BUSY FIRST WEEK FOR NEW FORCE COMMANDER

The first week as Commander of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus has proved to be an extremely busy one for Major-General Ilmari Martola. On the move almost non-stop, he has travelled the length and breadth of the island by helicopter and car. He has called on President Makarios and on Dr. Fazl Kuchuk, Vice President, and has visited nearly all the six major contingents of the Force to gain first hand impressions and on the spot briefings and to meet the Commanders and men of the various Zones and Districts. ‘BLUE BERET’ photographers accompanied the Force Commander during many of his visits and these are some of the pictures they brought back of the General’s first busy week with UNFICYP.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEET UNFICYP COSTS

Sweden and Turkey have responded to the appeal made last March by the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, for further voluntary contributions from UN Member States to help cover the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Mr. Sverder Aström, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, said that his Government had decided to make a contribution of 90,000 dollars towards meeting the costs of UNFICYP for the 27 March — 26 June period.

In a letter, dated 17 May, received by the Secretary-General from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the UN, Mr. Orhan Eralp, the latter informed U Thant that the Turkish Government had decided to make a voluntary contribution of 150,000 dollars to the UNFICYP expenses for the current period (26 March — 26 June 1966). In his letter, Mr. Eralp said that Turkey was making this contribution in response to the Secretary-General’s appeal “and as a further token of its ardent desire to seek a peaceful settlement and an agreed solution of the Cyprus problem”.

The new Force Commander pays a courtesy call on His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic, at his palace in Nicosia.

With CANCON — Major General Martola talks to Lance Corporal MacNeill of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch, (RHR) of Canada at Pileti post in Kyrenia District.

Accompanied by Colonel Lars Låven, left, Commander SWECON and Famagusta Zone, the Force Commander prepares to inspect a Guard of Honour at Carl Gustaf camp.

General Martola, accompanied by Colonel Låven, left, is briefed by Major J. Robber, OC 1 Coy, SWECON, in one of the 34C Battalion’s posts overlooking the harbour at Famagusta.

General Martola also met with leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community. He is pictured here with Dr. Fazl Kuchuk, Vice-President (right) and Mr. Cemal Mustufazade. On extreme right is Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus.

With his own national contingent — the force Commander accompanied by Captain P. Kamari, 2 IC, 2 Coy (left) and Colonel U. Koskenpalo, Commander YKSP 5, is briefed on a local position near East District headquarters.
MED DANCON V PAA POST I NICOSIA

Flere Danske nyheder paa side tre

TUTUSTUMISKAYNTEJÄ JA KIIRETTÄ

Tuoksikava kireisen viikon neuvoviesteissä päätökselle Thanssi erikoi
toistensa Carlos Bernardoin kanssa.

Dansk

Nyt

from side to side

GENERAL MARTOLA VED DANCON V I TIRSDAGS

En ny chef for UNIFICYP, den finske generalmajor I.A.E. Martola, besøgte tirsdags DANCON. Generalen blev modtaget af chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant M. Vinterkoll foran Ladra Palace. Han var opmærksom på en ansigt fra A-kaptesgjort. Efter en orientering på hovedkvarteret blev kommandørerne og stabens officere fremstillet for generalen, og efter en kattepove kurv generalen et tid for "den grønne linie".

JOURNALIST - BESØG FRA DANMARK

Med SCACYP'ns tirsdags ankom to danske journalistere, der vil begejse indenfor 6. Det er Svend Aage Mattson fra Danmarks Højre og Ole F. Frederiksen fra Jyske Tidende. Besøget er arrangeret med højkommu
dørens bestyrelse, og journalisterne vil under opfoelget komme rundt til alle kompanjerne.

SELF om kun to mand havde meldt sig gjennem velfordkortet til hyvistendingen i Nicosia, lykkes det ved telfonomgivelser i løbet af sømløse

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PRESENTATION OF UN MEDAL

O N Thursday last Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CRE, MC, Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the British Contingent, of UNFICYP, presented the UN Medal for service in Cyprus to 106 officers, NCOs and men of 4th Squadron, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, commanded by Major Mike Swindells, the Squadron Leader. Attached personnel of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the Army Catering Corps and the Royal Army Pay Corps were present with the Squadron.

Brigadier Wilson, who flew to Nicosia in a Black helicopter of 4th Air OP Troop R.A.E. piloted by Captain Rod Conning R.A.E., was accompanied by a Staff Officer from HQ UNFICYP, Major David Watson, S.E. (I.N.S.) D.G., who commanded 'A' Squadron in the Armed Forces of the UN in the Mediterranean.

During the presentation of medals Brigadier Wilson paid frequent visits to NCOs and men of the Squadron, most of whom were young recruits from Northern Ireland. The Squadron then formed a hollow square formation for presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sergeant P.J. McCavana of 2nd Troop.

Sgt Peter Minwalla, who originally enlisted in the Royal Hampshire Regiment in 1947, transferred to the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the same year. He is a trained parachutist who has served in Northwest Europe, Korea, Egypt and Malaya (Borneo & Brunei) where he was attached to the R.A.F. for two and a half years. He recently commanded the Recce Troop in the Raf.'

In a speech to all ranks following the presentation of medals, the Chief of Staff reminded those present that the UN Medal was unique in that it was awarded only in the case of those who had served with the United Nations on operations overseas.

The ceremony was held at District HQ House at Nicosia, the Squadron's headquarters, and was attended by the British and UN contingents. fly the United Nations, soldiers and過程 became a colourful and impressive display with vehicles flying the United Nations flag.

The Chief of Staff at UNFICYP, and Commanding Officer of the British Contingent, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CRE, MC, recently congratulated and thanked Private A.P. McCall and Private K.R. McCall for their prompt and resolute action in fighting and extinguishing a dangerous petrol fire at the main petrol point at UNFICYP.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

LOCAL XEROS TEAM WIN AGAIN

Soccer. HQ Company made an unprecedented bid during the week to reprove its previous defeat by the local Xeros team. Cpl N. O'Donovan scored the only good goal for the Irish side. We want a proper recovery to get our team back in shape for the match against the Irish Side. The match was won by our team with a score of 2-1. The standard of soccer was impressive, with B Coy at Kato Pyrgos drawing with its out-of-town factory at Kato Pyrgos, the final score being 2-2.

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Basketball. B Coy attribute their failure on Thursday last, when they were beaten by 30-18 by HQ Coy, to lack of practice, as the court at Kato Pyrgos is not yet ready.

Euchre. A match between A Coy and B Coy was played at Kato Pyrgos on Tuesday 11th May. B Coy won the first match by 2 games to nil. In the second, however, A Coy "over 35" reversed the previous result with a 2 games to 1 victory.

On Sunday 15th May, members of B Coy had an enjoyable afternoon at the Children's Works at Kato Pyrgos, at which music was provided by the Three of the Unit Pipe Band.

The three men of Headquarters Coy had the distinction of representing the Company on the Inter Company soccer team, for the first time in their career. Cpl Tom Gleeson, the Company's leading scorer, made a fine display of his skills.

AIR OPS OFFICER COMPLETES TOUR

Ft Lt Peter Keates, R.A.F., Navigation Flight instructor at RAF Valley, North Wales, who was due to complete his tour as Air Operations Officer at HQ UNFICYP. In addition to the tasking of all UN operational, administrative and training flights, he acts as liaison to the Force Commander, Chief of Staff and HQ Staff Officers on all matters. Peter has also flown from time to time with the detachment of 13 Sqn RAF on normal duty flights and on emergency sorties.

Brigadier Wilson presents the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Sergeant Peter Minwalla.
Nye Force Commander inspektører bat 34C


OLYMPIISKA ZEITUNG

Neumann zerbor den Engländer

Anahin oklar om minskning av UNFCYP


Kommando har med ut av generalkmillen U Thant i stort sett minskning av UNFCYP både under visse rådsettinger. Hans forskrifter om FN-høvdingene i New York, UN og FN. UNFCYP vil ha samme utstyr. Fordi det egentlig er en skuffelse. Dette vil være en grense for å sørge for at denne unikt tiltrekningen er for små.

En tredje årsak for en minskning av den amerikanske styrken vil være at det er allerede et slag, men at den amerikanske styrken er så småom å være for små.

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue its first 11-cnt postal card for overseas use on 9 June, as a result of a need for the UN postal stationery.

The card will be imprinted on the postal card was designed by Olof S. Mathiasson (Sweden). The design (red, yellow and orange), is ab- strac in nature and the words “AIR MAIL” appear almost illegible.

The card will be printed by the photo-offset process by Eurek-Carleil Co., Swar- ven, Pennsylvania, in an initial quantity of 250,000 UN. The aim of the card is to inform the public of the air mail service and to encourage the use of this service.

By ren skribent konter er under utvise til den senere høvding.

NEUMANN ZERBORME DEN ENGLÄNDER

NEUMANN ZEBROMBE LA ENGLANDER

Idrottsnytt

Seriebland signalisatorer i volle- brett drivre. Efter första stunden kan de svagare, som är de större, gen- eralitet av det tekniska best tända spelet, utsattes för den aktuelle lag. Teknikerna iDivisionen för Nicolas ausgeram- mades.


Die Abteilung mit Wertheim, Mikkos, Mikulas, Groth (nach deren Ver- leihung Vock) und Rehmke jedes- nen die Fragen: Schwächeren oder nicht, die Beteiligten aspirieren besonders daran, die rings um die Herrliche Vorlagen in Toru e.


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Danish gift for UNRWA

200,000 DOLLARS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) last week announced that the Government of Denmark, through its Secretariat for technical co-operation, is making a donation of $200,000 for vocational training in 1966, in addition to the Government's regular annual contribution of $72,000.

The donation is intended mainly to meet the operating costs of UNRWA's teacher-training centre for men in Ramallah, Jordan, towards which Denmark contributed $100,000 in 1965.

The teacher-training centre at Ramallah was established by UNRWA in 1960. Its capacity was doubled to 400 trainees in 1962 with a world refugee donation of $145,000 from the Danish Refugee Council.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Laurence Michaelmore, has expressed to the Government of Denmark his profound gratitude "for this timely and generous increase in Denmark's aid to the Palestine refugees".

This latest donation brings the total of Denmark's Government's contributions to UNRWA since 1950 to a total of $986,363.

AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN POLICE ROTATION

Rotation of the 40-man Australian element of civilian police attached to UNFICYP took place on Tuesday, 24 May.

Thirty-eight members who have been with UNFICYP for the past year returned to their home stations in Australia. Two members left earlier this month. During their service in Cyprus they served at Headquaters, United Nations Civilian Police, Nicosia, in UNFICYP Lefka District and in the Paphos/Klima Sector of UNFICYP Limassol Zone.

Outgoing personnel are being replaced by forty volunteers from all parts of Australia.

RHODESIA

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE CONTINUES

Majority against use of force at this stage

The Security Council debate on Rhodesia adjourned last Friday until Monday afternoon. The African group is asking for a re-blockade on Rhodesia, particularly to deny her oil from South Africa and also to use force if needed to bring down the white minority regime headed by Ian Smith which rebelled against the Crown last November. However, a majority do not support this course, at least at present, and they favour awaiting the outcome of economic sanctions.

Armed action is favoured by the Soviet Union and Bulgaria; Jordan favours more drastic measures than those being taken.

Ambassador Keita of Mali also denounced the London treaty by catering to Smith, but said, Britain shared responsibility for the plight of four million Africans of the Zimbabwe. Africans' demands, he said, were simple: that Britain should liquidate the Smith regime and establish majority government, that the present situation is an insult to all Africa.

Foreign Minister Kapwepe of Zambia, although not a Council member, participated in the debate. He said the Smith rebellion must be stopped before it triggered wider conflict. Relations between his country and neighbouring Rhodesia had reached danger point, he said.

For the Netherlands, Ambassador de Beus said the effectiveness of economic sanctions against Rhodesia should not be underestimated — she has apparently lost sixty per cent of her export market because of curbs imposed by some 70 countries blocking Rhodesia and, intervening by arms against the Smith regime, he said, would require large-scale military operations and occupation of at least some neighbouring countries, and doubtless, the shedding of much blood; but the UN Charter itself said that force should be used only if other steps had failed, which was not the case.

Mr. de Beus' favouring taking no such action on the African draft resolution pending the outcome of the London talks.

Jordian replies to Israeli charges

REPLYING to charges lodged by Israel, Jordan said in a letter to the Security Council this week that it was Israel who bore responsibility for the incident that occurred on 10 May in the vicinity of the village of Beit Mersim. (See Blue Beret of 18 May 66, page two).

Ambassador Muhammad El-Farra said in a letter that Jordanian Forces had only fired in self-defense after Israeli Forces had opened fire on Jordanian farmers.

Israel charged that Jordanian Forces deliberately attacked an Israeli work party repairing a track north of Beersheba.

Meanwhile, Israel said, in reply to a Syrian letter, that Syria was trying to make itself responsible for border violence by spreading false rumours about an alleged Israeli threat to Syrian security.

Syria charged Israel with levelling a number of unfounded allegations against her and said such accusations usually preceded new Israeli attacks.

Refugee Commission is $1 million under target

THE UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, told a general meeting last week that his office was still one million dollars short of the financial target of $39 million dollars for 1966.

More than half of this amount was to be spent on refugee projects in Africa and Asia.

Addressing the Executive Committee to which he is responsible, the High Commissioner warned that failure to finance projects for refugees in 1966 could result in "situations of political friction and instability that would ultimately prove far more costly to deal with."

He said his office had received requests for aid involving half a million dollars from African refugees and added: "There are still people fleeing for their lives."

DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

BRITAIN'S ROLE IN ADEN

INDEPENDENCE EMPHASIZED

The United Nations Committee on Decolonization last week emphasized that Britain was the authority responsible for putting into effect the UN resolutions concerning Aden. The Committee urged Britain to carry out these resolutions so that the people of Aden might accede to independence in accordance with their freely expressed wishes and without further delay. It also asked the Secretary-General to arrange for an effective United Nations presence in Aden before and during general elections as called for by the General Assembly.

The Committee had been informed earlier that the Government of the Federation of South Arabia had decided to accept the UN resolution on Aden, planned to hold a referendum in early October, and considered that the resolutions could be implemented and requested the appointment of a United Nations Observer at the conference.

Britain told the Committee that it had a positive attitude regarding resolutions on Aden, subject to reservations. Britain also said it would welcome UN presence in connection with the elections.

In another action, the Committee approved a proposal by the Soviet Union that the Secretary-General be requested to seek information from specialized agencies on their implementation of UN resolutions seeking to speed decolonization.

STOP PRESS

RHODESIA

(See this page, main story)

An African proposal that the United Kingdom blockades Rhodesia and uses force if needed to bring down the white minority government headed by Ian Smith failed to obtain adoption in the UN Security Council on Monday, 23 May.

Voting for the move were the three African Members — Nigeria, Mali, and Uganda — along with the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, and Jordan. Abstaining were the United Kingdom, the United States, France, China, the Netherlands and Spain. By default, Australia and New Zealand voted against. Negative votes are needed for a resolution to be carried in the Council.