Wednesday, 24th January 1968

URGENT APPEAL MADE FOR UNFICYP FUNDS

U N Secretary-General, U Thant, has issued a new and urgent appeal to Governments for voluntary contributions to cover the operation of the United Nations Force in Cyprus until 26 March, as authorized by the UN Secretary Council.

U Thant said in a letter that the financial situation relating to UNFICYP has been progressively deteriorating since inception of the Force in March 1964. He said new pledges totalling more than 16.8 million dollars must now be received if the Organisation was to be in a position to honor in full its past commitments to Governments providing contingents to the Force and to cover other costs involved in maintaining it until the end of the current three month mandate.

The Secretary-General recognized that such contributions were entirely voluntary and were understood to be made without prejudice to the positions of principle regarding the financing of peace-keeping operations. On the other hand, U Thant emphasized, it was essential that necessary pledges be received if the UN was to be in a position to continue to carry out the mandate unanimously decided and repeatedly extended by the Security Council, and to honor financial commitments incurred by it for that purpose.

JARRING TO PURSUE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT, S - G SAYS

U Thant, UN Secretary-General, last week reported that his special peace envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, had received positive reactions from all the Governments he had visited concerning the desirability of continued steps to improve the general atmosphere while searching for fundamental solutions.

In a progress report to the UN Security Council, U Thant said it would be premature for him to report at this time on the substance of Ambassador Jarring’s talks with Israel, Jordan, the United Arab Republic and Lebanon since these were continuing at the wish of the parties and had not reached a stage at which any conclusions could be drawn.

In Nicosia, the UN Middle East Mission which has its headquarters in this capital, announced that Ambassador Jarring was proceeding to Amman on Sunday and continuing on Monday to Jerusalem with the purpose of holding further discussions with (Continued on Page 8)

PHOTOGRAPH taken during the funeral of Capt McNamara at the Austrian Field Hospital.

FUNERAL HELD FOR IRCON’S CAPT McNAMARA AT AFH

A funeral — with full military honours — was held on Wednesday morning last in Nicosia for Capt Christopher McNamara of the Irish Contingent serving with UNFICYP who died suddenly in Cyprus last week.

The body of Capt McNamara was brought to Nicosia following his death from natural causes at Xeros Camp.

A requiem mass for Capt McNamara was celebrated at the Austrian Field Hospital by Rev Fr. P. McCabe, Chaplain of the 9 Inf Group. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Force Commander and each Contingent as well as the United Nations Secretariat.

Among those attending the funeral and Mass were Lt Col J. J. Cooney, representing the Force Commander; Mr W. J. Y. Duke, UNFICYP Chief Administrative Officer, representing the Special Representative in Cyprus of the Secretary-General, and Lt Col A. Cullen, representing the Minister for Defence of Ireland.

The remains of Capt McNamara were later flown to Ireland — on Thursday, 18 January — and internment took place on Friday 19 January in the United Nations Plot, Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin.

AAC FLIGHT ‘VISITS’ FIELD HOSPITAL FOR ‘CASEVAC’

The Army Air Corps Flight of UNFICYP descended on members of the Austrian Field Hospital last week. The object of the exercise was to practise the loading and carrying of stretcher — borne casualties in the litters on each side of the Sioux helicopter used when the more luxurious and spacious Wessex is either not available or is impracticable due to the terrain.

The ‘patients’ were men of the Field Hospital and instruction in transportation was given by NCOs of the AAC Flight. They explained how it is vital for the patient to be wrapped in such a way that he (or she) is both insulated as far as possible and rendered immobile by the means of two blankets being used in a special way. A head support is also used whenever possible.

The ‘casualties’ were actually transported from the scene of a staged incident to the hospital, a few miles away, so that they had first-hand experience. As a result of this successful co-operation between the two units further practices with elaborations are being planned.

Colonel Robert Wex, Commandant of the Austrian Hospital, (wearing beret) seen watching the securing of a patient in the litter of a Sioux before it takes off for the hospital. The pilot was Lieutenant Joe Williams, AAC.
PÅ PATRULJE
I TROODOS

SG J.T. Hennem fra SP-DEI. var med sin drivet KS T.K. Peterson på patrulje i Troodosbjergene mandag d. 15. januar. På grund af de ubestemte

cyes, der var opført ved dine

begravelser, blev solildet forvaret af solill'et forret i mestemester.

Som alle kan se, er det afstemt

og poseret, så dekemester fra Char-

le's FRS: P.F. Jansen.


DANCON - NYT

Vi bringer her nu den nyeste fra The Blue Beret.

Pål Winter.
DANES VISIT BRITCON AT ZYXI

LAST week a party from the Danish contingent of UNIFIGY
paid a visit to 9th Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragon Guards
after the latter had previously enjoyed the Danes' hospitality.
After a look at the hardware owned by the squadron, the
two contingents took part in a football match which the Danes
won 3-1 and a valley ball match which went to the hosts and
made an honourable draw of the overall contest.

Corporal Alf Iddison from Darlington, Co Durham, explaining
the intricacies of a Ferret armoured car to two interested
members of the Danish contingent.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS IN BASE

BRITCON NEWS

A HAIRY STORY

RUMOURS had been heard that there was a new
fashion contest taking place amongst a few of the residents
in Polemihdia Camp so the camera set out to discover a lit-
tle more about it.

It found that the handlebar moustache was flourishing on
some faces after much nurtur-
ing. It is intended to keep eyes
open for any whiskers that
show signs of extending be-
beyond the limits gained by the
current holders.

One of the moustached
fellows in Corporal Richard
West from Cheshire, London, who
with a four-inch set of
whiskers, is one of the more
ferocious-looking Regimental
Police in the battalion
Guard Room (on the outside,
of course).

BROTHERS IN ARMS

After recently finding a pair
of brothers serving together at
Zyxi, another pair has been
found at Polemibhla.

The brothers Saker from
Edmonton, London; Riffman
Edwin (Ted) — left — and
Lance-Corporal Peter. Both en-
listed on the same day at Fin-
chley. London, exactly three
years ago and both are serving
colours in the battalion, Ted in
the Ops Room and Peter in
the MT office.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS IRCON

THE Force Commander, Lieutenant General A.E. Martell,
visited Lefka District on Friday 19 January and presented
the UN (Cyprus) Medal to members of 9 Infantry Group.

The Force Commander was met at Lefka by an Arm-
oured Car Escort and con-
ducted to Xeros Camp. The
General was received by the
Commanding Officer, Lieut-
enant Colonel M.J. Murphy on
arrival. After inspecting a Ga-
ard of Honour commanded by

Lieutenant James Mortell the
Force Commander was condu-
celled to the parade which was
reported to him by Lieutenant
Colonel Murphy. The Force
Commander then passed the
medals, and addressed the pa-
rade.

Lieut Col M. J. Murphy Officer Commanding 9 Inf Gp with
the Force Commander on his arrival at Headquarters Lefka
District, Xeros. (R) Capt P. Saravanto, ADC.

Capt P. O'Farrell Adjutant 9 Inf Gp receives his UN
Medal.

The Force Commander addressing the parade after the
presentation of medals at Xeros.

The Force Commander inspecting the Guard of Honour commanded by Lieut
James Mortell.
FINCON NEWS

Nämä naiset muodostivat esikuntaryhmän. Heidän innoittajina ovat HQ UNFICYP:n, mutta vaikka he työskentelivätkin tavallisesti minna Suomen päälliköstä esiinään, he siitä huolimatta tai ehtivät juuri siksi tutustua kuuntelemaan ja hautaantua koko suomen suunnitteleen rauhanuvarauksen järjestelyen, joka muodostaa Suomen kontingentin päälleen.

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ARIC MARSHAL VISITS HILLTOP OUTPOST


Cpl Charles Richardson, (left) and Pte Thomas Brown carry out a foot patrol to check the country side surrounding "Beaver Lodge" outpost. CANCON has 18 permanent and one temporary outpost, all manned by members of 1 BN, The Black Watch.

Captain Joe Manning (left) and Cpl Fred Arbuckle check a field communications line which forms part of the UN communications network.

CHANGES AT UNFICYP HQ

Major C.F. Burstall (left) has arrived from Canada to take up duties as S & D 3 Special Projects succeeding Major Tim Smith (right) who now becomes OPS A2. Major Smith, in turn succeeds Major Dom Porter (centre) who has completed his three year tour of duty at UNFICYP Headquarters and now returns to Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa.
Secretary-General sees talks following end of Viet-Nam bombing

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, last week declared that recent statements from the North-Vietnamese Government had reinforced his conviction that an end to the bombing of North-Viet-Nam would bring about meaningful talks between Hanoi and Washington within three or four weeks.

Speaking at a press conference held at UN Headquarters in New York, U Thant added, however, that talks between Hanoi and Washington would not of themselves solve the problem of Viet-Nam.

The aim of such talks, he said, should be to pave the way to the reconvening of the 1954 Geneva Conference which settled out the internationally agreed basis for the independence of the former French colonies in Southeast Asia and the maintenance of peace in the area. And the purpose, he declared, should be to achieve full implementation of the 1954 accords.

U Thant said, while he was convinced an end to the bombing of the North would clear the way for negotiations, he did not believe fighting in the South would stop while talks were going on.

He noted that if North Viet-Nam were to agree on a total cease fire, it would amount to open admission of its predominant role in the fighting in the South. And this Hanoi was obviously not prepared to admit.

The Secretary-General observed that it was common knowledge that there were about 50,000 North Viet-Namese regulars operating in the South, that there were over 200,000 indigenous South Viet-Namese fighting with the National Liberation Front, and over 200,000 in the South Viet-Namese Army, and about half-a-million Americans and their allies.

From Hanoi’s point of view, he said, was that recognition would open the doors to a peaceful settlement of the problem.

On Cyprus

The Secretary-General said he was continuing his round of talks with the Representatives of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey in an effort to find a common ground.

He said: “In the context of the Security Council resolution of last December (see BLUE BERET of 27 December 1967, p. 0), I had several rounds of discussions with the representatives of the three Governments here, offering my good offices and the talks are still going on. The positions of the parties, you will remember are more or less the same as they had stated publicly in the Security Council debate. But I am carrying on with my efforts to find a common ground and a common denominator to help bring about a peaceful settlement of the problem.”

Rugby

Congratulations to Lieutenant Chris Stanger of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Green Jackets, on being selected to play for the Army (Cyprus) team against the RAF at Happy Valley, Episkopi, last Saturday week. The Army won the game for the first time in six years by 11 points to 8 points.

Middle East

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THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS team before the race. (Back row) 2Lt Philip Ling, L CPL Michael McKinnon, L CPL Lloyd Pitkin, Lt Robin Laughter, Rfn John McDermott. (Front row) Rfn Colin Grey, CPL John Coby, Rfn Paul Knights.

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