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**LATIN-AMERICA TALKS**

**NUCLEAR FREE ZONE**

**AGREEMENT EXPECTED SOON**

**HOPES FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT TO KEEP LATIN AMERICA FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS EXPRESSED LAST WEEK BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, in a message to the Preparatory Commission for De-nuclearization of Latin America which met in Mexico City.**

The success of the talks, he said, gave "solid ground for hoping that a treaty for the de-nuclearization of Latin America can be achieved and enter into force for the whole or for at least part of the area in the near future."

The Secretary-General said he was gratified to note the provision of the draft under discussion would establish close links between the agency to be created and several of the principal organs of the United Nations, and that the Interna-

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**FATHERS AND SONS**

**Fathers and sons of "B" Coy, 7th Irish Infantry Group, Irish Contingent (from left) Pte. Leonard Hawkins and his son Leonard, Coy Sgt. Pat Neill and his son Pat.**

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**MEKONG BASIN PROJECT**

**ELECTRIC POWER AND IRRIGATION**

**$23 MILLION SCHEME**

**THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN came under review at a new meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee which opened in Vientiane, Laos, last week.**

The session will be marked by a dedication ceremony for the $23 million electric power and irrigation project on Nam Ngum, one of the tributaries of the Mekong, situated about 45 miles to the north of Vientiane.

In extending his Government's welcome to the delegates, Prince Souvanna Phouma of Laos said the Nam Ngum project would change the lives of thousands of families in the area and facilitate fruitful co-operation with his country's neighbours, especially Thailand.

A UN Under-Secretary C.V. Narasimhan conveyed the Secretary-General's deep personal interest in the progress of the Committee's work. He pointed out that the development programme involved the co-operation not only of the Mekong River countries, but also 21 other countries on three continents. He emphasized that this co-operation had been sustained and even accelerated despite all kinds of political vicissitudes and even major military conflicts.

The Committee's work, Mr. Narasimhan declared, had contributed not only to economic and social progress, but also to the contentment of the peoples in the area, thereby, to political stability.

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**FOLLOWING IN THEIR FATHERS' FOOTSTEPS**

**THERE ARE TWO COMBINATIONS OF FATHER-SON PARTNERSHIPS in B Coy, 7th Irish Infantry Group drawn from the Southern Command, Ireland. It would be interesting to discover can this record be equaled by any company sub-unit in any of the other contingents. The picture which we publish in this issue was taken some time ago and since that this C/S Pat. Neill has taken ill and has undergone an operation in Dhekelia General Military Hospital where he is a patient at present. We hear he is making a rapid recovery and would like to take this opportunity to wish him an early return to the line.**

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**NON-NUCLEAR STATES TO CONFER**

**HARNESSING THE ATOM**

**A PREPARATORY GROUP MET AT UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK, LAST WEEK to pave the way for a general conference of non-nuclear states. The last General Assembly decided to convene the conference no later than July 1968 in order to consider such questions as: How can the security of non-nuclear states best be assured? How can non-nuclear powers co-operate among themselves to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons? How can nuclear devices be used for exclusively peaceful purposes?**

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Hobbies


Befælshærens for Styrk K, oversteløjtnant Åke Hedlund, Jævnkog, (vid bereds kortland) deltar i en genopbygning ved den britiske ordningskrige højværten Kikutbladet major Jes Losle, chef for briten i Kup- hom, "beter" (FV) kapitn James Rucker, Lej J. Dante og trooper Michael Barlett.

Benzink Skal der Til

Se det holder DANCON's køkmarteren. Det var et uheld, men det er som det er, og det er væsentligt. Først blev der talt om 1400 til 1500 gætter, fremtale med dit kap“Well, 6.500 liter, så det er en del, som ingen kan slange sig med. I tiden har der været at vælge mellem 2.000 liter og 1.500 liter.

Anders Svensson, Bærekvild (t) og Erling Althoff, Linduff, traffic fra 3 kamp, i en krigskysten med sitt gr. Leif Hansen, Oransjli (t) ogJan Halsd, Jævnkog spenner over terræntet, samtidig med automatisen.

FN-soldater behøver ikke bare lekansel slips, men også adf. ind, lub. stærker Erik Frøsman, Vår Nord, nydel på sin medførde fællesrolle under et korun i Koup hom-terrenget. Medan potten i kapitens ture fortæller sin spænding.
NERVE CENTRE OF THE CONTINGENT

There is some well-deserved publicity due to the Operational Staff of Group HQ. These hard working backroom boys maintain a round-theclock service at HQ in Xerco. On such peace-keeping operations as this they are the Nerve Centre of the contingent and are very often forgotten by the cameras which roam forever where the action is. See picture this page.

There has been somewhat of a lull in sporting activities due to recent illnesses, and have weather and leave periods. There were, however, two important events last week. On Wednesday the Irish officers of HQ UNFICYP played the Group HQ officers at valley halt at Xerco. The lower qualifying age limit for those teams was thirty-five so that it was unanswerable that the tempo of the play was somewhat "Largo" (slow and dignified). Nevertheless, skill was not altogether absent and the playing of pipe music by the Group band, which was present, helped to stir the battle urge of the veterans. We regret to report that the fancied UNFICYP HQ team was beaten three games to one. A dialogue is as present in progress between the rival team chairmen Capt O Connell and Burns to fix the conditions of the return game. It is expected that interval training sessions will reduce pouches, eliminate groans and grunts, and considerably improve the standard of skills. The second event in a more serious vein was the big challenge game between the Group officers and the officers of the local Greek National Guard unit played at Xerco last Thursday. A beautiful trophy and set of medals were won by the Group Officers. The final score being three goals to one. Capt Sheridan, Lieut Gruitt and Lieut Ansell were the Group scorers. A return game in this case has been agreed to and will be eagerly awaited as the skill and enthusiasm displayed were of a high order and call for a repeat performance. The date and venue will shortly be announced.

The veteran volley ball team of UNFICYP HQ.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

TRANSPORT CHIEF VISITS UNFICYP

Recently the Inspector General of the Royal Corps of Transport, Brigadier E. W. T. Darlow, OBE, was in Cyprus during a series of routine visits to UNFICYP RCT Units throughout the world.

Whilst in the Island he took the opportunity to "look in" on 1 Squadron RCT. For this visit he was accompanied by Lt. Colonel E. J. Youngusband, RCT, who is CCRt Cyprus.

Sgt Derek Pelton of "A" Tp, 1 Squadron, RCT, briefs the Inspector on the day's "Detail Sheet". Derek's home town is Bolton, Lancashire.

The Inspector meets 5SM (WO II Don Hill match). In the background is 2nd Lieut. Mark Wilkins, RCT, while the Squadron Commander, Major Don Garner, RCT, is on the right.

The Inspector inspecting the training of the Stokes Litter Team on the course at lil, UNFICYP. MTC School. The instructor is Lt. Richard Hawkins, RCT, who has been instructing almost 200 members of the Force, drawn from each of the CONTINGENTS, in the theory and practice of the Stokes Litter. This litter is central equipment at a Stokes helicopter and is used for carrying Medical personnel.

MEDICAL EVACUATION BY HELICOPTER

The photographs below were taken on the last day of the half-day "Stokes Litter" Training Course at UNFICYP Flight AAC, and show the instructor providing almost 200 members of the Force with instruction in the theory and practice of the Stokes Litter. The instructor is Lt. Richard Hawkins, RCT, and he has been assisting almost 200 members of the Force in the theory and practice of the Stokes Litter.

Two assistants assist a "patient" to the helicopter, watched by their instructors, and in the cockpit. Lt. Richard Hawkins, RCT, this is only one of the many "casualties" who have received instruction from Lt. Hawkins, during the past three months.

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GUESS WHAT?

Puzzle Picture: The editor was quite unable to decide a suitable caption for this photograph. Can any member of the Force provide one which is apt, preferably humorous and publishable?
RECE PARTY ARRIVES

ROTATION IN APRIL

ARRANGERS OF SPRING-TIME AND THE ROTATION OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT were the re-
connaissance party of the 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada from Calgary, Alberta, and the in-
coming Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragon rifle squadron.

The contingents rotate in April and the recce party arrives the week of May 26, 1967, as noted by the recce officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragon rifle squadron.

Twenty-three Royal Canadian Corps of Signals personnel manned their new 7.5-ton truck in April so that all contingents could see the presentation. Left are Capt. George Lachman, who has 35 Canadian signalmen on the island. (Cpl. Fred Marenty, Lt.-Col. Yeboh, Wg. J.R.G. Carignan. (Photo Courtesy FINCO)

Cypriot women (played by the young soldiers) had to be seen to be believed! We're driving on the left side of the road in the training area...

Apparently Canadian Forces Base headquarters in Calgary put a stop to their instilling Cypriot role signs. All officers were vaccinated against Yellow Fever and malaria before being sent on by 1 BCR here.

LIIFE HAS PRIORILY

OVERTAKING

THERE ARE FEW DRIVER WHO HAVE NOT, AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER, MOVED OVER IN THE ROAD TO OVERTAKE A VEHICLE AND THEN WONDERED IF THEY WOULD GET AROUND IN TIME. Howvere expert a driver may be, he is apt to fall into certain habits of driving and it is therefore essential to be always careful about pas-
ing vehicles, especially when another vehicle is approach-
ing from the opposite direction.

It may be helpful to illus-
trate the problem. To pass a vehicle that is travelling, let us say at 35 miles an hour in a similar to passing a stationary line of vehicles hundreds of feet long, the distance depend-
ing on the speed in passing. Keeping this picture in mind may save some embarrassing moments, if not worse.

If a overtaking estimate is made and an overtaking vehi-
cle is on the right side of the road with another vehicle ap-
proaching, the overtaking vehi-
cle should brake and drop back again.

When overtaking, besides checking for vehicles approach-
ing from the front, be just as sure to check that vehicles be-
hind are not pulling out to pass.

Then there are the standard rules: Avoid overtaking when approaching a hill or a blind curve — we cannot see what is coming. Avoid overtaking when approaching a cross-
road, a corner, a pedestrian crossing, an intersection or where there is no passing zone. Be careful about overtak-
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SAFETY FIRST!

The Finnish Contingent is learning to keep well on the road, for it is generally agreed that the safest way to travel is to slow down in the road before overtaking. The faster you travel, the harder it is to slow down in the small space provided.

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JOKAINEN, JOKA JOUTUU JAAMAAN AUTON NIKSIAN

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nityksellä huoneistaa ja joka tulee ensin auton uudestaan menemään. Heijastaja on voin paivittäin muovitoen alennettuna, mutta se kulkee rakennetta, lanka-

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72 Sqn ROTATION

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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID SAID TODAY THAT SOUTH AFRICA seemed to be working increasing vengeance on opponents of its racial segregation policies and urged an international investigation to help the lot of prisoners held on racial charges.

In a letter to Secretary-General U Thant, the Committee declared that in 1964 and 1965 it had suggested an international commission be set up to investigate the violations of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners in South Africa.

It remarked that this move was not pressed in the Assembly in the hope that international pressure might bring the South African Government to improve prison conditions.

However, the Committee declared, evidence continued to be received of ill-treatment of not only anti-apartheid leaders but also thousands of persons jailed for infringing apartheid laws.

The Committee urged that the forthcoming Anti-Discrimination Day be observed in the widest and most effective way possible. The last Assembly proclaimed 21 March as "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination". The Committee noted that this date was chosen to commemorate the massacre seven years ago in Sharpeville, South Africa, of demonstrators upon which 69 persons were killed and nearly 200 wounded.

The Committee said the Sharpeville massacre was a grim reminder of the found injustice of apartheid - and of the fact that the people who lived under it could not free themselves without the support of international opinion and action.

The Committee suggested that 21 March be marked by declarations of support of UN efforts to end apartheid and foster a non-racial society in South Africa and contributions to UN and other funds designed to help apartheid victims as well as to organizations fighting apartheid.

The Committee's proposals were set forth in a letter to UN members and non-governmental organizations.

In a third decision today, the Committee expressed its concern about the plans of certain US banks to extend or renew loans to South Africa, and asked the Chairman to seek US action to prevent this. The issue was brought up by Guinea, which said that it was a consortium including the Chase Manhattan and First National City, was about to grant a 40 million dollar line of credit to South Africa and that this would nourish her arms build-up.

Last Autumn the Assembly asked all states to discourage bank loans to South Africa and to comply with the Security Council's requests for a full arms embargo. Besides the move relating to 18 banks, the Committee asked the UN Secretariat to report on what financial aid South Africa was receiving from other countries in general.

The members of the Committee are Algeria, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Somalia.

ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN LATIN - AMERICA

COUNCIL OF 90 BISHOPS

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, LAST WEEK RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF THREE BISHOPS who presided over a Council of Roman Catholic bishops of Latin America, which met in Mar Del Plata, Argentina, last October, to discuss "the role of the Church in the socio-economic development and integration of Latin America."

U Thant was presented with a document summarizing the conclusions proposed by the 90 bishops at the Council.

The document deals with such problems as the need for reforms in existing land and property structures, and fundamental education.

It stresses everyone's rights in these areas and urges all responsible persons to take effective action to secure them.