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Further UNFICYP contributions

THE Ivory Coast and Norway have informed the Secretary General, U Thant, of their decisions to contribute to the costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter, dated 13 December, received by the Secretary-General from the Permanent Representative of the Ivory Coast to the United Nations, Mr. Arsene Assouan Usher, the latter states that his Govern-

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ASSEMBLY SESSION CLOSES

Pleasure and
concern expressed
at final meeting

THE United Nations General Assembly wound up its XX regular annual meeting last week amid expressions of pleasure at what it had done, but also of grave concern about the war or the poverty gripping many parts of the world.

In bringing the three-month session to a close in the early hours of Wednesday morning, 22 December, the Assembly President, Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani of Italy, said that the 117-nation body had carried on its work between a sigh of relief over the September truce achieved be-

tween India and Pakistan, and expressions of anxiety over the fighting in Viet-Nam which still continued. The issue was also raised sharply by the U.N. Secretary - General, U Thant, in a New Year message made public in New York in mid-week.

The war in Viet-Nam, U Thant said, represented the most abhorrent and dangerous form of what he spoke of as the dark side of the world. It was more violent and cruel, he declared, than at any other time during the generation of conflict that Viet-Nam had known, and more harmful to the relations among the great Powers and more perilous to the world.

The Secretary-General declared that "this war must be stopped" and he urged: "In its place let there be, in the words of the recent appeal by Pope Paul VI, an immediate truce to be followed by reflection, negotiation and finally, peace."

Among the Assembly's accomplishments mentioned by President Fanfani and the Secretary-General were the steps taken towards a world disarmament conference, as well as towards negotiations to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, a resolution against foreign intervention, a Convention against racial discrimination, various decolonization measures, and additional steps in the war against poverty.

A major decision of the Assembly's last, crowded day of work, was the approval without a negative vote of an international Convention seeking to eliminate all forms of racial

A New Year's Message from the Secretary- General

The time has once more come for me to continue the tradition of sending through the Secretariat News my end-of-year message of good wishes to all those in the service of the United Nations around the world.

This has been a year of both unusual difficulties and unusual opportunities for our Organization. It has tested perhaps more rigorously than ever before the faith of each

The Secretary-General, U Thant, sent the following message, on 24 December, to Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, his Special Representative in Cyprus, and to Brigadier A. J. Wilson, the Force Chief-of-Staff who is Acting in Command:

"I extend to you and to all personnel of UNFICYP my cordial greetings for the Season and my warmest good wishes for the coming year.

"In doing so, I also wish to express my great appreciation and admiration for the effective way in which you have been helping to keep the peace in Cyprus."

one of us in the principles to which we have subscribed, our confidence in the viability of the purposes of the Charter, and our ability not only to continue existing tasks in adverse circumstances but also to rise to new responsibilities demanding vision, enthusiasm and skill.

You have passed that test with honour. It is thanks in large part to your steady loyalty, your continuing efforts and your persistent optimism, that we can look back now over a year in which the Organization proved in gratifying fashion its will and its capacity to survive its difficulties — and, more than that, to move forward into constructive

GENERAL THIMAYYA IS LAID TO REST

Full military honours

THE remains of General K.S. Thimayya were laid to final rest in his home town of Bangalore on Monday afternoon, 20 December.

Full military honours were accorded the body when it arrived at Bangalore from Bombay by a special Indian Air Force plane.

Awaiting to receive his body in Bangalore were Mrs. Thimayya, her daughter, Mireille, and top representatives of the Indian armed forces. The cortege then slowly proceeded from the airport to the Thimayya residence through streets lined by silent sympathisers. Immediately behind the coffin, an Indian Army officer carried the de-

ad General's blue U.N. beret and his decorations. Also in the cortege marched Colonel Jatar, commander of the Indian Contingent with the United Nations peace-keeping force in the Middle East, and Captain Fateh Singh, General Thimayya's ADC who escorted the body from Cyprus.

After lying in state in the Thimayya home, where a steady stream of mourners filed past to pay their respects, the coffin was draped in Indian and U.N. flags and again placed on a gun carriage for the final journey to the cemetery.

Soldiers with reversed arms lined the funeral route and hundreds of ordinary citizens

followed the military escort with the slow-stepped cadence of a funeral march played by a military band.

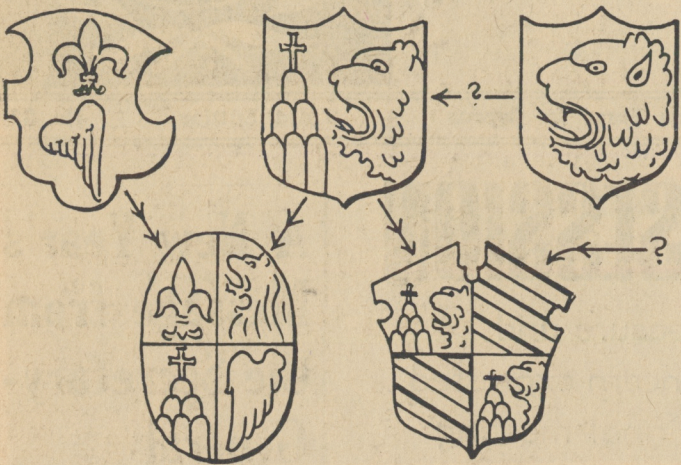
Among many floral tributes was a wreath laid by Mr. Leonard Berry, Director of the United Nations Information Centre in New Delhi, on behalf of the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, whom he represented at the funeral. No speeches were made but a 17-gun salute boomed and volleys were fired in salute as the coffin was lowered into the grave. Army buglers then sounded "Last Post" and General K.S. Thimayya, "a great soldier of peace," was laid to rest in his native land.

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HERALDRY IN CYPRUS -

By Major O. H. M. Haxthausen



Venetian Quartering

The Tripiotis Church in Solon Street is one of the principal Orthodox Churches of Nicosia. It was built in 1690. The most curious feature of the Church is the number of fragments from older buildings built into its walls and especially noticeable in the three doorways.

The panel forming the lintel above the southern door is most remarkable and certainly of great age, but with the exception of two rather friendly lions, which may or may not be heraldic (they are not in shields), this panel is of no heraldic interest.

The west entrance has a lintel of a block of marble carved in the French style of the 14th century. This fragment would seem to have come from an altar tomb, unfortunately it displays no heraldry. Above this lintel an oval shield is inserted on the wall. The shield is quarterly, 1, a fleur-de-lis; 2, a lions head; 3, a cross on a "six-mount"; 4, a wing.

Quartering is the marshaling of two or more coats of arms on one shield by dividing the shield into four and placing a coat of arms into each division. If two coats only are to be quartered the more important is placed in 1 and 4, the other in 2 and 3.

Although all four charges in this coat of arms are different it eventually only is a quartering of two coats of arms. A tombstone from a church near Nicosia bear the arms of a fleur-de-lis above a wing possibly for the Venetian Family Canali and in a church in Venice we find the "six-mount" with the cross besides a lion's head as the arms of an Arch-

bishop of the family Podocataro.

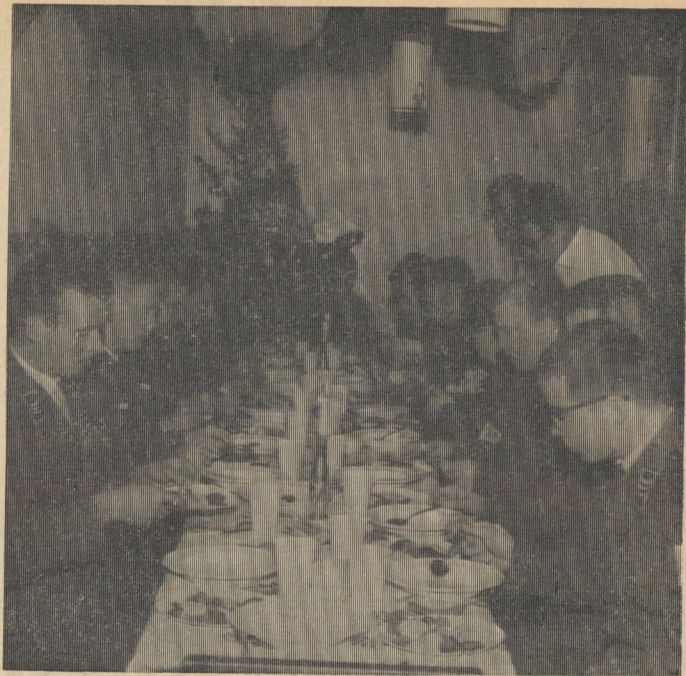
Thus the coat of arms represents an alliance between the Canali (?) and the Podocataro families where the first would be the father's arms and the second would be the mother's arms.

The idea of spreading the charges over all four quarters is unusual but very suitable in this case where each coat of arms consists of two charges.

In a previous article I made the statement that the shape of a shield is of little importance from a heraldic point of view. This shield may, however, be an exception from the rule. The oval shape indicates that it could be the arms of a woman.

The third, or north, entrance is covered by a marble lintel of Renaissance design, with a coat of arms in the centre. The shield is quarterly, 1 and 4, the Podocataro arms; 2 and 3, bendy of six, for a family I have not been able to identify. This coat of arms was also once over a door of a house near the old Archbishopric, but when the new Archbishop's Palace was built this house was pulled down. The lintel bearing the arms is now laying in a little garden opposite the Paphos Gate Police Station.

An early 16th century coat of arms which is inserted on the wall outside the Roman Catholic Church show a lion's head resembling that of the Podocataro coat of arms, however, lion heads are very common charges and it is very unlikely that there could be any connection.



Esikunta komppanian miehet jouluaterialla

Kapteeni Pentti Järvinen on poissa

Vain pari päivää ennen joulua saimme vastaanottaa tiedon, että eräs uskollisimmista, kapt. Pentti Kaarlo Järvinen oli poistunut riveistämme. Hän pääsi joululomalle ja kuten pataljoonan pastori niin sattuvasti sanoi, se muodostui tällä kertaa tavallisesti pitemmäksi.

Kapteeni Järvinen saapui saarelle ensimmäisten suomalaisten joukossa huhtikuussa runsaat puoli vuotta sitten. Aluksi hän toimi lähes vuoden päivät yhteyssupseerina kyproksenkreikkalaisella pääpoliisiasemalla Atalassassa ja viimeeksi pataljoonan päätulkkina ja kielenopettajana.

Luonteeltaan kapt. Järvinen tunnettiin rehdiksi ja suoraksi mieheksi. Työteliäisyydessään hän oli varmasti eräs pataljoonamme tun-

nollisimpia. Taitavana kielimiehenä ja paljon matkustaneena henkilönä hän oli kokenut ja tierorikas seka aina valmis auttamaan meitä muita kokemattomampia. Paljon opiskelleena ja tasaisen rauhallisena miehenä hänen elämäntapansakin olivat säännölliset ja yksivakaiset.

Pentti Järvisellä oli usein tapana tehdä kavelyretkiä kaupunkiin ja lähiympäristöön, jossa hän oli hyvin tunnettu näky pysähtyessään opettelemaan vieraita kielia jommankumman paikallisen osapuolen vartiopesakeillä.

Auringon laskiessa hän tavallisesti käveli esikunnan katolle katsomaan maiseman kauneutta. Nyt hänen paikkansa on tyhjä. Olemme iäksi menettäneet ystävän ja toverin.



Joulu Releasemalla Kyrenian Vuorilla



Lige foer jul traf DANCON-fotografen disse to konstabler paa "den groenne linie" ved en legetoejsbutik. Det er 815 Soeren Soerensen og 735 P. Frederiksen begge fra D-kompagniet, der her overvejer, om det ville hjaelpe paa vores koeretoejs-situation, hvis de indkoebte denne legetoejsbil.



Juleaften fik alle steder et baade smukt og fornoejeligt forloeb. Mange steder, som for eksempel ved KIH, sluttede aftenen med Bingo-spil. Messemænd 145 B.K. Pedersen deltog ivrigt og koncentreret, ifoert sin elegante lyseblaa skjorte.



Julegudstjenesten juleaftensdag i Maronit-kirken blev for mange julen hoejbepunkt. For foerste gang besteg feltpraesten, pastor P. Christiansen praedikestolen og leaste herfra julens evangelium.

Det blev samtidig sidste danske gudstjeneste i denne store kirke, idet fremtidige gudstjenester vil blive holdt i et lokale i "Mermaid Bar" — allerede vittigt omdoebt til "Den hellige Havfrues kirke". Gudstjenesterne afholdes hver soendag kl. 1030.

Af hensyn til at mange tager paa heldags udflygter om soendagen vil feltpraestens gentagne gudstjenester om tirsdagen. Foreloebig er der fastsat gudstjenester for tirsdagene den 4. og den 11. januar, begge dage kl. 1600 i "Den hellige Havfrues kirke".



Konstabel J. B. Rasmussen ved A-kompagniet havde gennem nogle dage haft noget knas med maven. Juleaften blev det helt galt, han gik til laegen, som konstaterede, at der var tale om mavesear. Ved ti-tiden blev Rasmussen overfoert til det oestrigske felthospital, of i nattens loeb gennemgik han en stoerre operation. Operationen forloeb godt, og nu ligger Rasmussen paa felthospitalet og taenker paa sin kone of sine to boern hjemme i Narskov.



Pionerdelingen havde en haard toern med at skarfe juletraeer til kontingentet. Da rigtig julefran ikke findes paa Cypern maatte man klare sig med fyrrebuske. De blev skovet ved Morphou-bugten 489 A.C. Christensen og konstabel L.P. Hoejsgaard er her ved at slaeb et trae ud af skoven. Hoejsgaard er veteran fra DANCON II, saa han fejrede sin anden jul paa Cypern. Ioevrigt har han ogsaa forrettet tjeneste ved DANOR i Gaza.

Reduktioner i midten af Januar

AFTALERNE om stationering af FN-styrker paa Cypern, som udloeb den 26 December, er blevet forlaengede. Det var ventet at aftalerne ville blive forlaenget for en 6 maaneders periode, men man besluttede sig i stedet for til foreloebig kun at binde sig for 3 maaneder. Samtidig blev det vedtaget at styrken skulle reduceres, og denne beslutning faldt noej i traad med danske

oensker om at reducere det danske kontingent.

Planen for nedskaeringen er endnu ikke undarbejdet i detalier, men det er sandsynligt at den traeder i kraft allerede i midten af januar. Nedskaeringen vil formentlig komme til at omfatte hele D-kompagniet og hele B-kompagniet samt dele af stabskompagniet. Ialt skal vor styrke nedskaeres med ca. 335 mand.



Brigadier

On Christmas Eve, Brigadier A. J. Wilson, the Acting Force Commander, paid an informal 'flying' visit to the Xeros and Lefka camps of Headquarters and 'A' Companies of 5 Inf. Grp. Arriving by helicopter, Brigadier Wilson exchanged seasonal greetings with officers and men at both camps, then accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Brian McGurk



Christmas in BRITCON

Christmas celebrations in BRITCON took many forms, and this week, due to lack of space we are able to present only a few facets of the festivities at HQ UNFICYP. BOTTOM RIGHT: WO II John Power, of the R.A.O.C., one of the senior hosts at the Christmas Day luncheon party in the WO's and Sgts' Mess watches cook Corporal 'Lew' Lewis, A.C.C. carve from the buffet for Camp Quartermaster, Captain Pat Patrick. RIGHT: Five 'old Soldiers' in a lively and very amusing act from the HQ UNFICYP show at the Camp Smoker held at the Ledra Palace Hotel on December 23. LEFT TO RIGHT: Tpr 'Ears' Thurling, 3rd Carabineers, Spr Jock Clinton, R.E., Lcpl Eddie Horne, REME, Cpl Gwyn Jones, REME and Tpr Geof Wynn, ROYALS. As a much appreciated encore, they performed an excellent skit on a group of somewhat 'precious' officers, joined in the sauna bath by a not too welcome stranger from the lower deck and his private 'menagerie.' BELOW: Guitar duo, Lcpl Reg Cannon, RAOC and Pte John Howard, RAOC, play the difficult theme music from the film 'Zorba the Greek.'



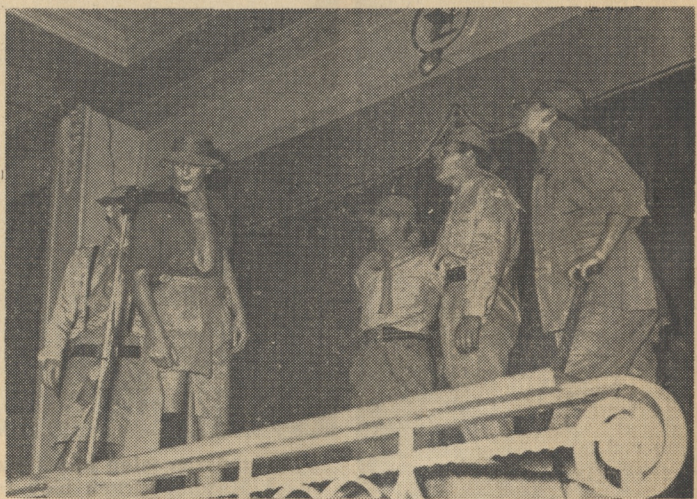
"drops in"

and Commandant Jack Ronayne, he visited 'A' Coy OP at Ambelikou.

Next week-end Brigadier Wilson hopes to continue with informal visits to the Limnitis and Kato Pyrgos Camps.

IRISH CONTINGENT CHRISTMAS NEWS

Pictures show: TOP LEFT: Christmas Midnight Mass at Xeros Camp. NCOs and men of HQ Coy read their missals while Cpl Joe Nolan acts as server. ABOVE RIGHT: At the childrens' party organised by the group at Xeros. Rev. Fr. Michael McCabe, Lt John Keilly and Cpl Dan McGivern find out that blowing up balloons, even with so many helpers, is a serious business. ABOVE LEFT: Private John Houlihan of Tipperary prepares the Christmas lunch at Xeros Camp.



Julaftonsfirandet i Famagusta började redan tidigt på morgonen på Hotel Constantia, där dagens 50-åring, kommissarie Hans Lagerhorn, uppvaktades av sina civilpoliser och av överste Iwan Hörnquist.



Lite lugnare var det givetvis på de olika posteringarna. Den här bilden togs i det julprydda vakttältet vid OP 108 i Chatos, och julfirarna är fr.v. vaktchefen, furir Tommy Palm, Perstorp, samt soldaterna Per-Erik Widell, Motala, Hans Norrman, Hässleholm, Umeå, och Leif Eriksson, Nyköping.

Traditionellt julfirande med Medelhavs bad och otta

Visst blev det ett traditionellt svenskt julfirande, även om snön uteblev! Men vi unnar så gärna våra hemmavarande anhöriga och vänner att pulsa omkring i den. Vi har ju Medelhavet istället.

Det svenska julfirandet i Famagusta började alltså med julbad. Näja, strängt taget gick ju starten redan i arla mörka morgonstund på Hotel Constantia. Där avfirades julaftons "mesta" 50-åring, kommissarie Hans Lagerhorn, av sina civilpoliser, med nedresta dottern Harriet som söt servitris och allt-i-allo.

Zonchefen, överste Iwan Hörnquist, kom också på morgontidig uppvaktning i speten för en stabsubstitution och överlämnade en batteridrivna rakapparater. Så nu behöver kommissarien inte längre bekymra sig om skäggstubben vid snabbtryckningarna mitt i natten. Då det alltså är utryckning "på stubben"

Sedan för överste Hörnquist i sällskap med sin ställföreträdare, överstelöjtnant Hans Håård, runt till alla posteringar i Famagusta-området och önskade soldaterna God Jul. Övriga enheter fick besök på eftermiddagen. Med bistånd av bataljonspastor Gösta Appeltoft överlämnade översten också till varje soldat en liten julklapp som minne av "den annorlun

da julen 1965 på Cypern" - en Lefkara-duk.

Ja, så var det badet i Medelhavet. Omkring 200 tappmännor - och en del lika tappra (turist) kvinnor - stormade under glatt tjoande ut i de blå böljorna utanför Hotel Grecian och gick snabbt under i de höga vågorna. Alla kom dock lika snabbt upp igen, fick diplom, glögg, varm korv i bröd och dopp i grytan. Och alla konstaterade lite överseende inför kringstående, icke badande, att "det var verkligen skönt i vattnet" Och så dansade man ringdanser kring en liten gran på beachen, med Tomten själv i spetsen.

På kvällen var det julfest runtom på bataljonen med alla läckerheter, precis som det ska vara, med både skinka, lutfisk, korv och brunkål och massor av annat därtill. Andå orkade åtskilliga upp på juldagsmorgonen till julottan. Som för säkerhets skull hölls både kl. 5, kl. 6 och kl. 7.

Så nog har 32: en en förstärkt bataljonsledning..



Den här svenska kvartetten, "The Sakarya Stress Band", gjorde stor succé vid UNFICYP-shown på Ledra Palace - fr.v. Håkan Näslund Hälsingborg, trummor, Kjell Wallin, Göteborg, bas, Leif Ringquist, Visby munspel, och Sture Jarl, Karlskoga, gitarr.

Svensk succé i FN showen

Den stora julshowen på Ledra Palace två dagar före julafton, "The UNFICYP Variety Show", blev en klar publicsuccé.

Showen bjöd på två timmars varierad underhållning under medverkan av förmågor från de olika UNFICYP - kontingenterna, och det var ingen tvekan om att publiken i den till trängsel packade stora balsalen var nöjd med vad som bjöds. De medverkande hade också all anledning att vara nöjda.

Från svensk synvinkel var det givetvis särskilt roligt att konstatera att det svenska inslaget hörde till de programpunkter som slog allra bäst. Det var fyra musicerande herrar - Leif Ringquist, (toppspelare:) Visby, munspel, Sture Jarl, Karlskoga, gitarr, Kjell Wallin, Göteborg, bas, och Håkan Näslund, Hälsingborg, trummor, som under orkesternamnet "The Sakarya Stress Band" (var de nu fått det namnet ifrån...) spelade svängiga låtar, så taket nästan lyfte sig och väggarna bägnade i Ledra's Ball Room. Publikapplåderna ville aldrig sluta, men det blev ändå inget extranummer, - the show had to go on:

Programmet i övrigt bjöd på musik och sång - av bl. a. irländare, österrikisk civilpolis och av det kanadensiska paret Theresa - Hamish -, vacker violinmusik av finländaren Rauno Salmi, komik av danskar och pipblåsning av skottar och irländare.

Avslutningsnumret, "Stilla natt", var utomordentligt effektivt. Medan Austrian Field Choir sjöng den gamla välkända julsången med djup inlevelse samlades alla de medverkande på scenen, sjöng med i några verser och skred sedan ut igen, medan ljuset tonades ner och kören fortsatte sin sång.

Det var en fin final på en fin show och det var synnerligen välförtjänt bifall, som hälsade producenten, John Mattai, när han - helt mot sin egen vilja - av kvällens programledare, den svenske zonpressofficeren Kaj Karlholm, drogs in på scenen, när showen väl var över. Han var den som hade den största anledningen att vara nöjd med denna glada show - kväll i UNFICYP:s tecken.

News From Fort Phillips

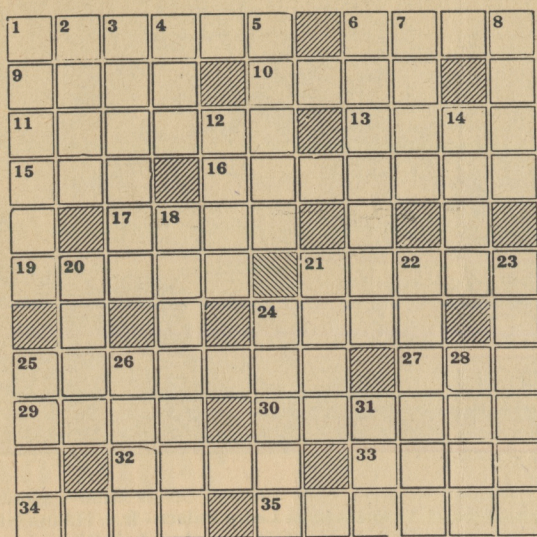
RECE Squadron was elated last week to learn that the task of manning night sentry posts on the Kyrenia Road had been eliminated. This liberated one full troop from the nightly star-gazing sessions, allowing the Squadron to operate with far more flexibility. The one additional troop will perform an area recce task, thereby putting a greater emphasis on the proper employment of reconnaissance troops.

During the past week the Squadron plunged itself into the building of a new mess tent. A concrete floor was laid and the new tent was erected on Friday. The new facilities, which were created on a self-help basis, will provide roomier, cleaner and drier eating facilities. Construction engineer for the project was Squadron Sergeant-Major H.S. Graham.

The main portion of Christmas festivities within the Squadron took the form of a Christmas Eve party in the Men's Canteen. At noon on Christmas Day the traditional turkey dinner was served to the men, by the officers. On Friday the 24th the officers hosted the sergeants to an "At Home" and the favour was returned by the sergeants on Sunday the 26th.

This week sees all members of the Squadron on the small arms range at Dhekelia for pistol and sub-machine gun live firing practices. These practices will now become a monthly affair for all personnel. No doubt next week there will be anecdotes concerning champion marksmen and the inevitable winners of booby prizes.

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



ACROSS: 1. Sword (6), 6. Resounded (4), 9. Verbal (4), 10. Son of Adam (4), 11. Cheerful type (6), 13. Garment (4), 15. Scottish town (3), 16. Carrier (7), 17. Foreign ruler (4), 19. Sing (5), 21. Horses (5), 24. Staff (4), 25. Retarded (7), 27. Spring (3), 29. Smooth (4), 30. Consume (6), 32. Indian city (4), 33. Strays (4), 34. Tree (4), 35. Not much (6). **DOWN:-** 1. Prayer beads (6), 2. Force (4), 3. Coupled (6), 4. Unwell (3), 5. Less common (5), 6. New production (7), 7. Boy's name (4), 8. Entrance (4), 12. Sinful (4), 14. Fruit (4), 18. Mixture (7), 20. Because of (4), 21. Fashion (4), 22. Turn for aid (6), 23. Thinly distributed (6), 24. Foot lever (5), 25. Face (4), 26. Soil (4), 28. Knitting term (4), 31. Doctor (3).

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD:- **ACROSS:-** 1. Cabot, 5. Stamp, 9. Initial, 10. Arden, 12. Pulp, 14. Reds, 16. Root, 17. Ely, 18. Stoutly, 20. Curls, 21. Pyramid, 23. Sun, 25. Lear, 26. Beta, 27. Adder, 29. Bones, 30. Isobars, 31. Those, 32. Needy. **DOWN:-** 1. Clare, 2. Biddy, 3. Ones, 4. Tin, 5. Sip, 6. Taurus, 7. Allot, 8. Pasty, 11. Relayed, 13. Pollute, 15. Strip, 18. Sum, 19. Old, 20. Caress, 21. Plant, 22. Radio, 23. Sense, 24. Nasty, 26. Bore, 28. Roe, 29. Ban.

Secretary - General's
New Year Message

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new endeavours in international co-operation.

I believe that all of you will have shared the deep satisfaction which I myself have felt in seeing the United Nations, in the very midst of the serious financial difficulties which have affected our activities to

some extent, continue nevertheless without interruption to carry out and indeed to expand many of those functions which its Member States and the peoples of the world in general have come to regard as indispensable. I refer in particular to our peace-keeping operations, in which we both maintained our existing responsibilities in various parts of the world and undertook new ones in the Caribbean and along the line of conflict between India and Pakistan; to our work in economic and social development, where we continued to expand our well established technical co-operation activities and made sound progress in the establishment of the institutions necessary to our new tasks in the field of trade and development; and to our slow and painstaking search for the basis for further progress towards disarmament. We have seen the Security Council respond promptly and positively to the need for international action to contain some of the dangers arising in some of the trouble spots which still cause us anxiety. And in the last quarter of the year we have seen the General Assembly, fully restored to normality, taking new decisions on such matters as disarmament, the prevention of nuclear proliferation and closer economic co-operation, with a vigour which should encourage us to believe that the Organization is capable of growing stronger in the face of adversity.

UNFICYP

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ment has decided to contribute \$10,000 towards the expenses of UNFICYP.

In a letter, dated 17 December, received by U Thant, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, Mr. Leif Edvardson, states that the Norwegian Government, taking note of the Secretary-General's information to the Security Council that UNFICYP cannot be maintained in Cyprus without the financial means to defray its costs, has decided to make a voluntary contribution of Norwegian Kroner 100,000 (approximately \$14,000) towards covering the deficit.

Assembly ends XX Session

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discrimination. Governments signing it will formally commit themselves to prohibit racial discrimination by any person or group, to seek an end to barriers between races, and to take special protective measures for groups that have suffered from discrimination.

Also on the last day, the Assembly called for a wide range of sanctions against Portugal because of her refusal to heed U.N. requests that she allow Angola, Mozambique, and other African territories their independence. Among the sanctions urged were a break in diplomatic relations and a general trade embargo.

Other measures taken by the Assembly during its closing days were:

* Money needed by the United Nations Middle East Force for 1965 and 1966 was appropriated — 19 million dollars and 15 million dollars, respectively. The vast bulk of these costs were apportioned to 23 economically developed countries, according to a new formula to serve pending an agreement on the controversial problem of peace-keeping operations and their financing.

* The Assembly also approved a budget of 121.5 million dollars for regular U.N. operations next year.

* On the issue of non-inter-

The Assembly asked all countries to respect the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus, and to avoid any intervention against it. The vote was 47 in favour, 5 against, and 54 abstentions. Turkey opposed the resolution on the grounds that it was weighted in favour of the views of Cyprus and the Greek Government and did not give proper recognition of the rights of the Turkish Cypriot minority.

vention in the domestic affairs of States, the Assembly approved a compromise resolution embodying the concepts put forward by the Soviet Union, the United States, and Latin American and African nations. It spoke out against armed intervention and other direct or indirect forms of interference including subversion and intervention in civil strife.

* The Assembly reaffirmed the long-standing U.N. objectives in Korea and called for further efforts to unify the country by peaceful means. It asked North Korean authorities to accept U.N. objectives for a unified, independent and de-

mocratic Korea.

* Another resolution called on all European States to intensify efforts for better relations and thus facilitate a reduction in tension in Europe and throughout the world.

* On outer space, the Assembly asked a United Nations committee dealing with this to continue to work on international agreements covering aid to astronauts in difficulty and liability for damage.

Other decisions covered a wide range of economic matters:

* The Assembly urged that more capital aid be provided to developing countries from both Government and private sources. It set the target of \$200 million annual for United Nations aid. It decided to establish a special U.N. organization to promote industrial development.

* The Assembly also expressed concern at the lack of progress in solving the difficult position of poorer countries seeking to get adequate prices for their exports or raw materials and basic agricultural products. Yet another resolution, asked that the World Food Programme be continued for as long as needed, and set a target of \$275 million for the 1966 to 1968 period.

Little by little, we are making headway against the scourge of war and the tyranny of poverty. Little by little the world is becoming saner and safer. Modest though the contribution of each of us must be, we can rejoice at the opportunity of sharing the task. I thank each and every one of you, both in Headquarters and in far distant corners of the world, for what you have given to it during this past year. And to each and every one of you, I wish a well-deserved holiday and a rewarding New Year.