PRESSING WORLD ISSUES FACE UN IN 1968

At the United Nations the early months of 1968 are expected to be crowded with important developments. High among them are those relating to the Middle East and the Eastern Mediterranean.

At the request of the UN Security Council, Special Envoy of Secretary-General U Thant, Gunnar Jarring, is currently seeking settlement of the long-standing dispute between Israel and its Arab neighbors, which has plagued the Middle East for two decades and has brought during this period three wars, most recently the short but harsh clash of last June.

A week ago, U Thant reported to the Council that Mr Jarring had completed his first round of visits to the Governments involved in the June war and had been assured of their willingness to cooperate with his mission. Last week he had further discussions with authorities in Israel and the United Arab Republic. There is no specific deadline for a fuller report from U Thant to the Council, but one or more would normally be expected in the early part of 1968.

Fresh United Nations efforts to bring stability and peace to Cyprus were brought on by near-war

FOR ST BARBARA’S CHURCH

AUSTRIAN PEACE BELLS

WHEN an Austrian Chaplain, during the annual visit to Xeros in 1966, a novel idea was born.

In talking to Herr Oskar Kortan, the chief engineer of the copper mining company at Xeros, Oberkurat Jordan found that the Church of St. Barbara was in need of bells. The suggestion was discussed with Colonel Nussbaumer, the previous Commandant of the Austrian Field Hospital and it was decided to collect the money necessary for the bells from personnel of the hospital. The sum required was duly raised and the order placed for two ‘peace bells’ were cast and made at INNSBRUCK in Austria and duly transported to Cyprus.

The bells are named Agnes, after Col Nussbaumer’s daughter, and Gabriele, after Herr Kurtan’s daughter who is at present on holiday from school in England and with her parents - Oberkurat Jordan, visited Cyprus to the Contingent for Christ. At a ceremony at St. Barbara’s Church in Xeros at 3 p.m. on Saturday 30th December, the two bells were handed over by the visiting Chaplain for Christmas 1967 Oberkurat Vollhofer, on behalf of Col R. Wech, the present Commandant of the Austrian Field Hospital, to Father Flaviano, the Holy See’s Acting Chancellor in Cyprus, who duly acknowledged the gift with thanks. Lt Col M.J. Murphy, Commander of the Irish Contingent was also present. Detachments from both the Austrian and Irish contingents formed a guard of honour and the pipe band of the Irish Contingent played during the ceremony. Three carols were sung, concluding with Silent Night.

Decolonization problems will continue to be underlined. But another major international issue — the Vietnamese war — may also be sought early this year. Last month, US Ambassador Arthur Goldberg said he consulted UN Security Council Members onAgain raising the question in the Council, and a decision by the United States Government on whether to press this course could be expected soon. Opponents of an action by the UN General Assembly, including member countries, the Soviet Union and France, on the grounds that it would be juridically unsound and politically unwise. The Vietnamese issue was, technically, placed on the Council’s agenda early in 1967, but no substantive debate took place.
MEDALJER
19 DEC 1967

Hesten Venn havde et højt
punkt i sin karriere, da kaptein
Sørensen leverte Lørenskus
medaljegivere til vice Commander.

I BRAVO dekoreres konstabel
Vede af CH/DANCON, medens
kampgangelsene major Schaller ser
 til. I ALFA forestod major Budde-
Lund selv medaljoesmålingen. Her
dekoreres konstabel Ahol.

KRITISKE HERRER

Ju, men det er nødvendig. Til
vaktenlønneret skal våbenet være
rent og tørtlagt, ellers bliver det en etv.
brand måske overset, og så er våbenet
færdigt for brugen.

VIKINGER?

Ikke mindre end 385 erbervede
det eftertragtede Middelsmå-Johs-
hus-certifikat, da de julerhavnad
om Sørlandsen "vogt", fører en
dukker i Middelsmå, og derefter
varnede sig ved en Glæle hos Mamy.
Gåenuten ses ikke.

DANCON - NYT

FN - JUL I BILD

Sedan förra morgon har Blue
Beret hunnit få lite fylla bilder från
svenska FN-hustrunns jubilande,
här som vi ser att få presentera
på denna sida.

Många julmedaljoner hölls i
helgen på de svenska förlagsgå-
area. T.ex. har hotlinepilot Lenart
Nordgrönt samlat en skirta till julbon
vid Artemis Road i Larnaca.

SWEDCON NEWS

GOTT NYTT ÅR!

Batchefon besøkte på julefrokost med helikopter kamper og Off's run-
tem i svenska zone, hier færdig for asfjord fra Kons Koltrud med chefen i
kommando, maj Alberg, t.v. Bekjempelse med "enbarkarungen" är Gösta Frest,
Nora.

Julklapparna öppnas på OP 207, nämligen av (fr.v.) Sten Stark,
Björkby, Christers Grue, Ochre och Sune Huland, Stockholm.

Dina krig gräns på Famagusta Beach. Aggrande i varierande
kildokat är STR-kongonister. "Jaloppy i luften" och andra begivenheter
stå på programmet...
BRITCON COMMANDER VISITS OUTPOSTS

The Britcon Commander, Brigadier M.N. Harkettle, continuing his visits to outposts of the British contingent visited Polis and Anadhiou last Thursday.

Brig Harkettle visiting Hilltop OP, spoke to Rfn Mike Southern of Lassila, Birmingham.

‘WELL DONE THE COOKS’

Dvr Dave Franklin from Devonport serving with 65 Sqn RCT, is bridging the language barrier on the bridge at Axios Theodorus, with some children from the village.

During the recent emergency, the officers of HQ UNIFICYP required a constant supply of meals through each 24-hour period as people worked on shifts. One of the men who worked so ably and cheerfully, ensuring that no-one was upset, was Cpl Brian Prodridge, ACC, from Witleydon London. He was also working hard throughout the Christmas period as indeed were all cooks everywhere.

At the Rugby match on Wednesday HQ UNIFICYP played RAF Akrotiri. After a well-fought game RAF Akrotiri emerged the victors by 17 points to 6 passing the ball to Tpr Ian Bray of ‘B’ Sqn 4/7 DG.

The traditional Christmas Dinner was provided at Xeros Camp on 23 Dec, and as is the custom the Officers and NCO’s served the meal. At work during the dinner (L to R) CQMS Joe Carroll, Sjt Hod Mahryan and CQMS Leo Flanagan.

In a recent competition the prize for the “Best Tent in the Group Area” was won by “The Bunkhouse” occupied by (L to R) Sgt John Degan, Sgt Patrick Sichan and Sgt John Lawton, all members of the Heavy Mortar Troop. The prize was presented by Lt Col Murphy on Christmas Day.

Capt C. McNamara Transport Officer 9 Inf Gp serving Christmas Dinner, to (L) Cpl Sean O’Reilly and John Walsh.

Enoing the morning tea break (L to R) Tpr William Quarmey and Cpl Michael Stanford.

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UN MEDAL FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Gen A.E. Martel, UN Force Commander, presents the UN Cyprus medal to Col H.C.F. Elliot, Commander of the Canadian Contingent and UN Deputy Chief of Staff.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT CAMP MAPLE LEAF

Mrs T.B.B. Wainman-Wood, wife of the Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, presents a Christmas Card to Sgt Roy Reppley and Sgt Jim Gertsher in the Sergeants Mess in Camp Maple Leaf. Mr. and Mrs. Wainman-Wood obtained more than 30 Christmas trees, including the one shown here, for use in CANCON outposts and messes.

Sgt “Quick-Drew” McGrew serves the traditional Christmas dinner to Col John Silvers in the Camp Maple Leaf mess.

Major Ian Galbraith, Commanding Officer of the Reconnaissance Squadron at the Fort Garry House, serves Christmas dinner to Pte. Sandy Sanford and Cpl Bob Provost in the mess at Camp Maple Leaf.

Patulijonais pastei Villi Mailu

Katostien jouhurkkuina 1.5 km allaan, Jounias jääkkäri T. Gänther, T. Forsten, M. Leppinen, V. Suomalainen, H. Virkkä ja R. Järvelä.

JOUULUISIA TUNNELMIA

FINCON NEWS
A member of the British Contingent of the UNFICYP was honoured by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, in the New Year’s Honours list published on Monday.

Lt Col F.E. Kitson, MBE, MC, the Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his work as a Staff Officer at the Ministry of Defence, London.

He was awarded the MBE in 1959 and is also the holder of the Military Cross and bar.

Lt Col Kitson is married with two children. He was commissioned in 1946 and has held a variety of posts both at regimental duty and in Staff appointments, which have taken him to Germany, Kenya, Malaya and the USA. From 1962 to 1964, Col Kitson was in Cyprus as second-in-command of the Third Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets and was also Master of the Dhekellia Drag.

The Week In Photos
And A
Happy New Year
To All Our Readers

At the conclusion of a chess tournament amongst members of the UNFICYP Civilian Police, Major W. Beier, (left) Commanding Officer of the Austrian detachment, presented the ‘Beier Trophy’ to the winner of the Civilian Police Chess Tournament, Insp Josef Kern, also of the Austrian detachment.

A piper from the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, piped the New Year in around the lines of HQ UNFICYP at midnight on New Year’s Eve.

At the traditional comic football match between the Officers and Sgts, held on Boxing Day at HQ UNFICYP there were some amusing sights.

Seen here are three of the Sgts team, WO II A: Holmberg (Swedcon) Sgt ‘Georgie Dale’ and WO I L. A. Hunt (Britton) surely representing the long the short and the tall. No-one can be found who knows the true result of the game.

On 1st January 1968 Col J. Jyrhama (right) took over command of the Finnish Contingent from Col V. Rusanen, who returns to Finland on completion of his six months tour with UNFICYP in early January.