AUSTRIAN XMAS CHEER

The Austrian Field Hospital personnel were busy last week distributing gifts to Cypriot orphans and sick children. The presents had been donated through the kind offices of the Austrian Government. The photographs show Major A. Schwartz, the Hospital Adjutant, handing out candy to an eager hand.

S-G's CONDOLENCES OVER HOLT'S DEATH

On 18 December, the Secretary-General, U Thant, sent the following message to the Minister for External Affairs of Austria, Mr Paul Hasluck: "I was deeply distressed to learn of the sad loss of Prime Minister Harold Holt under circumstances leading to presumption that he must have died by drowning on 17 December. I had appreciated recent meeting with him when we discussed questions of mutual interest and his passing comes to me with a sense of personal loss. Please accept, on behalf of the Government, and convey to Mrs Holt and other members of the bereaved family, my most sincere condolences."

OSORIO-TAFALL BACK

Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafell, Special Representative in Cyprus of the Secretary-General, returned to Cyprus on Christmas Eve from New York where he spent ten days conducting an Assembly with the Secretary-General and other United Nations officials in UN Headquarters.

UN ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES FIRST PART OF SESSION

The 123-nation General Assembly of the United Nations last week completed the main portion of its 22nd session which was held at UN Headquarters in New York since mid-September, leaving the issues of the Middle East, South West Africa and nuclear proliferation open for consideration at a resumed meeting on a date to be determined later.

As he adjourned the Assembly shortly after midnight on Tuesday, 19 December, the President — Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu of Romania, looked back over the work of the past three months. He said the session had faced many complex issues affecting world peace and security and economic and social progress, and had succeeded in some cases in reaching solutions going to the very heart of the problems. These results had been achieved, he said, Mr Manescu, despite unfavourable international conditions arising from conflict and tensions in Viet-Nam and the Middle East.

He said the continued war in Viet-Nam and the intensified bombing of the North involved the greatest danger to peace at present. On the Middle East, he stressed the need for the countries directly concerned to seek a negotiated solution which would lay the foundations for a lasting peace and ensure that the legitimate rights of all the peoples of the region were safeguarded through the renunciation of all claims to territorial annexation as a result of military operations.

The Assembly President pointed out that the Security Council had unanimously adopted a resolution designed to help lead the way out of the Middle East deadlock. Acting under the terms of that resolution the Secretary-General's special envoy, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, last week completed initial contacts with the Governments of Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic, and had returned to his headquarters in Cyprus.

FORCE MANDATE EXTENDED THREE MONTHS

On Friday last, 22 December 1967, the 15-nation UN Security Council agreed on a further three-month extension of the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus, while stressing the need for a new and determined effort by the parties to arrive at a peaceful and permanent settlement of the Cyprus problem in line with the Council's objectives.

The Council invited Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Israel, and to promptly avail themselves of the good offices preferred by the UN Secretary General and further called on all parties concerned to continue to show utmost moderation and restraint and to refrain from any act which might aggravate the situation.

A resolution to this effect was unanimously approved by the Council after being presented by its President, Chief Adebo of Nigeria, as a product of two weeks of intensive consultations. The Secretary-General, U Thant, told the Council he was immediately requesting contingents to the UN Force in Cyprus to continue to make them available for a new three-month period ending 26 March 1968.

U Thant also assured the parties concerned he was immediately available to them, and would do everything to help them find a way to resolve their differences. He expressed the hope that they would respond to the Council's invitation without delay.

The Secretary-General added that he would have welcomed clear guidance by the Council on basic points which had been the subject of much negotiation while the resolution was being drafted, bearing in mind the sharply divergent views of some of the parties or the issues that might be raised in forthcoming discussions with him or his representatives. The weight of the Council's views would have been invaluable to him in exercising his good offices, he said, and in its absence, he felt he must warn of the difficulties that lay ahead. Therefore, said the Secretary-General, he regarded it as necessary to reiterate, "in the strongest possible terms" his call to the parties concerned "to display the statesmanship and goodwill which is essential to resolve this complex and long-standing question."

Ambassador Armand Berard of France told the Council he had no objection to the three-month extension of the UN Peace-keeping Force, but without broadening its functions. Stating that the only purpose of the Force was to meet an emergency situation, he stressed that a dangerous status quo must not be perpetuated and that efforts toward a durable settlement must be intensified following the recent crisis. Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko of the Soviet Union said the people of Cyprus must be allowed to solve internal problems without outside interference and called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops and the elimination of (Continued on p. 6)
**THE BLUE BERET**

**KOMETAJA VAHTTU**

Vuoden vaihteessa ja taas tapahtuva pataljoonan rotaation odotetulla suurella liikenteellisellä ja entistä vuoden toiminnasta huolellisesti.

**JUL UTE, JUL INNE**

JUL I VART SVENSKFT FN-SINNE

Dåligt med un, inte samma självständiga jul, bostad och inte spirt juhetet precis, och för de flesta av oss en dag från nira och köra, men en svensk jul bliver det i alla fall liksom mer på Cypern långt från Sverige, med julgran, klappar, juland, etc., etc.

**European Cup: HQ To Play In Semi - Finals**

In the quarter-finals of the European Cup which was played as a "two-leg" basis, the Spts Mess of HQ UNIFCYP beat the RE Spts Mess Dikhoelie by an aggregate score of 9 goals to 3.

**FINCON NEWS**

Myös toimitukseemme iloisin kivi on komentaja Rauenniemi toistuvuus. Siitä ylittäneen kuvamme, mitä avustamme ja samalla todistamme sallinu-lemmassa unta todistajan kaptei Esko Heikkilä. Samalla kiloin toimituksen poistamme puuttuville ylihän Raine Erä-elle!

**SWEDCON NEWS**

Bataljonschefens nyårssalsning

TACK FÖR GOTT SAMBAND BEFTE 1967. 1968 KAN GE OSS SVÄRARE UPPFINT. LÖS DEM I SAMMA ANDA.

**UPPSKATTAT BESÖK AV JERRING**

Radiotervan och alla FN-svenskar mångfaldige väntar Jon Jerring kom och bör även år.och han som vadigt gör en mång impulser, på bilden med elkekompansen Ingmar Johansen. Ett uppskattat besök till glädje för många!
I take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all those working in this field, including those in remote and distant places.

I have referred earlier this year to the 'crisis of confidence' that the United Nations seems to be facing at the present time. I feel that this crisis can and must be overcome and that the Member States will have to make the effort required to give a fresh impetus to the work of the Organization and to strengthen its capacity to serve the cause of peace and progress. There is no other alternative to the ever looming danger of a nuclear catastrophe. I hope my colleagues in the United Nations and in the field offices, as well as those dedicated men and women who are engaged in various peacekeeping missions, will never forget in their confidence in the United Nations and in their faith in its ultimate success.

As the New Year approaches, let us dedicate ourselves anew to the great tasks ahead, both in the field of peacekeeping and in the work of peace-building.

I wish each and every member of your family a very happy holiday and a rewarding New Year.

Ralph J. Bunche, Jose Rolg, Bennett

The members of the Australian Police Letka District made a presentation to Comdt Henry O'Shea of ICRC on his departure for Ireland after serving one year in Cyprus. (l to r) Inspector Dave Raw, Comdt Henry O'Shea and Inspector Ron Lavor.

"A Pipe in the Making" 4 year old Chris Chorosambos taking his first lesson at the pipes from Pte Christy Stevens.

"Swedcon Nyt"

"SIB in lige smører" lad det på jok igenom "Central Catering" på Dkhelfa baas - her var der nemlig også dansk juleaktivitet. I dagene 18. 19 og 20. DEC blev der op til 130 æg, 70 kg mel, 65 kg smør og mægosaurs. 25 kg sugar som mange danske krydderier omst. til ca. 2.000 småskaller af 4 daglige bager. Disse 6 bager (G Pedersen, KS Jansen, KS Hansen, STKMP, KS Christianen C-COY og KS Johannesen Louis), som alle er bager af civil uddannelse, lagde sig derefter hårter, for på denne måde at give julen et så dansk smag som overhovedet muligt.

"PERSONEL"
FORCE MANDATE... (Continued from, P. 1)

foreign military bases on the island. He also spoke out against any increase in strength of the UN Force or expansion of its powers. He said that, although the USSR did not regard on extended stay of the Force in Cyprus as being justified, it would not object, provided the Cypriot Government and other interested parties, and provided it was kept to its present functions and financed on a voluntary basis, as before.

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States said that the US would continue to support the work of the UN Force both politically and financially. At the same time, he expressed the hope that early attention would be given to ways of arriving at a permanent solution.

Lord Caradon of Great Britain said his Government would maintain its contingent with the UN Force, meeting all its costs, and would contribute one million dollars. He expressed hope that those who had not so far contributed to the operation would reconsider.

Ambassador George Ignatieff of Canada — another country contributing a contingent to the Force — expressed the hope that the resolution just adopted would prove to be a constructive step forward. He pointed to its empha-
sis on need for renewed efforts to arrive at a permanent settlement.

Ambassador Otto Borch of Denmark said his country was ready to maintain its contingent with the UN Force for an additional three months and also emphasized the need to arrive at a permanent solution.

Commenting on the statement by the Soviet Union that Greece wished to annex Cyprus, Ambassador Dimitri Bissios of Greece said annexation entailed action against the will of the people, whereas Cypriots had always wanted to join Greece. Exercise of the fundamental right of self-determination had been denied to the Cypriot people, he said. He expressed the hope that the new resolution would have constructive results.

Ambassador Orhan Errol of Turkey said it was obvious that the people of Cyprus could do whatever they liked except alienate its sovereignty — especially when it was a question of two peoples sharing a sovereignty. Neither one community nor the other should be given the right to take the other by force and bring it under the rule of a foreign country, he declared. Mr Errol said the resolution just adopted was constructive.

Foreign Minister Spyros Kypria-

nou of Cyprus said the problem of Cyprus was for the people of Cyprus to determine on the basis of the principles of the UN Charter — stating that Cyprus was committed to a peaceful solution based on UN principles. He also welcomed the latest Council resolution as constructive, and said his Government would co-operate with the Secretary-General.

NEW MIDDLE EAST TOUR FOR AMB. JARRING

Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative in the Middle East, left his headquarters in Ni-

cosia yesterday for Jerusalem for a second round of meetings in the different Middle East capitals.

Ambassador Jarring last week completed an initial round of contacts with the Governments of Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic.

The new United Nations Middle East Mission was set up, with headquarters in Nicosia, following the adoption by the Security Council of a resolution designed to help lead away from the present Middle East deadlock following the June Arab-Israeli war.

1968 MEMBERSHIP OF SECURITY COUNCIL

Membership on the United Nations Security Council for the year of 1968 is as follows:

- Algeria
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- Ethiopia
- France
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Paraguay
- Senegal
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republi-
- United Kingdom
- United States.

CHRISTMAS AT UNIFCYP HEADQUARTERS

There can be few occasions when a religious service is more unique because of its inter-denomi-
national flavour. When Service contingents from various countries serving together, join in wor-
ship.

UNIFCYP was no exception to this when a carol service was conducted by the Rev. W.E. Vokes, RACH, in St. Columba Church, Nicosia, last Friday. Each conti-

gent forming the United Nations peace-keeping Force in Cyprus supplied a choir to sing a carol in its respective native tongue. Pastor Vokes was assisted by a chaplain from each contingent. Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, Officialising Force Commander, opened the service with a short message to the congrega-
tion.

TEXT OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Following is the text of the resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Chief Adebo of Nigeria, adopted unanimously by the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Friday afternoon, 22 Decem-
ber, 1967:

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