UNIFICYP MEDAL FOR DRAGOONS

The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martole, is seen presenting the UNIFICYP Medal to Trooper Dick Rothera, from Huddersfield, who is flanked in the picture by Troopers Dave Slater (left) also from Huddersfield and Vic Jones (right) from Halifax — three Yorkshiremen. (See story on P. 4).

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION ON SW AFRICAN TRIALS

The UN Security Council last Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution threatening "effective steps or measures" against South Africa if she did not promptly free 33 South West Africans tried and sentenced under her "Terrorism Act".

The UN Secretary-General was asked to follow the matter closely and report back on its implementation by the end of this month, with the Council keeping the issue open on its agenda.

The resolution was based on an African - Asian - Latin American draft, whose wording was modified in the course of intensive consultations in order to obtain unanimity.

It censured the Government of South Africa for her "flagrant defiance" of the United Nations on the trial issue. Both the UN General Assembly and the Council had earlier urged that the trial be halted and the accused set free on the grounds that South Africa had no jurisdiction over South West Africa since her old League of Nations mandate was ended by the UN in 1966.

The Council called upon UN Member States to cooperate with it in order to obtain South Africa's compliance.

UN BODY TO DEBATE RHODESIA EXECUTIONS

The UN Security Council, prompted by a request from the 36-nation African Group of Member States, was scheduled to meet this week to consider sanctions required to bring down the white minority regime of Mr Ian Smith and to ensure self-determination for the country.

The African Group said in its letter of request that the selective mandatory economic sanction imposed by the Council over a year ago against the regime of Mr. Smith had been ineffective — as African nations had feared when they were decided on in December of 1966.

"The failure of these measures," the Group said, "has been dramatically demonstrated by the recent tragic assassination of political prisoners by the racist regime in Rhodesia. More such assassinations are planned and expected."

Security Council Extends UNIFICYP Mandate

The 15-nation UN Security Council last Monday extended the stay of the 4,700-man UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for another three months with the hope that progress towards a settlement of the Cyprus question during that period would allow it to be substantially cut or withdrawn entirely.

The Council acted on the recommendation of the UN Secretary-General, E. Thant, who reported last week that chances for a genuine peace between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities had never been better since civil strife erupted at the end of 1963 — but that the UN Force sent to the island four years ago was still needed.

Monday's Council resolution, unanimously adopted (see full text of resolution, P. 8), urged the parties to the dispute to act with the greatest restraint and to use the present auspicious opportunities to achieve peace objectives.

The Council's debate was marked by satisfaction at the great improvement in the situation in Cyprus, following last November's crisis that brought Turkey and Greece into an ominous military confrontation.

There was also general endorsement of the Secretary-General's plan to have his Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, bring Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders together to seek a settlement.

Ambassador Jennifer Rosides of Cyprus spoke of a moving rebirth of amity between the two communities and hoped for a positive response from the Turkish Cypriots to President Makarios' recent lifting of restrictions.

For Turkey, Ambassador Orhan Errolp said the "relatively optimistic" prospects today resulted largely from the withdrawal of Greek troops above the Treaty limits from the island after last year's crisis.

The Greek Representative, Ambassador N. Bitsis, said his country had steadfastly supported the cause of peace, and had recently opened talks with Turkey on contentious issues, that could be dealt with bilaterally.

Among other speakers, Lord Caradon of the United Kingdom and Ambassador George Ignatieff of Canada said their countries would maintain their unions with the Force. Lord Caradon also pledged one million dollars to help defray the Force's costs.

Ambassador William Buffum of the United States, the major financial contributor to the Force, said this support would be maintained. He noted the continuing deficit in the Force's budget, and joined the United Nations in urging that the deficit be eliminated.

Ambassador Jacob Malick of the Soviet Union — back at the UN after an absence of 15 years — said he did not oppose the three-month extension of the Government of Cyprus and the other parties agreed to it. However, he declared, a settlement required the elimination of all foreign forces and bases.

Ambassador Armand Berard of France told the Council that the UN Force's further mandate must not justify any delay in reaching a settlement.
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DANCON - NYT


Arvfieneden DANCON slagen

4-1 i sondagens fotballskamp


Det skal tilfælgte at VM-tekniker som Jørgen Pedersen inviteret galler håndbold.

DANCON-laget var klare favoritter og de værte praktisk ude på spil, mens det danske viste ansvarlighed. Sparegjælden mødte de med 1-0 i første halvdel og forlade med 3-0 i anden. Torsten Blom skabte et 3-0 og Kurt Eriksen avsluttede den svenske målbestikningen med 4-0 imøde.


Landskampen gikk på såværme ud i ånden. En tipp igennem i et skytte af kampen, men at spillet fra den turkscytterøse dommer, som for øvrigte støttede af musikken, fik minutter for tidtag. Ordetnens åben skældere bærer og fuld til slet tank om småninger.


Ytterligere, spillerne i det danske hold, var til høgere ledelse, men de blev triumferende på at sikre det danske hold i aktiviteterne.
IRCON CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK’S DAY AT XEROS

NEW COMCEN AT XEROS CAMP

NEW ARRIVALS

STAFF OF THE BLUE BERET

IRCON NEWS

The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A. E. Martelle, presenting the UNIFCYP medal to the Squadron Commander, Major Neville Harris. Next in line to receive his medal was 2nd Lieutenant Giles Brady, Sergeant Charles Brown from Londonbridge, Northern Ireland, was the Medal Orderly. On extreme right is Sergeant, Dave Sands.

230 HELICOPTER SON DET RAF JOINS UNIFCYP

One of Friday afternoon's cloudbursts, appeared four helicopters carrying the United Nations emblem but at a type perhaps not so familiar to UNIFCYP personnel.

The four flying machines were helicopters of 230 Helicopter Squadron, RAF, under command of Squadron-Leader David Todd. They had flown direct from Odiham, Hampshire, to Nicosia in nine hours after leaving UK on Monday.

The route took them across France, stopping at Orleans-Bracy, Lyons and Nice, on to Italy where they slipped from Pisa to Brindisi and then Brindisi. The last leg was across the Aegean Sea, Athens, then to the island of Rhodes and thence to their destination — Nicosia.

It was a unique trip for the detachment to undertake and was summed up by Squadron-Leader Todd when he said: "It was a great fun!"

The detachment is in the process of taking over duties from 72 Squadron, RAF, detachment under present command of Flight-Lieutenant Guthrie Young. They will return to the UK along the same route with their Whirlwind helicopters — to show that they can do it too.

Welcome 230 and good luck on your return to UK, 72.

NEW ARRIVALS

Lt-Col M. J. Murphy 9 1st Gp thund from the left, turning the first and at the new Commen Centre at Xerous Camp, has the plan explained to him Engr Officer, Lt-Cdr P. Brundell (third) from the Irish, Ready to continue the work are (from the left) Cpl Brandon, Cpl Pat Brogan, Sgt Patrick Conroy and Cpl Brian Copeland.

220 HAPF ORGANISATION

Traditionally, shamrock is issued to all personnel of the Royal Dragon Guards on the occasion of St Patrick's Day. This year, the 1st Gp was chosen as the recipient. From left to right are: Cpl Bob Brown, from Hylandfield, adjustment of shamrock 1.
‘OPERATIONS’ SWITCH AT HQ UNIFICYP

Major C. F. Burnet (center), Royal Canadian Artillery, Yorkton Saskatchewan, takes over as Operations Officer (A) 2 from Major R. D. Smith (right), Royal Canadian Dragoons, Montreal, Quebec, during a brief ceremony at Headquarters United Nations Forces in Cyprus last week. Major D. T. Luton, Fort Garry Horse, of Vancouver B.C. will assume the function of operations officer while Major Smith returns to Canada this week.

CANCON ENTERTAINS ‘BEAUTY ON TOUR’

CANCON NEWS
(Canadian Forces Photos)

‘HOME FROM HOME’

Jakevili Sgt R.J. Fitzhenry, Medicine Hat, Alta gets a helping hand from the attractive visitors to CANCON Sergeant’s Mess for afternoon tea. The girls: Diane Farris of Edmonton (left) and Maureen Quigg of Duncan, B.C. are on a two-year world tour which commenced during Canada’s centennial year.

The girls plan to continue on to Cairo from where they will return to the two-year world tour which commenced in Canada in 1967. To prepare for this tour, Diane and Maureen taught school in the United States for a year and saved sufficient money to embark on the project.

During an interview they stressed the relatively low cost of such a venture because of the availability of small hotels which offer board and rooms at very modest rates compared to Canadian standards.

Fifty yards from “A” Tzilos Company in the Kyrenia mountains, two retired British officers have taken over an old farm house and made a very attractive residence. Major Phyllis Heywood (left) and her husband Jerry, a retired British officer, have been in the Kyrenia area for some time and have made a new life for themselves in the mountains.

FINCON NEWS


Katafalousen Chilimeidelen ammokirjojen hyvitysviihe nosti joukkoperustusten kohdalle. EK:n päällikkö, mjr Neski, itn Miettinen ja JH Kahana ja muut joukko-osastot ottivat osaa kahdessa joukkoperustuksessa.

Malesmat ovat hieman erilaiset verrattuna kotiosan niinkin ja metallin. Hyvin näkyvä suomalainen jääkäri sitä sopivasti puikalliseen maailmaan.

Osa kuvaista on ilmainen ja muita materiaaleja on mahdollista saataville.
“Apprehension” Voiced
By France on Future
UN Peace - Keeping Role

In the Special Committee which is looking into the whole problem of UN peace-keeping operations and their financial implications, France last week reiterated its conviction that armed force could be used by the UN only on the basis of a decision from the UN Security Council.

Addressing the Committee, currently meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, Ambassador Berard de France said that the study the Committee is called upon to make for the UN General Assembly by July on matters relating to facilities, services and personnel which might be provided for peace-keeping operations, could only bring out the divergencies between the concepts of various Members, and these divergencies concerned the very nature of peace-keeping operations. They were based on varying interpretations of the Charter, and, thus, the study of “practical aspects” could not be dissociated from constitutional problems.

Apprehension was also caused by the fact, he stated, that certain delegations wanted to avoid all controversy over fundamental questions. This led to the conclusion that these delegations could not find confirmation for their theses in the document to which France subscribed along with others.

Formulations regarding “peace-keeping operations by consent” were felt to lead the United Nations towards “dangerous practices.”

The precedents of the forces in the Congo and the Middle East, he said, had indicated that it was time to consider the UNIFCYP Flight, Army Air Corps, under command of Major David Creig, MBE, GM. The Flight is now the only Army Air Corp unit in the Middle and Near East. He spoke to all officers and men of the Flight during his visit, before flying in one of the Sioux to Nicosia, Anadolu and Polimadia.

At its Headquarters he spent the week-end and Monday with the 1st Battalion of his Regiment, The Royal Green Jackets, where his son, Captain Nigel Mogg, is the Signals Officer.

East, he went on to say, were reason for prudence regarding a system of rapid and perfect United Nations intervention, which, in fact, would be based on misunderstanding and would create illusions.

France, he declared, wanted to reiterate its conviction that armed forces should only be utilized in exceptional cases strictly under Article 43 of the Charter, and should be based only on Security Council decision. Only in such a framework should the Committee undertake the study, he added.

In addition to operations with the use of armed forces, there was a whole gamut of activities which the General Assembly could undertake, such as observation, surveillance, or inquiry. In connexion, he supported the suggestion that the Committee examine the means for ensuring greater effectiveness for this type of activities.

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION

Following is the text of the resolution submitted to the President of the Security Council, Mr. Ousmane Sow Diop of Senegal, adopted unanimously by the Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Monday afternoon, 18 March 1968.

“Tentative Resolution, Noting from the report of the Secretary-General of 14 March 1968 (S/468) that in the present circumstances the role of the Force in Cyprus is still needed if peace is to be maintained in the island,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has been addressing itself to the prevailing conditions in the island it is requested that the Force be maintained in the island until 26 March 1968,

Noting, from the Observations in the report, the new conditions prevailing in the island,


2. Urges the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint and to continue their efforts towards co-operative effort to achieve the objectives of the Security Council by availing themselves of the present auspicious climate and opportunities;

3. Extends once more the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force, established under Security Council resolution 186 (1964) for a further period of three months ending 26 June 1968, in the expectation that genuine progress towards a final solution will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force.”

During his visit to the UNIFCYP Flight, AAC, Lieutenant-General Sir John Mogg spoke to Corporal Adrian ("Scouse") Carter, REME, one of the Flight’s aircraft technicians.