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Force Commander’s Appointment Extended

Bernardes Resigns

On Wednesday, 21 December, UN Secretary-General U Thant announced — with “pleasure” — the extension of the appointment of LT.-General I.A.E. Martola as Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Lt. General Martola has commanded the Force since 17 May 1966 and will continue in his post for the duration of the present mandate of the Force which expires on 26 June 1967.

At the same time, the Secretary-General also announced “with regret” the resignation, effective 5 January 1967, of the Secretary-General’s Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Bernardes. Mr. Bernardes has served with “great distinction”, said the Secretary-General, as his Special Representative since his appointment on 26 September 1964. In announcing his resignation, U Thant paid tribute to the “outstanding skill and devotion” with which Mr. Bernardes has carried out his task.

The Secretary-General said that Mr. P.P. Spinelli, UN Under-Secretary, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, had agreed to act temporarily as his Special Representative after the departure of Mr. Bernardes.

Biographical Notes

Per Pasquale Spinelli, Under-Secretary and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, was born in Lanciano, Italy, in 1902. He entered the Italian Foreign Service in 1927 and served in diplomatic and consular posts in the United States, continuing on back page.

Assembly Session Closes

The Twenty-First Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly ended last Tuesday evening following thirteen weeks of debate and action on a wide range of problems affecting the peace and well-being of mankind. Describing the session as “more positive” in mood than any previous one, the Assembly’s President, Ambassador Abdul Rahman Pahzawak of Afghanistan, closed with a personal appeal for peace in Viet-Nam.

Mr. Pahzawak called for all those engaged in the Viet-Namese war to declare that they sought only a peaceful solution and to make contacts for peace negotiations. He urged that formal public commitments to this effect be made during the Christmas and New Year truce periods.

The Assembly President said that his appeal should not be linked with other proposals on the Viet-Namese conflict and that the peace statements he asked for should come before all other steps except the two truces already agreed on. He declared that the United Nations could not remain unconcerned at the tragedy and the danger that it might involve the whole planet.

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The Assembly President considered that the final stages of the colonial era were in sight and that the Assembly had taken an historic step in declaring South Africa’s mandate over South-West Africa ended and moving to bring independence to that territory. Mr. Pahzawak also stressed the importance of the Human Rights Covenant approved by the Assembly and steps calling for greater aid to poor nations.

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BEANNACHTAI AN T-UACHTARAIN

"Tusna do 6n Coinn Foireann, an bhfuil tú sa cheann de na n ár gcuid cearnchóirí é Tómas de Niocaill a thugadh go dtí an ghrá, chomh maith leis an nóimhí. An tsaoil a bhí ann mar níos mó ná an ceart.

An Éamon de Valera, Uachtarán Goil é Fionnuartha.

Céad fáth a thug an Oifig a Bheith is iomaíochtaí, tá an tsaoil agus an amháin aithne aige leabharlán a beag. An tsaoil a bhí ann mar níos mó ná an ceart.

Ralph J. Dwyer, Óglaigh Éireannach.
CHRISTMAS TREE GIFT — Mrs. Thomas Weiman-Wood, wife of the Canadian High Commissioner, prepared no less than three dozen table Christmas trees for outsides and moons of the Canadian Contingent. This is the second year she has done so. At Fort Washington, she looked in on the men's quarters to see the decorations and, above, chats with, left to right, Tnr Des Allen, FGN, Pte Eldon Kelly, 1 RCR and Cpl. Michael Griffin, FGH.

SANTA!

Santa Claus Sgr. Victor Rottenbacher, pioneer platoon sergeant, makes his entrance to the Red Cross Home for Sick Children, Kyrenia, on a donkey, carrying individually tagged gifts for the Home's thirty-one patients, and preceded by the Band of 1 RCR. The occasion was the 1 RCR Christmas party for the Home.

ACCIDENT FIGURES FALL

LOWEST TOTAL FOR FIVE MONTHS

FIVE ACCIDENT FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER WERE THE LOWEST FOR FIVE MONTHS. According to figures recently made available at the Force Headquarters in Nicosia, During the month the UNFCTP vehicles covered a total of almost one and a quarter million miles and were involved in twenty-five traffic accidents. Once again the Swedish and Irish battalions led the way covering a total of 120,179 miles, followed by the British and French battalions with 111,311 miles respectively without an accident.

SPINELLI BIOGRAPHY

Lorn America and the For East.

In 1950, Mr. Spinelli was sent to Mogadishu as Executive Assistant to the Italian Administrator of the United Nations Trust Territory of Somaliland. He also served as Special Representative for the Trust Territory at meetings of the United Nations Trusteeship Council. Subsequently, he was named Secretary-General of Somalia's Trustee General, the former Trust Territory of Somalia under French administration.

Following the resignation, effective 1 January 1952, of Mr. Carlos A. Bermudes of Brazil, Mr. Spinelli has been temporarily appointed as Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus. Mr. Spinelli already served as the Secretary-General's Personal Representative in Cyprus in March 1944, and as the United Nations Acting Mediator for Cyprus, following the illness of the then UN Mediator, Ambassador Saheki Tsunooji, in August 1944.

Mr. Spinelli acted as the Secretary-General's Special Representative in the negotiations and arrangements which preceded the United Nations Headquarters in October 1945 and accompanied His Holiness on the flight to New York.

KOLMAS JOULU

SUOMALAISEN KYPROKSESSA

SUOMALAISEN PATALONOPPA VIE TYTÖNYT KOLMATTAA JUOKSEMAAN! KOLMAS KORKEASTAA! JS

Svenska och kansalliska FN-kapplöps sammanslutning av de svenska

hustrumschefens befäl i Arus finns slägda på sträcket. Här råder

ottande Bertil Stjernstedt med den för den kansalliska programpråk

majorens inköp (tv), sedan stabschefen major David Hårmann

b) för att sena på raderingsrapport.

FIN var tinerans — Eddy Christ-

manson, Sundisvall uti och Ut-

Lundqvist, Åmara i skolans

under hustrumschefens inspektör

af STR-kompagn."
JULEAFTEN....

BLEV FEJRET PÅ TRADITIONEL, HYGGELIG DANSK VIS BRUNDT OMKRING I KVARTERER OG MESSER, men forinden havde velfærdskontoret arrangeret den traditionelle julebading, der giver ret til modtagelse af en sørlige "Cyprus Christmas-bath" attest. Vejret var ikke det bedste, idet der var høj sogang og stærk understrøm, og der opstod da også flere særdeles farlige situationer, der dog alle fik en lykkelig udgang.

At heller ikke befalingsmændene holdt sig tilbage, ses af billedet, som viser KN. ornmstrup og SG Fenneberg på vej ind efter julebated i Middel-hvets bolger.

Selve juleaften holdt DANCIVPOL, der som bekendt har hovedkvarter på Saraj Hotel i Nicosia, dansk juletræfest for hotelpersonalets børn. Alle politikollekne deltog som legekonkter, og festen blev en stor succes, som hører lænen i sig selv. På billedet ses overbejent Axel Hansen, der denne aften forrettede tjeneste som en fremragende julenise, og kriminal-overbejent Kvernudrup omgivet af glade børn med strålende øjne.

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SUOMALAISTEN KOLMAS JOULU KYPROKSESSA

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tujaan, mutta kun kaikki sentään suurin piirtein olivat olleet kilt-
tejä ja jouluilma vauvan laulaminen sujuu reippaasti, hänet saitiin helty-
maan ja tyhjentämään pussinsa.

Joululiian kädeessa myöhäiseksi siirtyi pöydästä jatkamaan hil-
jaisesti rauhan juhlaa tärnoiden ja muistaan jouluaan kaukana kyl-
menmissä säissä vietäviä suku-
laisia ja ystäviä.

NORWAY MAKES TWO FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORCE FINANCES

NORWAY HAS INFORMED THE UNITED NATIONS THAT IT WILL MAKE TWO FURTHER VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to the cost of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter, dated 12 December 1966, the Norwegian Permanent Representative to the UN, Mr. Edward Hambro, told U Thant that Norway would contribute the amount of 100,000 dollars to the cost of the UN Force in Cyprus for the period between 26 June and 28 December 1966.

Furthermore, Mr. Hambro said that "in view of the critical financial situation of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus", Norway had also decided to make a further contribution of approximately 20,000 dollars towards meeting the deficit in the account of UNFICYP.

COVENANTS SIGNED

HE TWO COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, one on economic, social and cultural rights and the other on civil and political rights, and an optional protocol to the latter — which were approved by the UN General Assembly before it concluded its work this month — were opened for signature last week at UN Headquarters.

The Covenant on Civil and Political Rights was signed by Costa Rica, Cyprus, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica and the Philippines.

The Covenant will come into force after 35 States have become parties to it by depositing instruments of rati-fication or accession with the Secretary-General.

MANDATE EXTENDED — The UN Security Council is shown above as it unanimously decided — on 15 December 1966 — to extend the stationing of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for a further period of six months, until 26 June 1967, "in the expectation that sufficient progress towards a solution by then will make possible a withdrawal or sub-
stantially reduction of the Force". The action in extending the stationing of UNFICYP was taken in adopting a draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Japan, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda and Uruguay.

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