MEDIATOR RESIGNS

Galo Plaza’s decision accepted ‘with great regret’

Mr. Galo Plaza, the United Nations Mediator on Cyprus, has submitted his resignation to Secretary-General U Thant. The texts of the letters exchanged were released on Friday, 31 December, at United Nations Headquarters in New York as a Security Council document.

The text from Mr. Plaza, dated Quito, (Ecuador), 22 December, to the Secretary-General, is as follows:

“You will recall that after the Government of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership made known its April 1964 negative reaction to my report on the mediation activities on Cyprus, I agreed at your request to remain at the disposal of the parties concerned for the continuation of the mediation effort in accordance with the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964.

It was not without long and painful thought that I took this decision, for I found myself with a most difficult dilemma. On the one hand, the controversy that had arisen over my report did not concern me alone, but through me it affected the principles of United Nations mediation and therefore all future mediation activities.

On the other hand, I was fully aware that as long as the Turkish side maintained its negative attitude, the function of mediator was impossible.

In spite of this, I agreed to remain at the disposal of the parties because I was still hopeful that certain new atmospheres would be created into the Cyprus question in the foreseeable future, which might help overcome the impasse and make mediation effective. I was also thinking particularly that the General Assembly would be scheduled to take up the question of Cyprus at its 20th Session, for the first time since the outbreak of intercommunal struggle on the island in December 1963.

This debate of the General Assembly has now taken place. I do not know if the deliberations concluded or whether they will be continued in the Committee on Cyprus. The Committee on Cyprus and the Security Council have also given us a debt of the results of the deliberations. It is certain that politically it is of the greatest value that they have had a hearing on the matter, and that we assumed when you designated me as the mediator. While I have not been encouraged to observe the support expressed by the Member States for the post of mediator in the context of the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964 and for the continuation of those efforts — which you have always supported, I fear that this may have been due to the positions of those particular parties to the dispute to which my terms of reference began to address my endeavours.

Among these parties, the Government of Turkey has, through a statement made by its Permanent Representative to the United Nations as recently as the meeting of the Security Council on 17 December 1965, expressed as irreconcilable its position that the present arrangements for mediation are unacceptable to it.

As you know, the decision has made it clear that Turkey will not participate in any further discussions towards the contents of the report which I submitted to you, in accordance with my terms of reference, on 28 March 1965.

I should like now to confirm to you the point of view which I have expressed to you on a number of occasions since the publication of my report in the context of this question.

I have decided to report to you on a mission for peace, through various moves for peace through various channels. I have informed Mr. Thant designated him to succeed me, Mr. Tumioja, U.N. Ambassador of Finland, has been appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus. In September of that year, following the death of Ambassador Sanket Tumioja, Mr. Thant designated him to succeed Mr. Tumioja as United Nations Mediator on Cyprus.

THE Editors of THE BLUE BERET are, indeed, most pleased to report that Brigadier Wilson came to UNFICYP in October 1964 to take over the duties of Chief of Staff and Commander of the British Contingent. The moves for peace through various channels. The U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, who earlier last month issued an appeal for "an immediate truce to be followed by reflection, negotiation and finally peace", was last week informed by the United States of the mission to Poland undertaken by Ambassador Averell Harriman as President Johnson’s envoy.

The communiqué issued on last Wednesday following talks between Mr. Harriman and the
Konstabel J. Begge Rasmussen, der, som nævnt i sidste nummer af "Den Blå Beret", blev opereret julenast for mere end paa det oostrigske folk hospitalet, er i god beding og humører er fint, for nu har han fæstet beroget fra Danmark af brudo sin mod er af sin kone.

**AB skall spille mod DANCON**

A kudensk Boldklub fra Kobenhavn kommer til Cypern med nyte spillere, leder og klubbaens nye italieniske træner med SCACYP den 11 Januar.

Besøget er kommet i stand med saavel Forsvarsministeriets som Udenrigsministeriets tillæg. Holdet vil blive indvirket ved kampagne der melde at spillerne faar lejende til "at blande sig" med DANCON, tage paa udrutter sammen med kampagne og udover de officielle fodboldkampe ogsaa afvikle dyster i tennis, bordtennis og maaske kortspil.

Allerede dagen efter ankomsten, onsdag den 12 Januar, finder kampen mod DANCON sted. Det bliver kl. 1430 i Nicosia. Det skal blive spændende at se, hvorledes DANCON klarer sig mod et 1 divisions hold.


Velfærdsstjenesten, der åben er gammel AB'er, udsender saart detaljeret program for besøget.

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**Velfærds presse - samarbejde**

**TPA grund af den helt overvejende aftospørgse, der i den senere tid har været paa DANCON - fotografens billeder, har pre'ssentationen i forbundet med velfærdsstjuvenen i en ny form for foto-service. Den gaa ud paa følgende:**

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Polish Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Rapacki, said the U.S. envoy had acquainted the Polish Government, in its capacity as a member of the International Control Commission for Vietnam, with Washington's views on the Viet-Nam problem.

Meanwhile, U Thant was also informed of the visit to the Vatican by the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Arthur Goldberg. A U.S. spokesman said Mr. Goldberg thanked Pope Paul VI on President Johnson's behalf for the Pontiff's "continuing efforts to seek peace in Viet-Nam."

Canadian Contingent News

CANCON make it a Happy Christmas for sick children

If you couldn't be home with members of your own family for Christmas, there was usually plenty of Yuletide spirit in doing something for others.

Here, where warm weather made it difficult to think of Santa Claus or "Old Saint Nick," soldiers of the Canadian contingent gave the idea a good try.

Special party guests of the Canadian Provost Corps and their UN Military Police counterparts were deaf Greek Cypriot children at Morphou. The Recce Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons entertained sick Turkish Cypriot children in the Red Crescent Hospital, Nicosia, and the 2nd Canadian Guards the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sick and crippled children in the Red Cross Hospital for Sick Children, Kyrenia.

Because of the thoughtfulness of the Canadian soldiers, Christmas was brightened for hundreds of Cypriot children who would have spent a lonely day.

The first party was given by the Canadian Provost Corps and members of the UN Military Police for over 70 deaf children of the Morphou School for Deaf Children. At the party, Cpl. William Couture (Bill) Shadforth, played Santa Claus and presented gifts and candies to the children.

Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Dragoons threw a Christmas party for over fifty young children at the Red Crescent Hospital, Nicosia. The soldiers, 99 of them, in the reconnaissance squadron, bought toys, candies and cookies from a fund they created for this purpose. They also supplied a hot dinner and served it to the children while fiddler Cpl. Arthur Couture and guitarist Sgt. Gerald A. Scott entertained them. After the meal which was prepared and served under the direction of Sgt. N. P. MacAskill, many of the children danced a local version of the Hoedown with their soldier hosts.

The last of the 1965 Christmas parties, for approximately 25 sick and crippled Cypriot children was held at the Red Cross Home for Sick Children, Kyrenia. It was sponsored by members of the 2nd Canadian Guards. For the occasion Santa Claus came to the hospital via helicopter and was taken to a specially decorated dormitory where he gave gifts to the children. The dormitory, the dining area and the halls were all decorated by members of the battalion who also supplied the Yuletide spirit.
The last in the series of articles by Major O.H.M. Hazthausen.

The Lusignan Achievement of Arms

Arms are usually displayed upon a shield and are frequently called coat of arms. The "coat" may originally have been the surcoat which was worn over the armour, and in medieval times, arms were also displayed on this surcoat.

The crest of a 14th century sarcophagus now preserved in the old building opposite the Paphos Gate Police Station in Nicosia shows a member of the Lusignan family, probably the King, kneeling in prayer. He wears a surcoat displaying the Lusignan arms, a lion on a barry field, over his chain mail.

The arms are the essential part of any achievement and they may constitute the whole armorial bearing. However, if we are to use the expression "an Achievement of Arms" we usually think of an armorial bearing with more component parts.

The crest is a device which is carried upon a helm in association with the mantling and the supports of the achievement. Crests are not very many arms with crest to be found in Cyprus. Until the year 1905 a Lusignan Achievement survived over the doorway of the Venetian Palazzo Publico in the centre of Nicosia (more or less where the Saray Hotel now stands). I have not been able to locate its remains but I think they are still preserved somewhere in Nicosia.

The early 14th century manuscript "Armorial Gele" in Belguim has an excellent representation of the Lusignan Arms with crest. The arms are the quarterings of Jerusalem and Lusignan. The helm is almost cylindrical in form, it is the type which is called a great helm because it was worn over the bascinet in combat.

A small mantle or piece of material is attached to the helm and hanging down the nap of the neck. It probably originated as a protection against the heat of the sun on the metal and in this case it also repeats the display of the arms.

The mantling is held by a mural crown, probably of the Royal Arms of Jerusalem. It is very unusual for a family, and especially for a royal family, to have a mural crown on the helm. Normally we find a crest wreath or torse and in the case of the higher nobility it is often a crest coronet.

The crest itself is a funnel spotted with small crosses and surmounted by a plume of feathers called a panache. Crests came into use early in the 14th century. They were splendid objects made of a fairly lightweight material, such as moulded leather, thin wood, or canvas stretched over a wicker frame. It is doubtful whether crests were used in warfare, but in the most spectacular forms of sport, the tournament, they certainly played an important part.

Another example of the Achievement for the Sovereigns of Cyprus can be found at the Land Gate at Famagusta. On one of the walls is a panel of two marllo shields displaying the Royal Arms of a different version, probably from the early 15th century and in any case later than 1387. One of the quarterings is the lion of Armenia and the first union between Cyprus and Armenia was made in 1387.

The arms are:
1. The golden Jerusalem Crosses in a silver field — the Kings of Cyprus also held the title of King of Jerusalem;
2. A red lion on a silver field of silver and blue — for Lusignan;
3. A red lion on a golden field — for Armenia;
4. A red lion on a silver field — for Cyprus.

The crest is replaced by an open coronet. Royal crowns with arches spanning the crests are not known in heraldry until the end of the 16th century.

The coronet is upheld and the shield is supported by two angels. These angels are called "supporters" in the heraldic sense of the word, they are designed for a specific decorative and religious reasons. There is heraldry a charming anomaly in having the pride of lineage in this world supported by carved images of angelic beings of the next.

The lower part of the shield is supported by two swords with belts. This is the badge of the Order of the Sword, one of the oldest orders of Chivalry in the world and according to legend founded by Guifre de Lusignan in 1194 and re-established by Peter I (1359 - 1369).

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The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that it will release its $1.00 regular stamp on 25 March 1966. The new stamp will replace the design originally issued in 1951.

The stamp was designed by Ole Hannum (Denmark) and he printed in an initial quantity of 1,600,000 in photogravure (dark blue and aqua) by Courvoisier, S. A., Switzerland. It will measure 36 mm horizontally x 26 mm vertically, perforation to perforation.

Further details about the stamp and instructions regarding the purchase of first day covers will be released next month.

Don't forget, the first commemorative issue of the United Nations Postal Administration for 1966 will come out later this month. It will be an issue honouring the World Federation of United Nations Associations — the only international grouping of non-governmental organizations dedicated to support publicly the United Nations principles, objectives and practices. The stamps will be available at UNFICYP Headquarters, Nicosia.

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Zonchefens Nyarsorder

Första dagen av det nya året gav det svenska zonchefen, överste Iwan Hornquist, en möjligare idé inom FN:s Cypernzone. De nya månaders förhållanden, var särskilt ovanligt, med tillräcklig mänsklig solidaritet. Med särskilt ursäktlig intresse har han också observerat de särskilt viktiga förhållandena.

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Barn från sex nationer dansade in det nya året

Med ett helstratande barnkalas på Hotel Grecian i Famagusta hittade den svenska bataljonen det nya året. Over 60-talet barn från sex nationer dansade i attända sinnsutspråk och dansade under två heliga eftermiddagsstundar, medan de andra dansade i attända sinnsutspråk och dansade under två heliga eftermiddagsstundar, medan de andra dansade i attända sinnsutspråk och dansade under två heliga eftermiddagsstundar.

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Medaljutdelning till förtrupper

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**A Guard of Honour from YKSP at the coffin-bearer.**

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**SWEDISH NEWS**

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**Spelare underkände eget off-side-mål:**

D en svenska Cypern-batal­
jonen ärättades strax
för jul av ett dystert middelsände.
Den svenska regeringen hade
gett med på att skärva ner ba­
taljonsen med omkring 200 man
från mitten av januari 1966.

Det var naturligtvis inte
en allmänna önhade judisknost,
men alla tycktes förstå att ope­
rationen var nödvändig och
motverkade beskedet med
got humör. Och alla deltog
i julfrukosten utan ära miser.

Bataljonsledaren inom
Famagusta Zone ändrade dock
intet. I fortsättningen måste
alttjut 750 man utföra vård nio
man hälsar klart av. Det släp­
ter. Båtman återkröpar krav på de
delade svenska FN-solidar­
tema på Kypern!

**Paasihteeri U Thantin Tervehdys**

**Aivan vanha vuoden välineenä pinilästä Yhdysvaltojen kannaksen im**

Päätöskieli U Thant lähetti Kyproksen Turvajoukkueelle uusen tervetulonsa.

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**Hospital**

**Hospital Honoured**

Late last September, doctors of the Austrian Field Hospital,
led by Dr Harry Donenick, Chairman of the Red Cross,
forbade a few hours to save the life of a Finnish Private
of YKSP 3. After twelve hours of non-stop work, the man,
Raimo Manninen, began to recover (see Blue Beret No 27 of Sept 24).

**The Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish Defence Forces,**
General Jyrki Keinonen, has awarded the Silver Plaque of the
Finnish Defence Force to both the Field Hospital and Colonel
Norolaszky as a token of gratitude.

Pictured above, Colonel Leif Boldt, CO of YKSP 4, presents
the plaques to the CO of the Field Hospital, Major L. Effenberg,
who will forward one to Col Norolaszky et his home in Grecia,
Austria.
T HE United Nations' continuing concern with the problems of disarmament and economic and social development was reflected last week in a message from the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, to the 15th Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs which opened in Addis Ababa.

The message to the gathering of scientists and philosophers from many lands emphasized U Thant's conviction that disarmament is the key to peace in our time.

Stating that past deliberations of the Conference had contributed substantially to a better understanding of the problem, U Thant said he looked forward to further constructive consideration of this vital matter.

The Secretary-General also stressed the importance of positive scientific cooperation for the sake of lasting peace, as well as of a general progress of mankind.

Noting that the new meeting was dedicated to the subject of science in aid to developing countries, U Thant said he was gratified that specific attention was being given to the crucial question of speeding economic and social development, with direct reference to continuing discussion on the means of reducing the armament burden.

The Secretary-General pointed out that the subject of the meetings of the Pugwash Conference was an essential preoccupation of the United Nations and its agencies.

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I am very sorry about the circumstances that have, unnecessarily in my view, created this situation.

There can be little doubt that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to reestablish the mediation process envisaged by the Security Council in its Resolution of 4 March 1964. However, I will spare no efforts to bring about the resumption of mediation efforts and hope that the parties directly concerned will display the utmost good will towards this end. It is my most sincere hope that, in view of your wide experience and understanding of the problems of the United Nations, you will agree to be available for further service in one capacity or another.

I take this opportunity to express to you once more my gratitude for your willingness to continue to be at the service of the parties during these several months, and for having done so, on your own insistence, without accepting a salary except as actually engaged in your functions.

I have had occasion to express in the past what I should like to restate now, namely my deep appreciation of the work you have undertaken on Cyprus and before that as Mideast Special Representative there. In this respect, I refer particularly to your report, which I continue to regard as a most important contribution to the search for a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem.

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GALO PLAZA

RESIGNS

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