FINCON ROTATES

A PARTIAL ROTATION OF THE FINNISH CONTINGENT IS ONCE MORE TAKING PLACE. Commander of the contingent for the last nine months Colonel O. Nuurolainen is due to leave the island on the 20th of this month, and his replacement, Colonel A. V. Rusanen, arrived with the advance party on the 17th.

Apart from the commander, a total of 23 officers and 240 other ranks have arrived or are on their way to replace a similar number of home-bound peace soldiers.

UNWRA

REPORT ON REFUGEES

A REPORT FROM THE UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN HELPING ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PALESTINE REFUGEES from the 1948 conflict, told of the Agency's efforts to cope with new dislocations arising from the recent hostilities.

Lawrence Michelmore, Commissioner-General of UNWRRA, said the Agency needed funds more than ever so that it might restore and, as necessary, expand its capacity to serve those in need.

He said that the Agency has maintained its services to 260,000 refugees normally resident in East Jordan and was taking emergency measures to cope with the influx of new refugees.

The Agency's services to refugees on the West Bank had been resumed on an emergency basis, he reported, and radiation distribution was back to normal in the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Michelmore, said the Agency was working to solve many problems of supply, transport, repairs and reconstruction.

From Rome came word that the UN Food and Agriculture Organization was dispatching a high-level mission to Syria and Jordan to find out the food needs of Arab refugees and victims of the war.

Here at headquarters, the Executive Board of UNICEF concluded a session during which it authorized the expenditure of half a million dollars in emergency relief to mothers and children in the general area affected by the hostilities.

The board also authorized the Executive director, Henry Labouisse, to explore the possibility of extending emergency aid to children on both sides of the conflict in Vietnam.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSALS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

AS UN DELIBERATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS MOVED FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY last week the Soviet Union and the United States offered divergent proposals for steps to follow up the cease-fire between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

Premier Alexei Kosygin of the Soviet Union urged the Assembly to condemn Israel for aggression and demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab territories occupied during the recent six-day war.

Mr. Kosygin also said that the Assembly should insist that Israel make a prompt and full restitution to the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan for damage inflicted on them.

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States introduced a draft resolution calling for a general Arab-Israeli peace settlement to liquidate both the recent war and the twenty years of conflict. Arguing that troop withdrawals should be part and parcel of the overall settlement, Mr. Goldberg said that to call merely for an Israeli withdrawal would be a prescription for yet another round in the Arab-Israeli struggle that had brought war to the Middle East three times since Israel was founded in 1948.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. George Brown, urged for a stronger UN presence in the area and cautioned Israel against seeking territorial gains from war.

The French Foreign Minister, Maurice Couve de Murville, said that, if the big powers had been able to act in concert, hostilities could have been prevented.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel told the Assembly that his country had defended herself against a massive Arab effort to destroy her, and that the suggestion that everything go back to where it was before the 5th of June was "totally unacceptable." He urged negotiations between Israel and each of the Arab States involved in the fighting to search for a genuine peace settlement. The true origin of the crisis, he said, was the openly proclaimed Arab attempt to deny Israeli peace, security, maritime freedom, and the very right to exist. In the course of his statement Mr. Eban said that the abrupt UN agreement to President Nasser's request for the withdrawal of the UN force that had acted as a buffer between the UAR and Israel for more than a decade had had a disastrous effect.

UN Secretary-General U-Thant took the floor to stress again that the force had operated only in territory under UAR jurisdiction and that, legally and practically, it could function only with the continuing consent of the UAR. U-Thant noted that Israel had never allowed the force on her territory, and said that when he had suggested this before Cairo's withdrawal request, Israel had said that it was totally unacceptable.

President Nourreddin Atassi of Syria and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, of the United Arab Republic, declared that Israel had carried out a premeditated and unwarranted attack on Arab States in line with her expansionist policy and with the support of the imperialist circles in the United States and Britain. Stating that the aggressor must not be allowed to remain in continued page six
Rundt i DANCON

CH:KMP MAJ B. Axelson, NK:KMP PRLT O.S. Skov, DLR. (Brig klaverspillere, klassisk musik)

Da vi har opleget, at det kniber lidt med kendskabet til mohocar, læser vi et lille skisse af hendes kamp for at preservere CH og NK samt lidt mere.

MIDSMARFINARNE 'SVENSKT VADER

Med famnen full af cypristika klisterer kommer fra Lars Nordqvist, Malmø, Sverr Erland Ericsson fra Gråborg i Aarhus, følger mod båden som for at tage mohocarne i gang ved at blive mohocarne. Sådan går det af stande af en mohocar.

SWEDCON NEWS

pludselig faktisk en på anden side af Sverige - det øste mod egne på mohocarne! Man med nyere god sig, da de på mission, hvor mange stiger på camper og GP'20 blev detjad hel.

UNEF-svenskar fra Gaza støtter i UNIFICYP-tjæst

På vigen frem fra Gaza beder sig några FN-svenskar for at støtte på Cypern i UNIFICYP-tjæst! På båden samtidig med missionen (M.C.) fra Turcas, Nybro, Stockholm, Bonny Larssen, Hedengens, & Rolf Sjöberg, Stockholm, og fra Sven Johansson, Göteborg.

Bryten NEWS

David Fry visits Linda at her home in Limassol.

WATER POLO CHAMPS

I 'a thrilling all action match, the Wheel - Em - Inn Club splashed home to a 17:6 victory over the International Club on Monday 19th June. Despite stubborn resistance, the shooting power of the RCT team began to tell and soon they had piled up a large lead which ended in a convincing victory.

HQ UNIFICYP WATER POLO LEAGUE

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The Champions' pose with their trophies and prizes, after the match.
IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Report time for MPs. (L to R) Sgt James Dillon, Lisselton; Cpl James Hartnett, Limerick; Cpl Paul Byrne, Newbridge; who also acts as mail NCO, Cpl Tim Curran, Cloneel; and Sgt John Feaver, Dublin check over the situation in their area.

IRICON VOTES

TODAY, 20TH JUNE, PEOPLE IN IRELAND ARE VOTING IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS. They are voting to elect the members of 31 Administrative Councils whose functions include, road maintenance, housing, health services, educational and agricultural advisory services to name a few.

These 31 represent 27 rural counties (Tipperary having two, North and South Riding) and the four largest cities, Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Waterford each ranking as a County Borough. In addition 7 Borough Councils such as Galway, Wexford and Clonmel and 40 Urban District Councils are being elected.

To ensure that each member of the Defence Forces serving overseas had the opportunity to exercise his franchise under our Constitution an Officer from the Adjutant Generals Branch came to UNFICYP with voting papers.

Each voting paper was sealed by the voter in a double envelope and then taken back to Ireland for inclusion in the count.

Capt Forbes O'Connell of the Adjutant Generals Branch, AM, Dublin who brought postal voting papers to IRICON for the Irish Local Elections.

CANADIAN FORCES PHOTOS

Rtn Roger Paton, of St. Andrews Quebec, presents a gift on behalf of A Coy, 2 ORC of Canada to Miss Holland, the Matron of the Red Cross Home for Sick Children in Kyrenia. The gift, of £102 represents £1 per man of ‘A’ Coy. The Company, who are the “ex-Fig Farmers” from Onslow raised the money in various ways, through bingo’s, donations into a large “Figgy Bank” kept for the occasion and through donations in the messes.

Sharing a mutual joke are these two friends. The one on the left wearing the UN Blue Beret on jaunty, is one of the children at the Red Cross Home for Sick Children in Kyrenia and his buddy is Cpl Clift Kinnell of the Queens Own Rifles of Canada.

The Sergeant Major’s Mousetraps gets a playful tweak by one of the children at the Red Cross Hospital in Kyrenia. The occasion was the presentation of a gift of money to the hospital and Sjt. Major John Hearn went along and as usual, he along with the other Canadian soldiers, ended up playing with the children.

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The BLUE BERET is published by the Information Office of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, UNFICYP.
Civilian and military staff members are shown in the original canteen of UNFICYP, at Wolseley Barracks, where they held a get-together last week to mark farewell to the departing secretaries, left to right, Jo, Dorothy, Lt General AE Martola, Joan, Dr B.F Osorio-Tafall and Adelita.

**GIRL-FRIDAYS LEAVE**

**THE BLUE BERET REPORTS PERIODICALLY ON THE ROTATION OF THE NATIONAL CONTINGENTS SERVING WITH UNFICYP.**

There are, too, from time to time reports on departures and arrivals of United Nations officials assigned to serve with the UN operation in Cyprus.

This week, however, we have a unique "rotation" — four representatives of the fair sex of the United Nations Secretariat are leaving UNFICYP after serving in Cyprus since 1964.

Dorothy Griffin, Jo Rich, Joan Martin and Adela Guzman have left or are leaving this week — Dorothy, to join her husband (Bennie — a very good friend of many UNFICYPers, who served with the United States Aid mission in Cyprus for a number of years); Jo will return to her native Australia; Joan, back to UN Headquarters; and Adelita, first to Colombia for a holiday, and then to New York.

Dorothy first arrived in Cyprus in March 1964 when the force first became operational and was one of the "pioneers" working in the Ledra Palace Hotel and then later in the first Force offices in Wolseley Barracks. It was the days when Force secretaries were really girl Fridays serving wherever they were most needed at a moment's time. She leaves the Force serving with the UN Civilian Police, where she worked during the last months as secretary to the Police Advisor (really Advisers — to Jim Hamilton, first, and later to Earl Canney). Incidentally, Dorothy arrived in the island as Miss Dorothy Healey — she met Bennie in Cyprus and their wedding in February of 1965 was a major social item!

Jo and Joan, both Australians (as Dorothy, too), both arrived in Cyprus in May 1964. Joan came from the "33rd Floor" — where the offices of the Secretary-General and the Under-Secretaries for Special Political Affairs are located. Jo had been making herself useful in the budget division of the Office of the Controller. Both we always met on a pleasant sight at Wolseley Barracks, shuttling back and forth from the offices occupied by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Political and Legal sections of the Force (where the MP's now have their quarters) and the original UNFICYP Canteen which was located in one of the offices now occupied by the Force Public Information Office. Now, Jo returns to New York and the "33rd", while Jo will be leaving not only UNFICYP but also the UN after five years of service to return to Australia (those lucky Australians!).

Adelita, is the "youngster" of the group — she arrived here only in October of '64. Reason: Spanish was needed as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General was then Mr Galo Plaza of Ecuador, who later became United Nations Mediator for Cyprus. Adelita stayed with Mr Plaza's office until he completed his Report to the Secretary-General. When Mr Plaza did not return to Cyprus, the Force PIO was happy to inherit the vivacious and always smiling, Adelita. She now returns to her old bailiwick: the UN Special Fund.

The departure of the four secretaries closes, so to say, a chapter of UNFICYP life, although we still have a number of "old timers" among the ranks — military and civilian — of the Force.

In the meantime, UNFICYP through the BLUE BERET — says farewell, bon voyage and thanks to Dorothy, Joan, Jo and Adelita for a job well done.

stamp on 19 June to mark "United Nations Tourist Year".

The year was designated by the United Nations General Assembly, in a resolution adopted on 4 November 1966. The designation had been recommended by the Economic and Social Council in March 1966, on the basis of a request by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUTO), a non-governmental group with members from more than 100 countries.

The new stamp will be printed in denominations of 5-cents (brown, beige, green and red) and 15-cents (blue, beige, green and red) in quantities of 2,900,000 and 2,600,000 respectively.

The stamps may be obtained at UNFICYP Headquarters, (Main Hangar) as of next week.

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