THE BLUE BERET

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PROMOTION FOR FORCE COMMANDER

THE FINNISH DEFENCE MINISTRY announced yesterday (Tuesday) that the Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, Major General A. E. Martola, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. The Blue Beret, on behalf of all members of the Force, wishes to congratulate the Commander on his promotion.

SATELLITE FIRSTS FOR UNITED NATIONS

TRANSMISSIONS TO EUROPE AND JAPAN

THREE SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS— one to continental Europe, one to the United Kingdom and one to Japan—originating from United Nations Headquarters in New York took place last week, thus creating a new “first” in the coverage of United Nations affairs and in the field of satellite communications. These transmissions were organized by United Nations Television, at the request of, and with the cooperation of, the respective national television organizations.

The first of these transmissions took place on Friday at 1300 hours, New York time, when a series of excerpts from the General Assembly debate on Chinese representation were transmitted to Brussels, the technical centre of Eurovision, via the Early Bird Satellite. From that point, this transmission was made available to

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORCE FINANCES

JAPAN GIVES $2.5M. TO HELP EASE OVERALL UN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE have both announced further contributions towards the expenses of the United Nations Force in Cyprus and Japan is to make a two and a half million dollar contribution to the special fund set up to help the United Nations over its current financial difficulties.

Singapore will make a contribution of $500 towards expenses of the Force. In a letter dated 28 November, the Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, Tan Siak Leng, informed the Secretary General that in response to his appeal of 4 October, the Singapore Government would pledge this further sum towards the cost of the peace-keeping Force.

In a letter to the Secretary General dated 30 November, Mr. Patrick Shaw, the Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN, informed U Thant that his government would make available the sum of $50,000 for the eighth period of the Force mandate.

Ambassador Akira Matsui of Japan informed the Secretary General the following day of the deposit by his government of a cheque for two and half million dollars with the United Nations bankers in New York. In his letter, he referred to the address by the Japanese Foreign Minister to the Assembly’s General Debate on 23rd September when the amount was pledged. This followed an appeal by the Secretary General for contributions to help the world Organization over its present financial difficulties.

U THANT TO SERVE SECOND TERM

ACCEDES TO UNANIMOUS ASSEMBLY DECISION

ACTING ON THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION by the Security Council, the General Assembly of the United Nations last Friday unanimously appointed U Thant to a new, five-year term of office as Secretary-General of the world Organization ending 31 December 1971.

In acceding to the urgings of the entire Membership, U Thant made it clear that the quest for a peaceful solution in Viet-Nam would continue to remain uppermost in his mind.

“I shall seize every occasion,” he declared, “to recall that this war must be ended, and I will continue to regard it as my duty to make every effort on a personal basis to help promote a solution which will bring peace and justice to the people of Viet-Nam.”

Commenting on the projected Christmas holiday ceasefire, U Thant asked if it were too much to hope that what was made possible for just a couple of days might prove feasible for a longer period by the new commitments that peace requires, in order to create an atmosphere necessary for meaningful peace talks.

U Thant said it was not without apprehension, and regardless of his personal preferences that he was acceding to an overwhelming weight of opinion that, under present circumstances, his continuance as Secretary-General for another term would best serve the higher interests of the Organization and thus represent a positive factor in the current international situation. He emphasized that his present decision was not based on any element which had developed in recent weeks or “on any fond hope for the foreseeable future.”

U Thant recalled that on September first when he had indicated that he did not wish to serve again—he had drawn attention to some of the basic issues before the United Nations and to disturbing developments in many
OPS CONVENTION
PAA CARL GUSTAF CAMP


Förhandlingarna ledes av represntanter för sektion 1 vid HQ UNIFCYP och vårhögesställning övervakade av de olika nationella- teatern. Konferensens mål är att förbättra de operationelloficerarens kunskap och kunskap.

Kockar Peter Nilsson, Hultdin- ger och Lars Erjäks- son, Arboga aldrig spärrning i kung- liga blitar inner- den ligan i vaten i kiket på Carl Gustaf Camp.

2:KOMMANDET INSPEKTeras

Det Lackar...

JÅ, TROTS GRÖNSSKANDE FALT, avgöra apelsiner och prunkande blommor lockar det alltid mot jul, som det heter. Ett av de särskilda tipsen på det noterades i fredags, då luften gick i snöt på paturjul. I fyra stora tums i 35 smöngadgade firas modell spel- länga från Sverige och väntar på julnattian, då de ångade och vita skall stå på julbordet. Men först ska de ta sig igen sig 14 dar i vatten och sedan behandlas på gummibyte för att bli så fina som kockorna och vi vill ha dem. Det blir även lördagar inne här höstig på julbordet utan också grönt och malede och mycket annat gott - minst 15 rutor löver kockorna! Mums......


VIME HETKSELLA:

MARTOLA

AVAN VIME HETKEL- KELA ollutien saatte että, Yhdysvaltojen kamakun- tien Kypriaksen rauhanver- tuutokojen komentaja, kenttämaj. A.E. Martola on etseli syrjäpäiviä julkaistuilla, tsa- vallan presidensin soittolu- kyllä kenttäen kentnallaun- tutila.

KENRAALILUUTNANTIKSI

Yleisväestön tapahtumien ken- nalla Martola oli parhaillaan kotimaansa käynnissä. Suomen palvelus saali hyväkkiä Blue Beret yhto omisteltujin.
BRITISH CONTINGENT

UN MEDALS FOR UNIFCYP
FLIGHT AAC

ON TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, THE ACTING FORCE COMMANDER, Brigadier M.M. Harbutto, OBE, presented medals to members of HQ UNIFCYP Flight Army Corps.

The Flight was formed on 1 August 86, and took over full responsibility for tasks from its predecessor – 4 Air OP Group RA – with effect from the 15th of that month. Since then the four Benson helicopters of the unit have already logged around 600 flight hours.

A variety of support is rendered to the Force Headquarters, and to each of the national contingents serving with UNIFCYP. Taking into account the medical and police elements of the Force, the Flight serves units of nine nations.

Apart from routine tasks, its helicopters regularly carry the Force Commander and Chief of Staff to various sites. Other VIP passengers have included the Chairman of the UN, the Assistant Secretary-General, the Force Commander, and the Commissioner of the New Zealand Police.

HQ UNIFCYP Flight, which is commanded by Major David Craig, BM, GM, from Andover, Hampshire, is made up of five officers and three other ranks. The Flight Commander and the Adjutant — Captain Tony Findlay, MBA, and Lieutenant Richard Holland, Royal Marines, respectively — are serving officers of the Australian Army.

The other three are — Lieutenant Richard Woods, Royal Marines, and a Gunner — Captain John McKee, RN, who was seconded to command. This diversity is equally reflected in the rank element of the unit, which provides however, once the less smoothly and efficiently.

Most of the present members of the Flight will be returning to their parent units and formations in February next year on completion of their six-month tour with the Force.

Wrong end?

When headed his United Nations mission at Headquarters UNIFCYP, held up US. "What are those then, UN' photographs?"

AERIAL display and the US.

GROUP SPORT

HEALTH DEFECT IN GAELIC DOUGIE HEADIER - KAPERS Winsan

The second leg of the Gaelic football tournament game between HQ UNIFCYP and HQ Th Inf Group resulted in a win for the Group team by 3 goals to 0. Outstanding for the Group were Pte Wykes in goal, full back Sg John Hickey, Cpl Veal central defender and forward L/Cpl Frank McKenzie, who scored a total of 3-3 for the winners. Cpl Brian Price of the UNIFCYP side was the best exponent of the game on view while as usual Frank Rivers, Mick Hemmings and George Kelly put in very creditable performances.

The Group Rugby team, the aggrieved, scored another victory against an RAF team 24-14.

The Irish TV team in action. Left Mr. Will Warmah (tactician) Mr. O'connor Walsh producer Miss Oona Kavanagh, production assistant and Mr. Pat Hoyse, t. (RO) interpreter. Miss Oona Kavanagh, production assistant, Mr. Will Warmah, came up with thirty to thirty-five interesting points on the university and sports courses. The objective — to record the contingents at work and play — was an ambitious task to undertake in the short period of six days, but they managed to fulfil their assignment as fully as was possible.

The team were being hard in praiseworthy cooperation and hospitality they received in each location visited. A special concern was put on to short notice of the last Wednesday so that they could receive the talent's cooperation. When it turned out to be a most enjoyable function. Lt. F. Murphy's singing of the national anthem was followed by the tapping of the tape by two girls.

The men of Kato Pyep Camp demonstrate their local version of the Irish game of skittles.

RTE TEAM VISIT(Group

SECOND VISIT IN TWO MONTHS

T HIS WEEK ANOTHER 1 TEAM FROM RADIO TELEFIS Eireann visited the Irish troops in UNIFCYP. It is only two months — at the time of the last rotation — that a team was here before, but as they came with the advance party and returned with the homing main body it was mainly the 6th Inf Group who were concerned in the film material at that time.

The present team is completely different in personnel from the last and their job was to prepare a programme about the Irish in Cyprus and Jerusalem to be shown on Christmas Day. The team was composed of O'connor Walsh, producer, Captain John McKee, Cpl. John McEachern, and Hickey.
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parts of the world; and he added that the observations he made then still represented his conviction today.

"My concern for any lack of advance in international cooperation and in making this Organization more truly representative of the state of the world remains", he said. At the same time, referring to a statement issued earlier in the day on the Security Council's behalf by its President, U Thant said he noted with particular satisfaction that the Council had respected his position in bringing these issues and developments to the attention of UN Members. He expressed the hope that these problems would continue to receive close attention.

The Secretary-General went on to observe that the present session of the General Assembly had made some real progress in some respects. He said he had also been encouraged to believe that actions under consideration by some States would greatly alleviate the UN's financial situation in the near future. And from his private consultations, he said, he was also confirmed in his belief that there was a sincere desire to reach agreement on a mutually acceptable basis to the main principles of peace-keeping operations.

Notwithstanding some hopeful signs, U Thant said, it is a difficult, indeed crucial, period lay ahead for the world Organization. And yet little had happened to brighten the outlook of the months ahead, he declared, "my convictions undiminished that the United Nations remains the best instrument by which nations may cooperate and help develop and for the peace of their people. My acceptance of an extended mandate today is due to this deep conviction, as much as out of a sense of duty."

U Thant pledged all his faith and efforts to the "devel-

oping of this Organization as an indispensable centre for arming the nations in the attainment of common ends, and as an increasingly effective instrument for peace and development."

The Austrian Ambassador to Greece, Doctor Ludwig Steiner, arrived in Nicosia from Athens last Tuesday for a week-long visit to the UN. During his stay, he visited both the Austrian Field Hospital and the Civilian Police Contingent. Pictured above, Dr Steiner, centre, is greeted at the International Airport by Colonel Otto Renth, left, Commanding Officer of the Field Hospital unit and Captain Otto Hoermann, chief of the UNCVIPOL element.

MOVE TO SEAT PRC IN ASSEMBLY DEFEATED

A MOVE TO HAVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA take over China's seat in the United Nations as the only lawful representative of that country was rejected by the General Assembly last week. The Assembly rejected an Albanian proposal to seat the PRC representatives and to expel the delegation of the Republic of China Government now situated in Taiwan, by a vote of fifty-seven against, forty-six in abstentions, and seventeen abstentions. The corresponding ballot last year was forty-seven to forty with twenty abstentions.

Supporters of the move included the Soviet Union and other East European countries, many Afro-Asian nations, and a number of Western countries such as the United Kingdom and France. The majority of the Western and Latin American countries voted against it along with a substantial number of Afro-Asian States.

Those favouring having the PRC in the UN argued that the present Peking Government had been in an unchallenged control of the mainland, with its 700 million inhabitants, since 1949 and that it was impossible, to tackle major international problems such as the peace in Vietnam and disarmament without its presence.

Opponents argued that the Peking Government, by her doctrine and practice of international revolutionary violence, was in defiance of the Charter and had made no secret of her disdain for the United Nations. They also felt that in any event, there could be no justification for expelling the Republic of China delegation.

STOP PRESS

RHODESIA

Monday evening the U.K. asked for early meeting of Security Council to consider "certain additional measures" against rebel white minority regime in Rhodesia. Request followed Salisbury's rejection of final plan to end year-old rebellion and move towards majority rule. In recent U.K. debate, U.K. said that, with support of Commonwealth members, she would ask Council to make certain economic sanctions against Smith regime mandatory if constitutional rule were not restored before end of year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Following is the text of a telegram sent to the Force Commander Lt. Gen. A.E. Martole, at present on leave in his home country, received by the Acting Force Commander, Brig. Gen. W. V. S. P. M. Jayawickrama, and the Senior Political Adviser to the Force, Dr Romy Gurspi, on the announcement of General Martole's promotion: "Sincere congratulations on your richly deserved promotion from all members of UNIFICTP."

BAN USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

T HE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL Committee last week wound up its disarmament debate with the approval of an Ethiopian resolution asking that the World Disarmament Conference give serious consideration to a ban on the use of nuclear weapons, and referring the issue of foreign military bases to the Geneva Disarmament Conference.

The vote on the Ethiopian proposal was fifty-eight in favour, none against, and twenty-two abstentions; forty-two members were absent.

The resolution drew support largely from Afro-Asian and East European ranks, while Western nations were prominent among abstainers.

Last year, the Assembly endorsed non-aligned proposals for an International Disarmament Conference open to all States, to be held not later than 1967, but preparatory consultations have so far brought no conclusion.

As to the specific issue of outlawing the use of nuclear weapons, this had been considered in one form or another throughout disarmament negotiations of the past twenty years.

The United States and other Western powers have long held that a nuclear ban, in isolation, would prove totally ineffective and that in any event atomic weapons were an important and legitimate component of their defence and deterrent arrangements.

The Soviet Union has argued the opposite case, contending that the ban would be a useful measure in itself and also would facilitate further disarmament steps.

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