GEN. GYANI SAYS FAREWELL

Lt. Gen. P. S. Gyani issued the following message to all ranks and members of the United Nations Force in Cyprus on Thursday 9 July.

"ON RELINQUISHING COMMAND OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS AND BIDDING YOU FAREWELL, I WANT TO TELL YOU ALL WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT HAS BEEN TO ME TO HAVE COMMANDED UNFICYP."

"It is particularly gratifying that during the very short period of three months during which it has been operational, the Force, including the Civilian Staff and the UNFICYP Civilian police, set to work together and have, through hard work, patience and perseverance, succeeded to a very considerable extent in carrying out the tasks entrusted to it by the Security Council."

"I can confidently say that by your work you have prepared the ground for those concerned with the long term solution to the country's political problems thus enabling them to concentrate on their very difficult task of resolving the differences between the two communities in Cyprus, undisturbed by day-to-day violence and loss of life and in an atmosphere far more hopeful than when the Force came into operation on 27 March last.

A lot more, of course, still remains to be done. I believe that all the leaders as well as the substantial majority of the people of both communities now appreciate that violence must cease, that life must return as far as possible to normal, and that solutions must be sought through peaceful means. Though unspectacular, this is a great step forward."

"However, until violence is renounced by everyone and arms are laid down there is always the danger of a recurrence of hostilities and bloodshed arising from local incidents or uncontrolled emotions. I am sure that you are aware of this and that you will remain alert and do your duty to ensure that that quiet continues to prevail."

"You have shown full understanding of the fears and suspicions, the emotions and tensions that exist between the communities of this island. The very nature of the role of UNFICYP in this situation is such that misunderstandings could easily have arisen."

"It is to your credit that you have carried out the task given to you, faithfully and impartially. I am proud of this achievement. Thank you all, officers and men of the contingents, civilian staff members and UNFICYP police, for a job so far well done. I am sure you will carry on in the same way."

"I want to avail myself of this opportunity to thank personally the Deputy Commander, Major-General Carver, and the senior Political Adviser, Mr. Flores, who have both worked hard and relentlessly, regarding no detail as too little for them. It is also very fortunate that we have had the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Galo Piazza, to assist us. His guidance and his advice have very greatly facilitated our task."

"I wish all of you every success in your future. Goodbye and good luck to you all!"

Lt Gen. Gyani shakes hand with Gen. Thimayya, to whom he hands over command of UNFICYP, on his departure from Cyprus on Thursday 9 July.

UNFICYP COMMANDER CARRIES OUT VISITS

General K.S. Thimayya, the new Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, is this week carrying out a series of visits to United Nations troops in various parts of the island. Yesterday he visited troops in the Larnaca and the Famagusta areas. Today he is seeing the Swedish Contingent in the Paphos zone and on Thursday he will tour the Limassol District.

Accompanying him on these visits is Brigadier Yeo, who has recently taken up the appointment of Chief of Staff to the Force.

GENERAL CARVER MAKES FAREWELL TOUR

The Deputy Commander of UNFICYP, Maj Gen R.M.P. Carver, continues his farewell tour of the Force this week. On Saturday he saw various minor units in Nicosia and Dhekelia who are concerned in the administrative and logistical support of UNFICYP.

Yesterday he said goodbye to the Danish and Finnish Contingents and the Cypriots positioned in the Kyrenia area.

NEWS IN SWEDISH

"WELCOME"

Den svenska FN-bataljonen XXIV C har under den gångna veckan blivit avlöst av FN-bataljon XXVI C och det nya förbandet är nu mitt uppe i sin nya uppgift. Att kontinuiteten i den svenska verksamheten kommer att bevaras börjar det faktum att både bataljonschefen överste Jonas Wåren och hans ställföreträdare överstelöjtnant Orvar Nilsson stannar kvar på sina poster under den kommande tre månadersperioden.

Med dessa korta rader vill The Blue Beret, FN-truppernas egen tidning på Cypern, hälsa de nya FN-soldaterna välkommen i den stora kosmopolitiska UNFICYP-familjen!

To-day he is visiting the Swedish Contingent in the Paphos zone.

To-morrow, Wednesday, General Carver will continue his farewell visit by touring the Famagusta, Larnaca and Limassol Districts.

Finally he will take his leave of the Headquarters on Thursday and is scheduled to leave Cyprus on Friday 17 July in the early hours.
ROTATION OF SWEDISH CONTINGENT

During the past week several changes have been made in the Swedish Contingent. This has been caused mainly by the return of several soldiers who had been on leave. The new arrivals are all from the same regiment as the old ones. The rotation of personnel is necessary to keep the contingent up to strength.

SNIPETS

Extract from recently published instructions re. above:

1. A soldier who is killed in action will be replaced as soon as possible.
2. A soldier who is injured in action will be replaced as soon as possible.
3. A soldier who is sick in action will be replaced as soon as possible.

SWEDISH SOLDIERS

PUT OUT FOREST FIRE

On Wednesday 8 July a forest fire broke out at 200 meters from a military camp in the area of the Salmiakka Radio Station. A group of Swedish soldiers rushed to the scene and managed to put out the fire before it could spread. The soldiers worked hard and managed to extinguish the fire. The area was saved from being burned.

FINNISH NAVY DAY

Saturday 11 July marked the 25th anniversary of the Finnish Navy Day. The day commemorates the establishment of the Finnish Navy by the Joint Finnish-Danish Navy at Halmstad on 11 July 1941.

Hence in Cyprus the event was celebrated under the Cyprus "Navy tradition" by the Chief of Maritime Regiment, Rear Admiral Dr. Ion V. Gourouzakis, the only naval officer in UNCTAD.

Visits to Capitals

The Secretary-General will be glad to contribute to the development of the conflict in the Middle East. The Secretary-General has been kept informed of the situation and has agreed to meet with the leaders of the three countries for a consultation. The situation in the Middle East is delicate, and it is hoped that a compromise solution can be found.

Cuba

The official text of the situation in Cuba is that the government is still valid. If any party to a disagreement or conflict is willing, the Mediator in the future will not be under pressure and will not interfere with the situation.

Congo

The emergence of Moise Tshombe in the Congo is a blow to the United Nations policy in the Congo. It is for the UN to decide what the future government should be. A country can only have one government, and the government it serves.

THE YEMEN PROBLEM

The Secretary-General has been kept informed of the situation in the Yemen. The UN has not yet been able to intervene in the conflict. However, it has stated that it is supporting the Yemen National Assembly and that it will not interfere with the situation.

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Contributions to Cyprus Force

Further contributions have been announced towards the Cyprus Force. The newly announced contributions are:

- 500,000 from the United States
- 300,000 from the United Kingdom
- 100,000 from France
- 50,000 from Egypt

These contributions will help to maintain the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus.

General Thimasya

General Thimasya, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, was born in India on 31 March 1906.

He served as Chief of the Indian Staff of the Indian Army from March to October 1964. Previously he was Chairman of the National Regulations and Appointments Commission in India, and General Officer Commander in Chief of the Western Command, Southern Command and Eastern Command in India. He became Viceregal of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in 1964.

General Thimasya attended the Indian Army in 1944 and became Brigadier in command of the Ireland Brigade with 26 Division. He held several important positions in India and the Indian Peacekeeping Force in Africa in 1944. He was also Commander of the Indian Army in Cyprus in 1948-1950. He was also Commandant of the National Defence Academy at Dehradun in 1950-1951. Finally, he was the Military Advisor to the Indian National Defence Indian Police in 1953-1954, in connection with the Kashmir question.

Biographical Note

General Kondeterna Subaya Tumayha, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, was born in Jordan in 1906. He was also Commander of the National Defence Academy at Dehradun in 1950-1951. Finally, he was the Military Advisor to the Indian National Defence Indian Police in 1953-1954, in connection with the Kashmir question.
REPORT FROM THE LIFE GUARDS

FOOTBALL

In spite of the fact that summer is now upon us (and Cyprus summer, at that), The Life Guards' Regional Football Team has been engaged recently, in a series of soccer matches against several of the better known Limassol District clubs.

The series began with a match against Dighenis, a young but remarkably skilled and able side. Although at half-time we were ahead 4-1, they fought back hard in the second half, and the game ended in a 4-4 draw much to the delight of the spectators.

To maintain balance, a second match was arranged against Epyal, an older, stronger team, but less skilled. On this occasion The Life Guards proved too strong and won convincingly 4-1.

The third match, owing to our increasing reputation, found us against Div I team Apollon. As it happened we were not at full strength, but we would have been "up against it" had we been so. Apollon gradually wore us down and finally won 5-3.

The impressive thing about all these matches is the spirit in which all concerned have played. A friendly atmosphere has prevailed throughout and a high standard of football has resulted, attractive to watch.

Since there seems to be a mutual interest in continuing the series both on the part of the Cypriots and ourselves, it may well be that, summer or no, soccer will continue. It is gratifying at any rate to find that at least on one level we have found a kindred spirit.

POLO

At Limassol, the UN Flag has been kept flying in a somewhat unusual sphere - Polo. A team, consisting of four members of HQ Limassol District, entered the Innisskillings Cup - a Cup that has been competed for by Units of the British Army serving in the Middle East since 1888. This cup was last won by The Life Guards when they were serving in Egypt in 1955.

In the first round The Life Guards beat a team raised by Major General Young, 7-3. This was a good game where the first Chucker virtually settled the match. Three goals were scored, and thereafter the pressure was maintained until the end.

However, the next round saw us unprepared for a Glosters, receiving a goal handicap. Outplayed The Life Guards and won handsomely by 3-2. This was a much faster game where 1 Glosters outplayed The Life Guards and the result was a lack of cohesion and in spite of a second chance recovery saves. The Glosters on their way to victory in the Final of the Competition.

SOCCER

DENISH v BRITISH

British win Decider

The last of the three games between the Danish and British Contingents was played on Friday 10 July. It was to be the decider for the two teams were level in games.

They took the lead in the first minute through Pte. Brander. Although most of the play was in the British half, the score stayed at 1-0 until half-time.

In the second half the pace increased. The British put on the pressure and opened the Danish defence allowing Cpl. Graham to score off a good pass from L/Cpl. Hardy, and Pte. Brander headed home his second goal.

The Danes, however, kept trying and their centre-forward rewarded them with two quick goals near the end of the game.

With two minutes to go, L/Cpl. Hardy scored a well timed goal from 30 yards out to put the finishing touch to a clean, sporting game, giving the British a 4-2 win to clinch the series.

The British played well as a team and Pte. Gray was particularly plucky in going on the field with an injured leg.

The Danes also played hard and even though they were losing throughout the game they never ceased trying to gain the lead.

SPORT IN THE IRISH CONTINGENT

HURLING

A Hurling match between the 40th Irish Battalion and The Innisskillings was played at 1600 hours on Sunday 5 July at the sports ground in Dhekelia. The Innisskillings won the game, the first Hurling match played in UNFICYP. The score was:-

Innisskillings 5 goals 9 points; making 24 points in all.

40th Irish 3 goals 5 points; making 14 points in all.

SOCCER

The 40th Bn played Soccer against Lyssi on Sunday 12 July and lost 3 goals to 4.

Inter-Company games:-

Friday 10 July
HQC Coy - 3
A Coy - 1

Tuesday 7 July
C Coy - 1
A Coy - 0

The Battalion are due to play the village of Paralimni at Soccer on Sunday 19 July.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Monday 13 July
Maj-Gen. Bilkey the military adviser to the Secretary- General, arrived at Nicosia Airport.

Tuesday 14 July
Mr. Galo Plaza, Special Representative of the Secretary- General, leaves Cyprus for Athens.

Twenty more members of the Austrian Civil Police arrive in Cyprus bringing the total of the Austrian Police to 55 and pushing up the figure of the UNFICYC Civil Police to 201.

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SHORT WAVE

Australian Radio
31 Metre Band
25 Metre Band

Austrian Radio
25 Metre Band
19 Metre Band
16 Metre Band
25 Metre Band

British Broadcasting Corporation
21 Metre Band
19 Metre Band
16 Metre Band
13 Metre Band

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
21 Metre Band
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Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
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19 Metre Band
16 Metre Band

Voice of Denmark
19 Metre Band

Finnish Broadcasting Corporation
19 Metre Band
21 Metre Band
31 Metre Band

Swedish Radio
19 Metre Band
25 Metre Band

Voice of America
238 Metres
0630 - 0900
0915 - 0930
1830 - 1830
2300 - 0015

British Broadcasting Corporation
478 Metres
0500 - 0630
0700 - 2315
0505 - 0745
0745 - 1000

British Forces Broadcasting Service
200 and 313 Metres
0530 - 2315