf hold a memorial service following the death in Canada of Major General P.J. Worthington, considered the 'father' of Canada's armoured corps. Here, Captains George Davidson, Protestant chaplain, and Major J. Mothers, CANON Catholic chaplain, conduct the service at Race HQ.

CANON NEWS

UN PROVOST — Sg't Ed Blanchard (left) a member of the Canadian Parent Corps and Capt Nils Peterson, a member of the Danish Army Provost Corps both serve as members of the UN Provost which is based at Wembley Barracks.

RECE PATROL — Sg't Brian Baker (left) and Yng Ron Flemmen pass inside their Forest patrol car to confirm a map position as they carry out a Reconnaissance patrol in Kyrmen District.

CHRISTMAS COMES TO CANON

Messes are decorated to mark the festive season, turkeys are being prepared for the traditional dinner, and many of the outputs and messes feature gay Christmas trees.

Christmas Feasts are being held at the mess halls at Camp Maple Leaf. The men are being entertained by the mess staff, the CANON bands, and the CANON choir. The mess halls are decorated with Christmas trees and lights, and the atmosphere is festive.

A TIME FOR CAROLS — Members of Camp Maple Leaf Sergeant Major's Mess Sg't John Walcott, Sg't Andy Sch COOKIE and Sg't Joe Conacher sing songs of the season while Sg't Ray Hoss plays the Ivories.

HQ UNIFICYP SERGEANTS MESS ENTERTAINS THE CHILDREN.

Twelve Syrian children were entertained on Saturday at the children's party. By the look of the photographs, all seemed to be having a good time. The standard of the fancy dress was high and the young lady with the robe carrying the title of 'Order of the Bath' was one of the winners (photo below).

Present were distributed by Santa Claus ably played by Sg't Jim Chalmers. It would appear that members of the mess enjoyed the party, many of them playing 'Daddy' to Tiny Tots for the afternoon.

CYPRUS PATROL — Three men from 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, who man the United Nations 'saddle' outpost in the Kyrenia Mountains of Cyprus pass to check the surrounding countryside as they make a routine foot patrol over the rugged terrain. Left to right are Pte Denis Turville, Pte Sandy MacDonald, and Cpl Roy Warren.

SADDLE SOLDIERS — Four members of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, serve at 'Saddle' outpost and all are from Halifex, US. They are (left to right) Pte Hardy McDonald, Pte Robert Turner, and Pte Trace Robinson (left rear) Pte Donald Murphy.
UN MOVES TO ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION OF WOMEN

A declaration aimed at eliminating discrimination against women has been unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly meeting in New York. This followed a unanimous recommendation by the Assembly’s Social Committee, and followed several years of work on the document in the United Nations.

The preamble of the declaration states that the discrimination still existing against women is incompatible with human dignity and with the welfare of family and society. It states that equal rights must be applied in all fields including acquisition and control of property, especially in marriage choice of spouse, a say in rearing of children of marriage and the right to divorce. The declaration also contains provisions dealing with a right to freedom of movement — in some states, a married woman cannot leave the country without her husband’s written permission — and a right to vote and hold a public office. Full national development and welfare and peace of the world, the declaration declares, require the greatest degree of participation of women as well as men in all fields of endeavour.

U Thant Regrets Spellman’s Death

U Thant, sent the following message of his Holiness, Pope Paul VI, on receiving news of the death of M.E. Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York:

"With sadness and deep regret I have learned of the passing away today (2 December) of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman. As Archbishop of New York he maintained a close interest in the activities of the United Nations and on many occasions we had the pleasure of having him at our Headquarters. I wish on this sad occasion to extend to Your Holiness my heartfelt condolences."

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY OBSERVED IN NICOSIA

HUMAN Rights Day, marking the nineteenth anniversary of the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948, was observed in Nicosia with a ceremony organised by the United Nations Association. The main speaker on the occasion was Mrs. Stella Soulisoukli, Minister of Justice of the Government of Cyprus.

ZYI GREET MINISTER

Mr. G.W. Reynolds arriving at Zygi being met by the Squadron Commander of 8 Sqn 4/7 DG, Major H.C. Harris, U Col F. E. Kinnis (control accompanied Mr Reynolds throughout his tour.

LUCKY WINNERS!

UNFICYP JOINS TO MAKE XMAS BAZAAR A SUCCESS

The Christmas event that for the past few years has linked UNFICYP members and wives with the Cyprus community is the annual Christmas Charity Bazaar organized by the St. Anthony’s Benevolent Society in Nicosia.

On Monday last, Father Flavius Rendom, President of the Society, sent a letter to Mrs. Therese E. Morgan asking her to convey to the ladies and members of UNFICYP — "who were so helpful in making the Bazaar a success" — the warmest thanks of the officials and members of the Society.

The UNFICYP contribution of time, of talent and effort was greatly appreciated. Father Rendom says.

List of Bazaar reef winning numbers:

PST 1349 — Dollar Trip
2556 — Constantinia Camel
1554 — Ladies Hambug
4626 — Silent Glee
4628 — Silent Sneeze
4620 — Delightful Rose
1914 — Electric Harper
2304 — Roman Lighter
2054 — Roman Needle
4909 — Inrider Print
2022 — Under Print
2020 — Electric Shopper
UNIFCYP MEDAL TO ADC

At a private medal parade which the camera was privileged to witness, the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola, is seen in his office presenting the ADC, Capt. Peter Sarvanto, with his UNIFCYP medal — Finnish paper please copy.

UN GROUP AGREES ON SPACE RECOVERY DRAFT TREATY

An agreement on the rescue and the return of astronauts and space vehicles has been unanimously approved by the Legal Sub-Committee of the UN's Outer Space Committee.

Last week, a working paper containing a draft agreement authored by the United States and the Soviet Union was submitted to the outer space unit. Both States urged its speedy adoption which they said would be a positive contribution to international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

The agreement had been drawn up after consultations among space Powers and other members of the Committee and would bind all parties to do everything to rescue and help any astronauts who may land in their territory as a result of "accident, distress, emergency or unintended landing."

In case of a landing on the high seas, parties in a position to do so would be required to help in search and rescue operations. The draft agreement also calls for the prompt return of rescued astronauts and their vehicles to representatives of the launching authority.

SECRETARY-GENERAL HAILS FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DATE

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Finland (see BLUE BERET, 13 December 1967, P. 8), UN Secretary-General U Thant sent a message of felicitations, on 6 December, to the President of the Republic of Finland, Mr. Urho Kaleva Kekkonen.

In his message, the Secretary-General said that during all its years of independence, Finland "has set an example as a model member of the international community". The United Nations, he added, has drawn heavily on Finland for qualified personnel at various levels for its manifold activities.

U Thant also expressed his "greatest appreciation" for Finland's "dedicated support for the purposes and principles of the Charter, and for the understanding and cooperation" extended to the United Nations by the Finnish Government.

ASSEMBLY ACTS

MEASURES ADOPTED TO BOOST WORLD ECONOMIC PROGRESS

The 123-nation UN General Assembly now meeting in New York last week approved several resolution dealing with measures to promote economic progress — in particular in the developing countries of the world.

The Assembly also sought measures to promote the application of science and technology to the economic growth of developing nations. The Assembly further called for coordinated efforts to combat protein malnutrition. And it decided to keep under constant review the problem of the "brain drain" of trained technical personnel from developing to developed countries.

In connection with the latter, United Nations bodies were called on to intensify support for the efforts of Governments of developing countries to create or expand existing institutions concerned with research and training of professional personnel.

The Assembly also urged Member States of the United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe to intensify economic cooperation for their mutual benefit, as well as for the benefit of developing countries, and to try to remove barriers to trade.

Another resolution adopted by the Assembly calls for preparations for international development strategy for the decade of the 1970s. The Assembly also designated 1970 as International Education Year in recognition of the importance of education in promoting development and peace.

Still another resolution appealed to Member States to do everything possible to increase the resources of the United Nations Development Programme, bearing in mind the target figure of 350 million dollars a year which the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has suggested by aimed at by 1970.

UN BODY URGES RELEASE OF SW AFRICA PRISONERS

The UN General Assembly, currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York with the participation of its 123 Member States, last week called on the Government of South Africa to discontinue its trial of 36 Southwest Africans under Pretoria's Treason Act, and release and repatriate the accused men forthwith. It also called for the unconditional and immediate withdrawal of South Africa's military and police forces, as well as her extension, from South-West Africa.

The two decisions on Southwest Africa followed over a week of debate on the question. The call for the release of prisoners, sponsored by 72 nations, was appro-

'APARTHEID' CONDEMNED BY U.N. ASSEMBLY

Acting on a recommendation by its Special Political Committee, the Assembly has called for total mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa in order to secure an end to her racial policies.

The resolution condemned political, economic and military collaboration with South Africa as lending encouragement to Pretoria's policies of apartheid. It particularly requested her major trading partners urgently to disengage from South Africa and facilitate a more effective action against her.

BAD DAY FOR UNIFCYP HQ

At Dhekelia on Saturday, HQ UNIFCYP were beaten by the Army (Cyprus) team 24 points to 6 points after a muffling game.

ved by 110 votes to two (South Africa and Portugal), with 1 abstention (Malawi). The resolution calling for South African withdrawal from the territory, adopted by 93 votes to 2 with 18 abstentions, embraced the wider issue of Southwest Africa as a whole.

The latter resolution requested the UN Security Council to do all in its power to enable the United Nations and the UN Council for Southwest Africa to fulfill their responsibilities in the Territory. It further declared that South Africa's continued administration there was a violation of the Territory's integrity and its international status.