Christmas ‘Beret’

This week THE BLUE BERET is publishing a special twelve-page Christmas edition, but because of the holiday period, the edition of December 28 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.

UNFICYP SERVICE

Members of all Contingents of the Force took part in a Christmas Service held at St Columba’s Church, RAF Nicosia, on Monday. Each Contingent contributed its own section to the interdeno- minational service conducted by the Reverend M. Pavey. Pictured above, the Force Commander, flanked by the Chief-of-Staff and his ADC, leads the Carol singing.

FORCE MANDATE EXTENDED

CASH PLEDGES DURING COUNCIL DEBATE

The United Nations Security Council meeting in New York on Thursday afternoon of last week unanimously adopted a seven power resolution extending the mandate of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus for another six months until 26th June of next year, “in the expectation that sufficient progress towards a solution by then will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force.”

In extending the mandate of the Force — established in March of 1964 — the Council took into consideration the Secretary General’s latest report (see Blue Beret of 14 December, page seven) in which U Thant stressed that “the familiar pattern of an uneasy truce” had continued during the previous six months and that the situation remained one in which, “were it not for the presence of UNFICYP, several incidents could have developed into serious fighting.

The Council in its resolution, submitted jointly by Argentina, Japan, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda and Uruguay, urged the parties concerned in the island to “act with the utmost restraint and to continue deter-mined cooperative efforts” to achieve a settlement.

During the Council meeting, pledges of financial assistance to help meet the Force budget for the new mandate came from the United States, who pledged four million dollars, Britain, $2,000,000, and Greece, $600,000. Estimated costs for the extended operation are more than nine and a half million dollars.

In a supplement to his report, made public the previous day, U Thant informed the Security Council of the recent purchase by Cyprus of a quantity of arms from Czechoslovakia — including a thousand rifles and sub-machine guns — for the enlargement and partial re-equipping of the police force, and on this point, the United States expressed some con-

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FORCE MANDATE EXTENDED

Secretary-General's Report...

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S THANT'S REPORT ON THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN CYPRUS, WHICH WAS CALCULATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 14TH.

"Since the publication of my report on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus for the period 11-June to 5 December 1966, the Cyprus Government, as stated in paragraph three below, has confirmed to UNIFCYP that it has imported a quantity of arms which it intends to issue to the Cyprus Police, whose strength, it was recently announced, would be increased from 2,000 to 2,300.

UNIFCYP has no detailed knowledge of the type of arms imported by the Cyprus Government, other than that the delivery has included, 1,000 rifles and 1,000 sub-machine guns, which will be used to equip the 300 policemen attached to the Cyprus Police, and also to replace the old arms of police being used by the Police.

As I pointed out previously to the Security Council, any influx of arms and other military-type equipment into Cyprus is a cause for concern to UNIFCYP with regard to the discharge of its mandate. My Special Representative in Cyprus and the Force Commander were informed by President Makarios on 10 December 1966 that the new arms which had been imported from Czechoslovakia were at present stored in an unspecified location under the control of the Cyprus Government, but would soon be delivered to the Cyprus Police for another two months, and training of additional personnel was in progress.

I have also been informed by the Cyprus Police that a further consignment consisting of twenty armoured cars was awaited but emphasized that all the new equipment would be under close supervision.

On 12 December, the Turkish Embassy in Cyprus transmitted to UNIFCYP a copy of a radio statement which it sent to the Cyprus Government on the same day protest ing the importation of arms.

On 13 December, my Special Representative informed the Turkish Government that at the request of UNIFCYP, President Makarios had agreed that the unopened consignment of armoured cars be left undelivered to the Military Forces. My Special Representative also informed me that the Indian military personnel of the Force were currently being made for the proposed inspection to take place as soon as possible."

RCP PLANNED CHILDREN'S PARTY

THE FIRST BATTALLION, The Royal Canadian Regiment, is planning an elaborate Christmas party for the three children in the Home for Sick Children, Kyrenia, complete with the appearance of Santa Claus who will entertain the little patients who are recovering from terminal illnesses.

Santa and his elves will be on hand with gifts for the children, who will have the Home as their own private Christmas Village.

PEACE-KEEPING PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

A CANADIAN DRAFT RE-SOLUTION ON THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS, including their authorisation and financing, was submitted by the Canadian delegation to the General Assembly's Special Political Committee. The Committee approved three resolutions in the sub-committee, the other two being on Jordan and a Palestinian proposal.

The Canadian resolution, co-sponsored by 20 countries, was approved by a vote of 25 to 12 in favour of 14 against and with forty-two abstentions. It requires several methods of financing peace-keeping operations, some of them voluntary. It invites member states to furnish information on any military or civil forces they might be able to provide for peace-keeping operations, asking the Secretary-General of the United Nations to authorize a study of means of improving preparations for peace-keeping and urges the Special Committee of thirty-five nations on peace-keeping operations to continue its comprehensive review of the whole question.

The Irish proposal, co-sponsored by eleven other nations, was approved by a vote of 20 to 39, with 60 abstentions. It calls for mandatory guidelines for financing peace-keeping operations. It would see a peace-keeping expenditure of up to $100 million a year, as opposed to five per cent of the cost among the economically less developed countries.

HOLD SPACE CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR

THE UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEE last week unanimously requested that a UN Conference on the peaceful uses of outer space be held next year.

One topic of the conference will be how to bring the benefits of space programmes to non-space powers. The conference will not be limited to the 73 countries already represented, but a proposal to extend that number to 150 was met with approval.

The Committee also opened its debate on the recently agreed draft treaty on an outer space station, to be signed by 150 delegates from all states that will be attended.

Overall, the meeting was described as a step forward in the exploration of the universe.**

MEDALJE - OVERRAEKKELSE

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas Message of An tAire Comhais to members of 7 Group Coliste serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

"It is a pleasure for me today to speak to you, members of the Irish Defence Forces serving in Cyprus, on behalf of your families. It is a time of great joy and celebration for many, a time when families come together to share the festivities of Christmas. As far as I know, this is the first time that any Irishman has sent Christmas wishes to you. May this day bring you joy and happiness. May the season of goodwill bring you peace and happiness."

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"I would also like to message all those Irishmen who are serving with the United Nations Peacekeeping Organisation in the Middle East, and especially in Lebanon. I wish you well, and I know that your work is appreciated by the people of the area."

GROUP SPORT

RUGBY: THE 7s GROUP recorded what is probably the most significant sporting win of any Contingent so far when their "A" team won the seven-a-side tournament at Dibollas last Saturday, beating an RAF side in the final. Throughout the competition all seven of the winning side commanded Paphos District when the British Battalions have been involved with rotation problems. He also commended the Kokkins "Bridgendans" of the unit on the east, who had similar difficulties. As the new Rugby Commander will not arrive until next month, it is understood that the unit is not expected to play a full season. The Blue Beret is published by the Information Group of the Irish Defence Forces for information purposes only. The Editor: Maj Gen Donal O'Hanrahan

GROUP CHORUS

The Commanding Officer Lt Col J K Hanley speaking at the opening of the new NCOs Mess of the Irish Defence Forces, which is situated in the area of "A" Coy Camp, in O’Brien putting on Christmas decorations at the Irish Defence Forces Camp. The Commanding Officer LT COL J.K. Hanley speaking at the opening of the new NCOs Mess of the Irish Defence Forces, which is situated in the area of "A" Coy Camp, in O’Brien putting on Christmas decorations at the Irish Defence Forces Camp. The Commanding Officer LT COL J.K. Hanley speaking at the opening of the new NCOs Mess of the Irish Defence Forces, which is situated in the area of "A" Coy Camp, in O’Brien putting on Christmas decorations at the Irish Defence Forces Camp.

FOCUS ON SIO

72 SQUADRON TAKE OVER

A DETACHMENT FROM 72 SQUADRON RAF has relieved 18 Squadron RAF on the Helicopter Support Unit within UNFICYP. The effective date of change-over was 10 December, and members of 18 Squadron left the island on 17 December, on route for Gutersloh, Germany.

An article on 72 Squadron RAF (which is commanded by Flt Lt Peter Foot) will appear in next week’s "Blue Beret".

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HOT BATHS AROUND THE ISLAND...

The photographs accompanying this article were taken at Xeres Bridge, in the western Province of Spain, which is the point where the road that connects Spain with Portugal. The road passes through several villages and towns, including Almagro and Caceres, before reaching Xeres Bridge. The bridge itself is a significant landmark, with a rich history dating back to the 12th century. The area around the bridge is known for its scenic beauty and cultural heritage.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

GROUP SPORT

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showed admiral courage and stamina.


RACEh: Two road races were run at Leixlip last Sunday. Results were:


Soccer: In the Intercountry Soccer tournament, "A." City had an easy win over Arad Cobh last week.

FAMAGUSTA DINNER

A DINNER in honour of the Irish contingent was given by Mr. B. M. W. E. B. of Famagusta, the local representative of a famous Irish distilling company. The Commanding Officer and a number of officers and men attended, together with prominent businessmen from Famagusta. The guests were entertained by local music and dance, and the more notable members of the Irish community were present.

FOCUS ON UNFYICP'S INTERNATIONAL SU

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Stgt Finn Hansen from Copenhagen is the Danish member of the group. He is studying to become a lawyer. Stgt Niall Healthy, from Cork, is the Irish representative. Apart from investigations he is the ‘production’ specialist, and most of the paper work is done out from under his guidance.

All members of SU are provided with training in sport and fitness training. The Commanding Officer, Stgt Finn Hansen, includes: Paddling, boxing, football, squash, tennis, and cycling. They are also expert shakers, and are the main product of the company concerned.

The bridge has considerable importance for the area, as it connects two important regions of the country. It is situated on a major road that runs from west to east, connecting several major towns and cities. The bridge itself is a significant landmark, with a rich history dating back to the 12th century. The area around the bridge is known for its scenic beauty and cultural heritage.

HUMAN RIGHTS — Human Rights Day, which marks the anniversary of the proclamation 18 years ago of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, was observed in Nicosia — on 13 December — with a ceremony organized by the United Nations Association of Cyprus. In the above photograph, taken during the ceremony, we can see Dr. Nicos Georgi, Senior Legal Political Adviser of the Force, addressing the gathering. On his right, Mr. G. D. Cleland, President of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, who also addressed the meeting, and on his left, Justice M. T. Mansfield-Kay, President of the SNAC.

TRIBUTE TO THIMAYYA

LAST SUNDAY MARKED BY THE PAVING AWAY OF GENERAL K. S. THIMAY- YAUDDY CPM Commenced from July 1964 until his sudden death last year.

On this occasion, the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation organized a special programme which was aired with the participation of representatives of the different ministries and organizations serving the Forces.

In this connection, Mr. C. A. Bthought, the representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, made the following statement which we reproduce here for the readers of THE BLUE BERET.

"We need to believe that a year has elapsed since what sad morning when we were stunned by the news of the sudden death of the late, and warmly remembered, General THIMAYYA.

"To me, it was particularly shocking as I personally had known him perhaps more intimately than any other officer and had much respect for his knowledge, his integrity and his personal qualities.

"Much has been said and written about him, a soldier who was an admiral with exceptional human qualities — and yet one feels that much more could still be said of his professional skill, sharp wit and his disarming charm which allowed him to blend with us all, and which we deeply regret his being with him through so many difficult periods of his distinguished career.

"In sharing responsibilities with General THIMAYYA, I was always firmly convinced that he was particularly conscious of the significant role of the United Nations peace-keeping operations, that he served in them, he was ever in sight of his duties, he never referred to them or to their importance in preventing the tensions and frictions in any particular area from extending into more serious conflicts.

"These operations have a high significance of their own, indeed, since peace-keeping operations are starting to develop the first standards of a military in such difficult days — by understanding.

"General THIMAYYA’s success in this direction, and as a result of this fact, that based on his own solid military experience in World War II and subsequently in the United Nations force in Cyprus, a role for which his personal qualities was an object lesson in how a good soldier should carry out his responsibilities."

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation for its initiative to honor the memory of our late Force Commander. I can think of no better tribute than to recall that when the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, was informed of the sad news a year ago, he described General THIMAYYA as a splendid example of those soldiers of peace and understanding for whom the United Nations had always been a splendidly unique and inspired employer.

A better description could have been made of him than this, indeed, unique soldier.”

Messages in their national newspapers were broadcast by the following UNFICYP officers, all of whom were serving with UNFICYP at the time of General THIMAYYA’s death:

- Austria: Colonel A. H. Forster.
- Canada: Lt. Col. C.V. Carlson.
- Denmark: Major O.H.M. Hasselhoff.
- Liechtenstein: Colonel E. Lehto.
- Ireland: Commandant S. O'Brien.
- Sweden: Lieutenant Colonel G. Strefilliet.
- United Kingdom: Lieutenant Colonel A.R. Ytho.

JAMAICA MAKES FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO UNFYICP

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Jamaica has made a further contribution to UNFYICP, which has been informed by the United Nations. According to the sources, the contribution was in the form of a voluntary contribution. The sources also noted that the contribution was for the period ending 31 December 1966.
LUCIAFRANDET BLEV FOLKFEST FÖR FN-SVENSKAR OCH CYPRIOTER

RATLIONENS LUCIAFRANDER BLEV EN STRÅL- LANDE FEST. TVÅ SÖTA SVENSKA LUCIÉR, MARianne Wall- ander, Boel Sjöjerna och Ann Grubb, spred lys och äkta helmdistans- ning på Ose och förkläningar. De genomförde sitt rekordlång dagpro- gram från födelsedagen till julen.

I det programmet ingick också besök konstförläggningar och på sjukhus som kortsigt genom Fana- gatan och Larunna.

Många cyprider såg en aning förnuftigt ut när de ej heller så krigiska k-pärmen kom rullande genom.


I Famagusta tog bergmästaren emot lucian Boel Sjöjerna på stadens toppplats med en chestadensk honnus och honom uppvaktande besök turister och soldater i vit skjorta och Carrie menytröja och den grekiska tjänst benämnd i Famagusta. Från stadsområdet försvinner fragran tiden genom staden. Så huvud knykt av vid Demokratia Avenue blev det genast stor folkpunkt- net. Så här har kontaktet mellan FN och cypriter varit så god att det framgått i en stellavändare delas ut kläder till barnen som träglade omkring hennes." 

"... då på vår tredje står, välkommen med ljus i hela, Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia." Så kallas de 2 komma lucia Boel Sjöjerna på väg in till den av- chante med Janmarksdagen i filmen på Carl Gustaf Camp.

MO'S GIFT TO CHILDRENS' HOME

LOTTERY PRIZE MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR NEW TREATMENT ROOM

I Ayaouin hôpital kom cypritiska skällorna på besök i FN-sjukhuset och spela och sjunga för barnen.

Peter Zekia, 7 år, vinkade med en ljus knopppalje till Gold Fish Camp i Fa- magusta, här såg vi en hel del svenska av FN-kvinnor. Efter en regnigvård svenskstämning i farbitt Svea mikrogen hoppas hon bli till barnes i Sverige.

INGEN JUL UTAN JERRING

Mandatory Sanctions

including Oil Embargo, to Be Employed Against Rhodesia

The United Nations Security Council decided on Friday of last week that economic mandatory sanctions — including an oil embargo — should be employed against Rhodesia in a further effort to bring down the white minority regime of Mr. Ian Smith.

Acting on the basis of British proposals, extended by African amendments, the Council ordered all United Nations Members to boycott selected Rhodesian exports involving over sixty percent of her import trade. It also called on all States to prohibit the supply of oil and other products to Rhodesia, as well as military equipment, aircraft and motor vehicles.

However, the Council turned down an African demand that Britain be asked to use "all means" at her disposal to prevent the transport of oil or other products to Rhodesia. This provision had been requested by the African states as a means of ensuring South African and Portuguese compliance.

The resolution was first approved by a two-thirds vote in favour, with France, the US, Belgium, Bulgaria and Mali abstaining. France had explained earlier that she had favoured action to bring down the South African regime, but that she felt the decisions were Britain's responsibility, and that the US and Mali were concerned with the resolution of the African question.

The proposed invitation to Britain to use "all means" to prevent the transport of oil to Rhodesia was turned down by a vote of seven in favour with eight abstentions. Britain objected that this implied responsibility for enforcement by her alone, and she could not accept this.

Also rejected by the Council was a provision which would have had the Council deplore Britain's refusal to use force, and also Portuguese and South African support for the regime. Another African amendment — which failed by one vote to get the total needed for Council action — would have included coal and all manufactured goods on the list of boycotted imports.

Britain argued that this would do more harm to Zambia than to Rhodesia, but Uganda declared that it was not in the business of clearing the Council about the Zambian economy, when that country herself supported the proposed move.

Also rejected was a proposal calling on Britain to withdraw, and that she petition the Smith regime and declare categorically that she would grant independence only under majority rule. Britain said that this impinged on matters under the sovereignty of the British parliament and was out of place in a Council resolution.

After the vote Nigeria expressed disappointment, saying the Council apparently felt that "the half-hearted steps" should be continued, but that the decision was, nevertheless, historic and should be respected. Mali expressed concern over the need for more vigorous measures to secure the rights of the Zimbabwe people and the USSR claimed monoplistic British and other interests were responsible for the rejection of the African amendments. Britain said, however, that the defeat of the action by the Council was right and necessary at this time, and in a major step towards a just solution.

TWO COVENANTS ADOPTED

The United Nations General Assembly last week unanimously adopted two Covenants on Human Rights, which, when ratified, will legally require States Parties to implement the rights and freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Both the Secretary-General, U Thant, and the Assembly President, Mr. Abdul Rahman Pahlevik, said the adoption of the Covenants as a "historic moment in the history of the United Nations."

UN AIMS ARE REAFFIRMED

Korea Resolution Carried

The main political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly last week reaffirmed that the aims of the United Nations in Korea were unification in peace by peaceful means and the full restoration of security in the area. The resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote in favour of nine against and with twenty-four abstentions also asked the UN Commission for Korean Reunification and Unification — set up after the last World War — to continue its work.

The resolution further said that the United Nations forces still remaining in South Korea would be withdrawn when Seoul requested this or when a settlement was reached. The resolution was in all essentials the same as that adopted yearly since 1950-51.

Support for the resolution came from nearly all the western and Latin-American countries and a substantial number of other Non-aligned countries. The United Nations forces were described as "impeccably" and "almost exclusively" of African origin.

The Committee rejected a Soviet proposal asking that all American and other foreign troops be withdrawn, that the UN Commission be dissolved, and the United Nations drop the whole subject. With few exceptions, the vote was the reverse of that for the adopted resolution, on the Soviet proposal, which said that the unification of Korea was the affair of the Korean people and could best be settled by direct negotiations between North and South.

In the closing stages of the debate, Russia reiterated charges that the US wanted to "split" South Korea into a permanent base and that she rejected the use of South Korean troops in Viet-Nam, but the spreading of Korea rejected those charges and expressed gratitude for the presence of the United Nations troops providing their continuing help in the defence of the South, stating further that the resolution represented the best hope for Korean reunification.