FAREWELL MEXICAN “CONTINGENT”

Mr. Luis Moreno-Verdin, popular Principal Information Officer of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, left Nicosia on Thursday 27 June, 1968, on the conclusion of his assignment with the Force. He is seen here with his wife and five daughters bound for Jerusalem. The ‘contingent’ will be chartering their way through Europe en route for Mexico City, where they are due 28 July. Apart from Jerusalem, they will stop off at Istanbul, Athens, Venice, Rome, Paris, Madrid and Lisbon.

DE-COLONIZATION COMMITTEE

NATO ALLIES TOLD

“NO AID TO PORTUGAL”

The De-colonization Committee, last Thursday, reiterated a request to all states, and particularly Portugal’s NATO Allies, to desist forthwith from providing Portugal with any aid that encourages her to continue repression in African territories under her rule.

An African-Asian resolution to this effect was approved by a vote of 18 in favour, 3 against — Britain, the United States of America and Australia, and 2 abstentions — Finland and Italy.

The resolution condemned the rendering of any form of military aid to Portugal — direct or indirect — as well as activities of financial interests operating in her territories — activities which, it said, “impeded the progress of the (Continued on page 8)

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

CHINA INVITED TO ATTEND UN CONFERENCE

All the nuclear powers, including the Peoples Republic of China, have been invited to participate in a forthcoming UN Conference of non-nuclear states in Geneva.

The Secretary-General, U Thant, has sent identical messages to them, as well as to non-nuclear member states of the UN and its Agencies.

Under the terms of the General Assembly Resolution asking him to arrange for a convening of the conference on 29 August, in accordance with the recommendations of a preparatory committee, U Thant noted in his communications that the General Assembly decided last December to invite non-nuclear members of the UN and its agencies, and had approved the preparatory groups recommendation that nuclear states should be invited to participate without the right to vote.

The Secretary-General’s message addressed to the Foreign Ministers concerned, requested an early reply regarding their intention to participate.

The conference is scheduled to last from 29 August to 28 September.

The decision to convene the conference was taken by the General Assembly in November 1966 with a view to looking into the questions concerning the security of non-nuclear states and related issues.

The Peoples Republic of China, which is not represented at the United Nations, has been invited to attend a UN meeting only on one other occasion. That was in 1950, when the Security Council invited the Peoples Republic of China to address it in connection with charges of aggression against Taiwan.

STOP PRESS

The Peoples Republic of China have refused to accept the invitation, made by U Thant, to participate in the forthcoming UN conference in Geneva. See story column 3.

U THANT’S ITINERARY

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, left New York on Friday for visits to Sofia, Bucharest, Vienna, Geneva and Dublin.

U Thant will visit the Bulgarian capital from 29 June to 2 July, and from 2 to 5 July he will stay in the Romanian capital, where he will attend a meeting of the committee which co-ordinates the work of the UN and its Agencies.

On 5 July the Secretary-General will pay a one-day visit to the Austrian capital, where he will inaugurate a new Headquarters site of the UN Industrial Development Organization.

From 6 to 11 July, U Thant will attend a summer session at the UN Economic and Social Council in Geneva, and he will deliver an address to that body.

On 12 July he will address the International Bar Association in Dublin, returning to UN Headquarters on the same day.

NEW USA REPRESENTATIVE AT UNITED NATIONS

Mr. George Ball, on Thursday 27 June, 1968, presented his credentials to the Secretary-General, U Thant, as the new Permanent United States Representative to the United Nations.

Mr Ball is succeeding Mr Arthur Goldberg, who has resigned.

Mr Ball was formerly the USA Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.
LIVGARDEN

FYLDE 310 AAR


Til receptionen, der holdt 27 kompaniets officerer, var indbudt enkelte gæster, og desuden alt personnel af Den kongelige Livgarde, der gav givetvis sine tilstande.

JAPANSK VISIT

I sidste uge havde DANCON besøg af Mr. Kunihiko Fumawas fra Japan. Mr. Fumawas er tidligere ved Japan nationalforvarende. Han var kropstil til Cypern for at studere De Forenede Nationers fredssættende virksomhed på øen. På grundlag af et rapport er skal have om sine iagttagelser, skal det japanske forsvarsråd tage stilling til dem, de kan anbefale, at Japan yder økonomiske støtte til opførelse af UNIFCYP. Under besøget ved DANCON var Mr. Fumawas en tiger på den grænse linje, og han ses sammen med fr. venstre, premier løjtnant P.H.W.Heldorf, premiersløjtnant H.N.Wejle, kontingents O-officer major E.Billow og chefen for C-kompaniets major P.E. Høffeldt.

Selv om det måske er grundlaget for at UNIFCYP kan virke på Cypern, så er det blevet fortægtes for en period af seks måneder, hvor styrkerne (kansler) står i høj grad på flyvende bidrag fra FN's medlemmestadie.

DANCON NYT

Til højre.
Blandt de mere originale gaver, der i anledning af Den kongelige Livgardeens fødselsdag blev overdraget regimentets stolte officer på Cypern, major P.E.Høffeldt, skal nævnes et næsten originalt dansk skildbord og et ærligt. Her afgiver major Høffeldt sin nye senter, der var skabt af C-kompaniets hældingsmand.
SQUADRON SHUNTED OFF PARADE

At 8 Sep RCT Medal Parade last Thursday, 27th June, the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, Major General, presented pence-keeping medals to men of 8 Sep RCT, commanded by Maj Charles Matthewson. Soon 8 Sep, will be leaving these shores for Longmoor, UK, to resume their railway and road transportation duties.

Towards the end of the Parade, Capt Peter Hollins, Parade Commander, presented both Gen Martola and Brig Harrington with a 'shunting horn' specially embossed with the Royal Corps of Transport badge. The shunting horn is a neat instrument similar to a hunting horn, but instead of moving hounds, it is used to move railway carriages.

Shunting horns have a clear piercing pitch, as was ably demonstrated by Brig Harrington on the parade ground, where he gave the signal to shunt the Squadron off parade.

Troop Sgt Denis Beetham reporting the Quarter Guard to Brigadier Harrington on the occasion of his recent visit to C SQN 4/7th at Zuyi.

Last week members of 10 Ld Group from "A" Coy handed over the duties of Camp Guard at UN HQ to members of the Swedish Contingent.

Our photo (above) shows the new guard paying compliments to the old guard as the latter marches off the parade ground led by Cpl John Bellard. At a pinch John could have provided his own "guard" as he is the father of twelve children, nine of whom he has boys.

On duty at the main entrance, Sgn John Gallagher (2 Fd Sig Coy Dublin) is seen ensuring that no unauthorized persons gain admittance to UN HQ.

OFFICERS' MESS STAFF GARDEN!

Tending to their garden is the daily ritual of Lance Bombardier David Weeks and Sapper John Ross, soon here water the geranium bed "planted" in February and doing well. Hidden out of sight is a fine bed of tomatoes, due to ripen soon, and heavily guarded.

To date, no bitter rivalry has been noted though perhaps the arguments regarding the merits of Gunners and Sappers goes on behind the scenes.

Nearly all Regiments and Corps have been represented on the Officers' Mess staff during the fifty-one months of the Force's existence.

BRITISH NEWS

In the office at UN HQ, Chief Clerk to the Liaison Officer, Cpl Sgt, Jerry Benson, (Ordnance Sgt, 13 Bn Limerick) (right) welcomes and prepares to hand over duties to his successor, Cpl Sgt Victor Axton, (Southern Command Headquarters, Cork). A veteran with 18 years service to his credit - but not an old timer as he still has 10 years to go before final retirement (in case you think your sums are wrong, don't recitch as he did fool the recruiting officer)

Cpl Sgt Axton from an early stage in his career and mainly through his association with the Irish International and European Champion of that period, cpl Charlie Evenden, became interested in boxing, though he did not follow through beyond the junior stage.

All through the years when he was the third man in the ring - from Cork, through the National Stadium, Dublin to Lodon where last year he refereed the Home Countries match against England. Now his long years of devotion to aspirants of the Irish ring have been rewarded for, just before his departure from Ireland for Cyprus, he was honoured by being selected as one of the eight Irish members of the International Panel of Referees.

While regretting the departure of the ever-helpful and obliging Jerry Benson, we hasten to congratulate Victor Axton on his unique distinction and wish him a successful and pleasant tour of duty in UN HQ.
The "T-Birds," a group of four talented Canadian artists have been entertaining UN troops serving in Cyprus since April 1968. In great demand throughout the contingents, they are: Joe Doreau (lead guitarist), George McCord (Rhythm), Taffy Gray (Drummer) and Ron Danyluk (Rhythm).

There are few places in the world that can offer as ideal condition for skin diving as the island of Cyprus. Two members of the Canadian contingent took the opportunity of their six month tour to get acquainted with this fascinating sport. Sgt. Al Lewis instructor for the course, which runs weekly, gives last minute instructions to Pro Tom Fenton prior to a fitty foot dive.

GOT YOUR GOAT?

Sgt. A.S. Davis, currently serving with the Canadian Contingent, United Nations Force in Cyprus, and British Sergeant J.R. Woodford have got this Cypriot shepherd's goat, but he doesn't mind. A passing word with the local shepherds is all in a day's peace-keeping work and by now the shepherd is used to friendly blue berets.

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FINCON NEWS

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‘CASEVAC’ ALERT

Last week two Mobile Emergency Teams of the Austrian Field Hospital were put to the test by the Chief Medical Officer, Colonel Tommy Pace, with Exercise “Fast Jump” which tested their speed and efficiency in dealing with field casualties, using helicopter and road transport.

The idea was to see how quickly the Mobile Emergency Teams could collect and treat serious casualties and evacuate them to a hospital. The centre of the exercise was at a well, just east of Angustina on the Nicosisa—Famagusta Road. It was assumed that serious fighting had taken place to gain control of this spot and several casualties had been suffered. Within 15 minutes of receiving a request for assistance No 1 Team had collected its equipment and was on its way, having been duly briefed by Colonel Robert Wech, Commandant AFH.

On arrival a stretcher was radioed back to AFH: “Three stretcher cases, send helicopter”. Everything worked smoothly, and within 45 minutes a Whirlwind helicopter from 230 Sqn RAF UNIFICYP having collected No 2 Team from the AFH and flown it to the scene of the fighting, was already on its way back to the AFH with three of the most serious casualties aboard.

TRUST TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS
MORE FREEDOM IN MANAGEMENT

The 15-Nation Security Council last week recommended that the Peoples of Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands under USA administration, and New Guinea under Australian administration, be more closely associated with the management of their own affairs in preparation for self-government.

The Security Council sought to speed up their economic, social and political advance.

WATER POLO RESULTS

At RAF Nicosia on 27 July, 1968

BHC/MET 10
230 Sqn (RAF) 5
UNIFICYP.

FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

The Famagusta Road Race, a distance of 5 miles, was run as a relay between Contingents on the 21 June, 1968.

The race started at HQ 2 Coy SWEDCON and ran along Democracy Street towards the harbour, with the finish at Carl Gustaf Camp. Carefully, after the race, the competitors had dinner.

See photos on pages 3 and 7.

RESULTS

No 1 SWEDCON I 22.25.2
(Fransson, Semren, Granström, Wassing Wernersson, Nordlund, Ekwall, Josefsson Månsen, Hansson)

No 2 SWEDCON II 23.15.0
(Fredriksson, Malm, Evensson, Eriksson, Pettersson, Eriksson, Johansson, Larsson, Holgersson, Börjesson)

No 3 FINCON 23.47.3
(Bom, Lönfers, Lintala, Mulkku, Koljonen, Kuvoja, Pali, Ahomaki, Smelli)

No 4 IRCON 24.00.0

No 5 BRITCON 24.05.2

No 6 DANCON 24.20.9

No 7 CANCON 25.45.2

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people towards freedom and independence”. Also the resolution recommended that the Security Council urgently consider the imposing of mandatory diplomatic and economic sanctions against Portugal to get her to give up her hold on African territories.

Portugal maintains the territories are an integral part of her national domain.

EXPLAINING THEIR Opposing

votes, Britain and the USA emphasised they supported self-determination for territorities, but felt that various provisions of the resolution were unconstructive and unwarranted.

The USA said it did not provide arms to Portugal, for use in Africa, and Britain said it gave no military aid to Portugal in any form.