Wednesday, 31st August, 1966

SECRETARY-GENERAL AT MEXICO

VIETNAM: UN 'IMPOTENT' TO DEAL WITH SITUATION
INDONESIA: RETURN TO UN WOULD BE WELCOMED
CHINA: 'I BELIEVE IN THE UNIVERSALITY OF UN'

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN MEXICO CITY late on Friday of last week, the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, said that the realities of the present world situation made the United Nations as it is constituted unable to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam dispute. The world Organization was, the Secretary-General said, 'important' to deal with this situation.

U Thant stressed that the importunity was not fault of the United Nations Charter, there was no way the Organization could be strengthened to deal with the dispute. Of all the major participants in the conflict, only the United States was a member of the UN. He stressed the point that machinery had been set up by the 1954 Geneva conference to deal with the crisis and said that, furthermore, some important members of the UN were opposed to the Viet-Nam question being discussed in the United Nations.

U Thant said that he had been involved for the last three years in his personal capacity in several efforts for a peaceful settlement, but these efforts had so far pro-

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DE RIBBING IN BANGKOK
FIRST STAGE OF MISSION TO THAILAND/CAMBODIA

SWEDE'N'S AMBASSADOR HERBERT DE RIBBING, the Secretary-General's Special Representative to Cambodia and Thailand, arrived in Bangkok last week on the initial stage of his mission of helping to ease the tension between the two countries. He told newsmen that he had come to the region "completely uncommitted and with fresh eyes" and that he was hopeful that a "good solution" could be achieved in spite of great difficulties on both sides.

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APOSTLEN PAULUS I PAPHOS

APOSTLEN PAULUS, HAM MED BREVENE OG REJRENE,
VAR FØDT I TARSUS I LILLA ASIEN LITE SEDR FOR SPILLEN AF HELVORNE KOROPSKER I DEN NORDOVERSTE ENDE AF CYPER. Han var ikke en rik, mørkent rikeb, som han kunde grete til konflikt, og han kunne sige spørre dem til konge i Jerusalem.


DANSK

Dansk bryllup


... CONTRA

Paulus og Mathsen stjal saa ud af Paphos og komme til Peru i Pampflyn.

Blandt Bibelens mange beretninger om overstdeler er dette en, som det er frit vil og med en kristen stårbold.

PRO OG...
Fusiliers step up their training

TRAINING:
The last week or so has seen some very hectic range work by the Battalion’s B Company. The Reserve Platoon spent the first three days of the week in ‘cold firing’ practice at the Gosh Range. The training, which included the use of all normal infantry platoon weapons, was conducted by the Company Second in Command, Captain Tony Veysey and Second Lieutenant Charles Walton, the platoon commander.

After the platoons had completed a rotation around the Limassol perimeter, Lieutenants Mike Stockwell and Chris Coniffe undertook some very intensive 81mm mortar training on the same ranges.

Various other forms of training — mainly driver and radio training — have also been taking place to ensure that the Battalion will be ready for its impending return to Germany and its role there working with Armoured Personnel Carriers.

SPORT:
The Sergeant’s Mess entertained the New Zealand Civilian Police in a cricket match at Happy Valley, Episkopi last week and despite heroic resistance, were well beaten by the visitors.

INNISKILINGS IN ACCIDENT

Donkey Collides with Horse

An unusual form of road accident occurred on Zygi last weekend according to a report by Reuters Nicosia correspondent. According to the Greek Cypriot was injured and later taken to hospital in Nicosia after having been involved in a collision with two men a ‘A’ Squadron 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragon Guards. The two members of UNIFCYP, were escorting two of the Squadron’s horses at the time of the accident and the Cypriot was riding a donkey.

THE WATCH THAT ENDS THE NIGHT

A telephone call is received ordering two troops of armoured cars to move to an area where the situation requires UNIFCYP presence. The first person to receive this call is the switchboard operator at 8 Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars. The switchboard must be operational twenty-four hours a day. At all times there must be an alert soldier to fully understand the gist of any message. He must be ready to contact all the required personnel and know their location.

To perform these tasks we presently have four operators. They are Signalman Grant, Signalman St Louis, Trooper Morrison G.G. and Trooper Macdonald J.J. They are under the supervision of Sergeant White.

The switchboard consists of the telephone switchboard proper, the switchboard operator at the switchboard, and the mobile operator at the mobile switchboard.

Lt Col J Walsh, Officer Commanding 6th Infantry Group, congratulated the Force Commander after receiving his United Nations (Cyprus) medal.

The north with Headquarters in Nicosia and companies in Kate Pypria, Limassol and Lefka, while 3rd Infantry Group became responsible for Paphos District to the west with the main body in Kathikas and a company in Polis.

On 7-9 April 1965, 42nd Infantry Battalion under Lt Col P Delanse rotated with 6th Battalion in Morphou District. The Force Commander, on a visit to Lefka District, stops to speak with Sgt Peter Cossens (left) and Tmr Michael Collins who are crew members of an armoured car section in Limassol.
UNIFICYP Secretariat celebrates first anniversary

Last Wednesday the Hibbert House Secretariat Canteen at HQ UNIFICYP celebrated its first birthday. The Force Commander, General Matthols, the Acting CAD, Mr. Gerry Dunn, Colonel George Hale, the Deputy COS and Pedro Sparrh had the grand of well-wishers who gathered in the canteen. After the Force Commander, pictured above, had cut the birthday cake, both he and Mr. Dunn expressed the appreciation of all members of the Force headquarters for the service given by Miss Evelyn Abol, MBE, Mrs. Elsie Dennis and Mrs. Kay Rance in running the canteen.

APARTEID SEMINAR OPENS IN BRAZIL

PROBLEMS of apartheid and ways of achieving a society free from racial discrimination came under review at a United Nations seminar on the African country which opened in Brazil, the capital of Brazil, a last week.

Speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, Marc Schabby, Director of the United Nations Division of Human Rights opened the seminar. He said he welcomed particularly representives of countries who had experienced the problem to have been found, or were actively being sought. He pointed out that the General Assembly, in the resolution accompanying the UN Declaration against all forms of racial discrimination, had stated that any policy based on racial differentiation was scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous.

FIELD-HOSPITAL MAN WEDS IN NICOSIA

The wedding of Lieutenant Wolfgang Braunner of the Austrian Field Hospital and Miss Karin Braunner of Vienna, Austria, was recently celebrated at the District Office, Nicosia. Mrs. Braunner will be staying in Cyprus for one month and Lieutenant Braunner is due to finish his tour of duty with UNIFICYP by the end of October.

"Osterreichisches Heirat"


WATER RESOURCES SEMINAR CLOSES

A United Nations Seminar concerned with the use of water resources in Moscow last week after an extensive study tour of hydro-technical installations in the Soviet Union. Government officials and administrators from thirty-five countries attended the seminar, which discussed modern concepts and techniques applicable to the development of water resources in the less developed countries.

History of Irish Contingent with UNIFICYP

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District. Meanwhile, 4th Infantry Group commanded by Lt Col P.D. Hogan had relieved the 3rd Inf. Grp. in January but it was not itself replaced until six months later. 42nd Battalion then took over the Paphos District.

With the departure of 42nd Battalion at the beginning of June, Lieutenant and, after a short period when it was thought that it would not be replaced, 5th Infantry Group, with Lt Col Brian McGlynn in charge, arrived at the end of the month and took over in the Limassol District which is largely the same as that covered by its successors, the present 6th Infantry Group.

To complete the record, which lacks of space has limited to the briefest outline and which makes no reference to person with Headquarters UNIFICYP, the present Con- tinguent commanded by Lt Col J. Walsh has its Headquarters in Xerou, with 'A' Company in Limassol, the Armoured Car Group in Limassol and 'B' Company in Kato Paphos and Koksina. Its total strength is now 517 officers and men.

OSTERREICHES HEIRAT


Forest Armoured Cars of FINCOM's Reconnaissance Platoon in the field taken during field firing exercises at Glouli range.

Major Phil Pridie (left) LOGS Branch, HQ UNIFICYP and the Logistic Officer of the Finnish Battalion, Lt Col Melanion on board a Wessex helicopter of 18 Sqn on route to inspect outlying posts.

Colonel Uldvri Koskenni, CO YKP 5, congratulates the HQ Company team which won the Battalion baseball matches recently over Cyprus' seat in the United Nations. The vote of 47 to 47 with twenty abstentions represented the strongest support yet recorded for the seating of the People's Republic of China — an issue which has been raised at various sessions since 1951.
Lake Tiberias incident - Syrian, Israeli letters to Council

IN A LETTER TO THE UNITED NATIONS Security Council made public last week, Syria said that Israel was guilty of aggression in the incident which took place on the 15th August in the area of the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias. The letter said that an armoured Israeli launch had crossed the boundary of the defensive area by approaching the shore and had opened automatic fire in response to a warning from Syrian shore positions.

When the fire was returned, the letter said, several other launches, under the protection of jet aircraft which bombed Syrian positions, rushed to aid the first one. Syrian aircraft had to intervene to meet this unexpected attack, the letter said, declaring that the presence of armed launches near the eastern shores of the lake was a flagrant violation of the General Armistic Agreement.

In an Israeli letter to the Council, also made public last week, it was said that Syria was the aggressor. It said fire was first directed from Syrian positions against Israeli launches trying to extricate a patrol boat which had gone aground on a sandbar. Syrian MIC fighters subsequently launched strafing attacks on the boats and Israeli "planes intervened. The letter emphasized that Lake Tiberias was entirely inside Syria, and that her right to carry out routine patrols on it was unchallenged.

NEW ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK COMES INTO BEING

A NEW INSTITUTION DESIGNED TO FOSTER REGIONAL economic growth and co-operation was born last week when the agreement establishing the Asian Development Bank came into force. The agreement was drawn up under the auspices of the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

The agreement calls for efforts to speed up Asian development, to mobilize public and private capital from within and outside the region, and to promote an orderly expansion of trade. To take effect, the agreement had to be ratified or accepted by fifteen countries including at least ten from inside the region — with subscriptions totaling at least five per cent of the Bank's authorized capital of one billion dollars.

The work of the Bank, it was said, would foster better relations among Asian countries and do much to promote closer co-operation between them and the rest of the world.

MEXICO CITY PRESS CONFERENCE

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ved inconclusive. The Secretary-General then declared, 'I will continue my efforts for peace there.'

Questioned about unconfirmed reports that he would not make himself available for a second term as Secretary-General, U Thant declined to announce his decision before his return to New York on September 1st. Asked if he would favour a Mexican to succeed him he decided not to stand, U Thant said that as he had not yet informed Council members of his decision it would not be proper for him to venture an opinion on that question. He said that it was a question for the Security Council to decide.

Asked if Indonesia had given any official indication of an intention to return to the United Nations (she quit the Organization in protest against the seating of Malaysia on the Security Council) U Thant said there had been no official communications, but there had been some indications that some of Indonesia's leaders had favored a return of their country to the Organization. If the Indonesian government decided to return, he said, the entire membership would welcome the country back.

...Returning to the Viet-Nam question, the Secretary-General said I come from South-East Asia. I know some of the leaders involved in the Viet-Nam conflict. As a Burmese I know what it means to fight for independence. My assessment of the Viet-Nam situation is different from that of others. This conflict should be related to the longing of the Viet-Nam people for independence without any interference from outside. But when people struggle and suffer for a long time, extreme forces come to the surface and dominate the scene. The Secretary-General then denied that he was seeking Mexican mediation in the Viet-Nam conflict, adding that any mediation at this stage would not be realistic.

Questioned on his views regarding the admission of the Peoples' Republic of China to membership of the United Nations, the Secretary-General said I believe in the universality of the United Nations, and on this question there are two U Thants. Speaking personally, I believe that if the concept of universality was achieved, the United Nations would be in a much stronger position to settle problems such as that of Viet-Nam.

STOP PRESS

TURKISH QUAKES: ASSISTANCE OFFER BY U THANT

UN Secretary-General last week sent message of condolences to Turkish Government expressing his "deepest sympathy over the tragic loss of human lives and property" during recent earthquakes. He said $10,000 US could be made available in emergency relief and that he was in contact with UN Specialized agencies with view to co-ordinating joint efforts of the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, U. C. Copeland, the earthquake government and peoples' "heartfelt appreciation" for Turkish "humanitarian and generous offer of assistance.

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, due to return to United Nations Head-quarters in New York today (Wednesday) after seven day visit to Mexico and Chile.

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