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DIALOGUE URGED:-

U Thant renews Viet-Nam appeal

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, last week again stressed the need to replace the battlefield by the conference table in the quest for a solution to the situation in Viet-Nam. Declaring no military measures could ever bring stability and enduring peace in the area, U Thant reaffirmed his appeal that a dialogue be arranged between the principal parties to prepare the ground for wider and more formal discussions. He said he had made some concrete suggestions to some of the principal parties directly involved, but did not feel it to be in the public interest to reveal their nature at the moment since results of private consultations had not yet been conclusive.

The Secretary-General made these points at a press conference at United Nations Headquarters last week — the first held since the XIX Session of the General Assembly began.

Commenting on the first part of the session, which ended on 18 February, U Thant said the most positive achievement was the decision to set up a Special Committee to look into all aspects of peacekeeping — past, present and future.

On Viet-Nam, the Secretary-General observed that the situation was going from bad to worse as time went on, but said that despite diminishing prospects, it was still worth trying to bring about negotiations because military action had nothing to offer for the future.

U Thant noted he had never advocated an immediate withdrawal of United States troops from Viet-Nam. He realized, he said, that such steps involved questions of saving face, prestige, and the abrogation of previous commitments. But he believed if an agreed formula were at hand through negotiations, and there was a possibility of some stability, the United States could withdraw its troops with dignity.

The Secretary-General expressed his greatest respect for President Johnson and said he felt sure the great American people, if they know the true facts and background to the develop-

ments in South Viet-Nam, they would agree with him that further bloodshed is unnecessary.

He stressed that political and diplomatic methods of discussion and negotiation could create conditions which would enable the U.S. to withdraw gracefully from that part of the world, and added: "As you know, in times of war and hostilities the first casualty is truth."

In response to requests, U Thant later issued a clarification on these remarks. A spokesman said it was far

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The Force Commander pictured at an outpost in the Kyrenia mountains during his tour of positions of the Canadian Guards this week. Accompanying the General are (left to right) Maj. C. Beattie, Lt Col William H. Mulherin, Commanding Officer, 1st Bn The Canadian Guards and Major E.W. Wellstood, OC 4 Company.

Secretary-General bids new approach to peace

IN an address in New York last week, U.N. Secretary-General U Thant stressed the need for an approach to peace attuned to the present state of the world and suggested that some provisions of the U.N. Charter were outdated.

The Secretary-General said a great debate was now beginning — a debate over whether the Big Powers in unison, through the agency of the Security Council, should take exclusive responsibility for the maintaining of international peace and security while the General Assembly functions as a glorified debating society in political matters; or whether an attempt should be made to secure a fair, equitable and clearly defined distribution of the functions of

the two principal organs, in the light of changing circumstances, and particularly bearing in mind the increase in the membership of the Organization from 50 in 1945 to 114 in 1965.

Account will have to be taken, he said, of the fact that in the Assembly are represented, in addition to the Big Powers, all the other States, the smaller Powers, "whose understanding, as-

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IRISH SERGEANT'S BODY FLOWN HOME

THE body of Company Sergeant Wallace Macauley, aged 39, of HQ Company 41 Infantry Battalion, who died of a heart attack on 22 February in the Austrian Field Hospital, Nicosia, was flown home to Ireland last week.

CS Macauley, who was married, with four children, lived at Pearse Barracks, Curragh Camp, Dublin. He had had previous UN service with the 35th and 37th Irish Battalions in the Congo.

Lieutenant T. Joyce of the 41st Infantry Battalion accompanied the remains to Dublin.

Maaliskuu on koittanut

Syyskuun alussa Santahaminaan tulleet ja lokakuun alussa täällä sopimuksensa uusineet YKSP 2:n miehet saavat seitsemän ja kuusi kuukauttaan täyteen maaliskuun päätyessä. Sen jälkeen he voivat, jos haluavat, palata Suomeen "täysin palvelleina". Luotettavimpien käytössä olevien tiedonlähteiden, suomalaisten sanomalehtien, mukaan noin 450 meistä aikoo jatkaa valvontatehtäväänsä Kyproksessa ainakin heinäkuun alkuun saakka.

Joka tapauksessa lähdön tunnelma syvenee päivä päivältä. Eri tahoilla esikuntaa keskitytään yhä enemmän YKSP 2:n yhteenvetojen laatimiseen. Kaikella tapaa pyritään saamaan seuraavalle pataljoonalle mahdollisimman edulliset lähtöasemat. Mikäli entistä tapaa noudatetaan, pian maaliskuun puolivälin jälkeen onkin opastettavanamme jo joukko YKSP 3:n miehiä. Komppanioissa syntyy vähitellen kuva yksiköiden uudesta henkilöstöstä. Tähän jäävien kiinnostus keskittyy siihen, minkälaisia "valkovarpaita" tulee lähteneiden tilalle. Ja kun se on todettu, taitaakin edessä olla pestiloma, jonka saamisesta ainakin tällä hetkellä on suuret toiveet.

Viihtyvyyden ongelma YKSP 2:n viimeisten 30 aamun huvetessa ei kenties ole jäävien, vaan lähtevien ongelma. Mutta kun ajattelee meneit kuukausia, on järjetöntä enää näinä harvoina jäljellä olevina viikoina antaa pitkästykselle sijaa. Puuhaa pitäisi kyllä vapaa-ajaksi riittää. Viimeiset tilaisuudet järkeviin ja harkittuihin ostoksiin alkavat olla käsillä. On moneneen kertaan todettu, että YK-alennusten takia täältä kannattaa hankkia monenlaista teknisen alan välineistöä. Luulin, että päivärahojen säästäminen tässä vaiheessa isompiin ostoksiin ei aiheuta myöhemmin katumusta - vallankin, kun niillä saatavat lyhytaikaiset nautinnot ovat joka tapauksessa jo tuttuja.

YKSP 2:n eri viihdetilaisuudet ovat osoittaneet, että jokaisessa yksikössä on ajanvieteohjelmiin tarvittavia kykyjä. Olisi erittäin suotavaa, että kukin yksikkö järjestäisi omilla voimillaan nuotiollan tai vastaavan tilaisuuden, johon se kutsuisi vieraita muistakin komppanioista. Myös maakunta- ja ase-laji-illat ovat täysin mahdollisia; ne ovat kiinni vain sopivasta "vetäjästä". Tietävästi ratsumiehet ja rakuunat ovat jo näissä merkeissä liikkeellä.

Pataljoonaa on saatu eräitä Suomen historiaa, lähinnä viime sotia käsitteleviä rainoja, jotka esitetään maaliskuun kuluessa. Edelleen on suunnitteilla pari lyhyttä oppikurssia, joista toinen on matematiikkaa. Huomautettakoon lisäksi, että Kyproksen suomalainen



NEWS IN FINNISH

kirjasto on nykyään laajempi kuin milloinkaan aikaisemmin.

Monien ajatukset ovat jo siviilityön ja opiskelun aloittamisessa. Koulutustoimisto haluaa parhaansa mukaan auttaa niitä, jotka suunnittelevat opintojen jatkamista kansa- ja keskikoulun tai lukion oppimäärän pohjalta. Toimiston kautta saa myös yhteyden Suomeen Ammatin-valinnanohjauksen keskustustoon, joka on luvannut pataljoonalle apunsa. Keskustoimistolla on myös suppeat mahdollisuudet työnvälitykseen.

Lähdön odotuksessa ja kotimaan ikävässä me emme saa uummistaa silmiämme siltä tosiseikalta, että Suomeen palatessamme emme suin-

Patrull i blandad by



Ayios Theodoros är en blandad grek- och turkby sydväst om Larnaca. Den ingår i 3. komp. bevakningsområde och svenskarna går dagligen på patrull för att vaka över att freden upprätthålls. Här vadar Karl-Erik Söderberg från Sunne i Värmland, Roger Ahnström, Mellerud och Sven-Ivar, Asele, över floden som skär igenom byn. Vattenreservoaren som finns högt uppe på berget bevakas dygnet runt av svenskarna för att förhindra sabotage, som tidigare förekommit.



Lieutenant J. Susi of Helsinki on watch in the hills north Hamid Mandres.

kaan vapaudu huolistamme ja vastuustamme. Päinvastoin: useimmissa tapauksissa vastuumme siviilielämässä on suurempi kuin täällä. Oikea asennoituminen tähän helpottaa sopeutumistamme kotona. Ja vielä täällä ollessamme muistakaamme, että hyvin suoritettu arvokas tehtävä ansaitsee myös rikkeettömän ja kauniin päätöksen.

NYE BATALJONSCHEFEN 14 DAGAR PÅ CYPERN

Den nye bataljonschefen, överste Sten Geijer och chefen för sekt. 2 major Karl Gustaf Ingmar Lindvist kommer till Cypern med Sca-Cyp på onsdag.

De ska under fjorton dagar orientera sig dels på HQ Famagusta och dels på HQ UNFICYP.

Överste Geijer är artilleriofficer

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NEWS FROM STRATHCONA RANCH

OUR work on Cyprus is dependant on the maintenance of the characteristic of mobility. Should we neglect that characteristic, our ability to carry out our tasks would decrease accordingly. It is with this in mind that we spend time and effort in the care and maintenance of our vehicles. Through this care and maintenance we have the assurance that we are 'ready to go', anytime, anywhere. To illustrate this mobility factor, the squadron has, at the time of writing, covered almost 127 thousand miles, or the equivalent of five times round the world (Continued Page 3)

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och har tidigare bl.a. varit stabschef vid artillerinspektionen. Sedan 1963 är han överstelöjtnant och



NEWS IN SWEDISH

chef för Arméstabens flygavdelning. Alder 45 år och värmlänning till börden.

Major Lindkvist är född 1926 och tillhör Svea Livgarde men tjänstgör vid Fo 43 i Strängnäs som intendent. Han har tidigare tjänstgjort i FN-bat VII.



The staff of the Headquarters Nicosia Zone Transport Platoon.

Canadian Contingent News

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at it's widest part, or more than 25 times across Canada, or over 260 times around the Cyprus coastal road. We have gone over 43000 miles and 60 days without an accident. Trooper Merideth has been awarded the 5000 miles safe driving award and several others are close to it.

Whilst we are on the subject of statistics, a few more interesting ones are:-

Vehicles escorted on the Kyrenia road — 6150.

People escorted on the Kyrenia road — 17540.

Since arrival here, the Squadron has eaten over nine tons of potatoes, 9000 loaves of bread and 36000 eggs. We have also consumed over 30,700 cans of beer.

● The squadron soccer team went into action against 2 Company YKSP 2 on Thursday and were beaten by three goals to one after a hard, but most enjoyable game. Trooper Norm Cook was our lone goal scorer. With the weather improving and pitches drying up, it is hoped that we will be able to get more soccer games played.

● As at the time of writing, Captains Hopkins and Billings have not yet attempted the nine mile in two hours Battle Efficiency test. They have been doing the rain dance!

● An excellent meal and social evening was had by the Squadron Officers as guests of Major Lautiaian and the Officers of 2 Company, YKSP 2. White stetson hats were given to the Finnish hosts as tokens of the friendship that has developed during our stay here.

Platoon boast 100,000 accident free miles

THE Canadian drivers of the Headquarters Nicosia Zone Transport platoon have achieved a remarkable safety record during their stay on the island. So far the eighteen strong platoon have clocked up more than 102 thousand accident free miles — the bulk of which was accumulated in the city of Nicosia, where the accident rate of United Nations drivers is highest.

Members of the platoon, who drive Landrovers, Bedford trucks, staff cars and a water truck, have so far collected sixteen 1500 mile safe driving certificates, eight 5000 mile awards, and several are well on the way to their 10000 mile awards.

On their arrival here, the members of the platoon found

UNFICYP MEMBERS REQUIRE NO VISAS FOR TURKEY

THE Turkish Government has decided to accept the official identity cards of the United Nations Peace Force serving in Cyprus as adequate documentation in place of Passports for entry into the country. Hence, members of UNFICYP will be able to travel to Turkey for their holidays without requiring passports.

Those members of the Peace Force who are nationals of the countries with which Turkey has agreements abolishing visa formalities, can now visit Turkey on the strength of their UNFICYP identity cards without obtaining an entry visa and can stay in the country for a period of three months without a residence permit.

driving on "the wrong side of the road" a little difficult. Left hand drive is unfamiliar to Canadians, and safety officials attribute minor accidents involving Contingent drivers during their first weeks here to this hazard.

The safe driving programme here is in addition to the overall Canadian army campaign to cut accidents and drivers can qualify for army awards with accident free records during their tour with the UN.

Denmark and the Netherlands contribute to UNFICYP

DENMARK and the Netherlands have informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, of their Governments' decision to make further voluntary contributions to the costs of operation of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, dated 12 February, the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, Hans R. Tabor, informed the United Nations that the Government of Denmark has decided to make a contribution of \$75,000 to meet costs for the fourth three months' period of UNFICYP.

The Netherlands, in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, dated 18 February, by Mr. J.G. de Beus, its Permanent Representative to the United Nations, informed the United Nations that it had decided to make a voluntary contribution of \$105,000 for the fourth three months' period of operation of UNFICYP.

BRITAIN OFFERS LOGISTIC BACKING

GREAT Britain last week offered to help provide a logistic backing for a United Nations peacekeeping force of up to six infantry battalions.

The offer was announced in the House of Commons by the British Foreign Secretary, Michael Stewart, who said such support would include, for example, short-range aircraft, engineering and signal troops, ambulance, ordnance and motor transport units. If it were desirable, he said, suitable units of these categories would be earmarked for use as available.

The offer was announced in connection with prospective negotiations on the whole issue of U.N. peacekeeping operations.

Mr. Stewart said that while great difficulties remained before the U.N., Great Britain was determined that a solution must be found. The United Nations, he said, must be enabled to fulfill its task of keeping the peace and improving conditions of humanity.

The text of the British Foreign Secretary's statement was made available at U.N. Headquarters.

UNFICYP athletics match versus TESK

Members of UNFICYP are to meet the Cypriot Athletics Club TESK in an athletics meeting at Nicosia Stadium on Sunday March 14. In order to select a fully representative team, an inter-contingent meeting will be held at the Stadium this Saturday, 6 March.

Contingents will compete in eight track and five field events — the same events as for the meeting against TESK. The first event, Heat One of the 400 metres, starts at 1415hrs.

British Contingent News:-

6 FLIGHT FLIES THE ARMY'S VIP's

THE "Blue Beret" of Wednesday 17th February reported the arrival of 6 Flight, Army Air Corps on 13th February. Here we record a little of the background of 6 Flight prior to their arrival for service with UNFICYP.

Until July 1964, when the Ministry of Defence was formed, incorporating the Admiralty, the War Office and Air Ministry, 6 Flight were known as 6 Liaison and Depot Flight and were stationed at Middle Wallop. Their principal duty was to convey VIP's (Officers of the rank of Lieutenant General and equivalent and above) on visits to military units in the United Kingdom. Passengers included Mr. Kaunda, Prime Minister of Zambia and General Simelius, Chief of the Finnish Defence Staff.

When the Ministry of Defence came into the being, 6 Liaison and Depot Flight came under the command of Headquarters 2 Wing, Army Air Corps and at the same time became part of the

The Flight Commander is Major Keith Buchanan, Royal Artillery, who comes from the Isle of Man. Second in command is Captain Adrian Jardine of Lymington, Hants, who was a member of the British Olympic Yachting Team in the Tokyo Olympic games. A new Adjutant, Captain David Blake, Royal Horse Guards arrives shortly to replace Captain Peter Lewis.

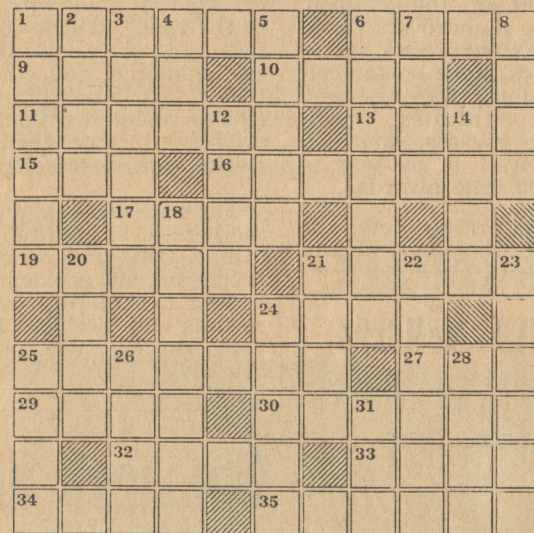
Of great importance in the Flight is SQMS Stuart Mason, REME of Andover, Hants. He commands the Flight Workshops and as such is responsible for keeping the aircraft airworthy. The Flight Sergeant is Sgt Frederick Simms of Stoke on Trent.

Included in the Flight is Lance Bombardier Colin Parkes of Rotherham who is a Motor Transport NCO. He played football for two seasons for the RAF Wildenrath.



Above:- Sergeant Ben Symonds, of Sonning near Reading Berks with an Auster of 6 Flight. Top:- Checking over one of the Flight's Scout helicopters are (left to right) Cpl. Alec Brand of Perth, Sergeant Gordon Robb, Hull and Sergeant John Marshall of Scunthorpe, Lincs.

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



ACROSS:- Stock dealer (6). 6. Notice (4). 9. Opera part (4). 10. Stone (4). 11. Timber (6). 13. Ponder (4). 15. Unwell (3). 16. Ancient king (7). 17. Perpetually (4). 19. Entrances (5). 21. Recipient (5). 24. Brave man (4). 25. Caller (7). 27. Young animal (3). 29. Poems (4). 30. Obstruct (6). 32. Deprives (4). 33. Girl's name (4). 34. Level (4). 35. Poser (6). DOWN:- 1. Talking (6). 2. Verbal (4). 3. Quarter (6). 4. Prohibition (3). 5. Revolving part (5). 6. Russian tea-urn (7). 7. Fruit (4). 8. In that case (4). 12. Exploits (4). 14. Tender (4). 18. Meat (7). 20. Greedy (4). 21. Short wave! (4). 22. Bumpkins (6). 23. Make beloved (6). 24. Raise (5). 25. Animal (4). 26. Withered (4). 28. Indolent (4). 31. Seed (3).

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 19:- ACROSS:- 1. Pilot. 5. Italy. 9. Aviator. 10. Often. 12. Surge. 14. Boer. 16. Carl. 17. Err. 18. Debased. 20. Scrin. 21. Mahomet. 23. Kay. 25. Idol. 26. Dodo. 27. Serve. 29. Moral. 30. Deviate. 31. Suede. 32. Years. DOWN:- 1. Probe. 2. Later. 3. Over. 4. Tin. 5. Its. 6. Toucan. 7. Arras. 8. Yield. 11. Forbade. 13. Grenada. 15. Meter. 18. Dam. 19. Bit. 20. Solved. 21. Mists. 22. Horde. 23. Korea. 24. Yolks. 26. Date. 28. Eve. 29. May.



4 INFANTRY GROUP

MAIN topic of discussion during the week at Headquarters was the enjoyable outing on Sunday 21 February to Famagusta. For many it was their first journey away from Paphos District, and many were the comments on the beauty of Larnaca and the golden sands at Famagusta. Some of the members on the tour had seen service with 40 Inf Battalion, which was stationed in Famagusta, and gladly guided the tourists to the places of interest. Sgt. George Kealey of the Military Police Detachment was greeted by a local policeman in Gaelic, and was given VIP treatment.

Later this week a rumour believed to have originated in the coffee-shop at Yeroskipos that the 4 Group would be moving eastwards after the drowning of the shamrock has not at time of going to (Continued Page 5)

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press, been confirmed by the cookhouse staff.

Tours to the Holy Land will commence on 7 March, and three planes have already been filled.

Operationally we had 'Fargo', which necessitated the use of white flags on cars. The Quartermaster stated that we had not been issued with the necessary white flags, to which the CO remarked: "I should hope not". This incident happened at a morning conference after the mess waiter had informed the breakfasters that B and B was off the menu.

On the playing fields HQ Coy soccer mentors had been seen in a huddle. Where to find scoring forwards was their big problem. Some senior NCOs rapidly shedding excess avoirdupois on the volleyball court may be the answer to their problem.

HQ Coy Officers were soundly thrashed by B Coy in volleyball at Polis. Administrative fatigues may have contributed to their downfall. A mid air crash between HQ Commander and the Quartermaster rattled the team at a vital stage.

This week saw the opening of B Coy Basketball Court. After great work by Cpl Hanley and Pte Carroll of No 5 Platoon, the court was finally laid out and opened on 22 February with an inter platoon game. The football pitch in this company is also nearly completed.

Best wishes to Sgt. T. Sullivan, 6 Platoon, at present on a course in Dhekelia.

Lt-Col. Patrick D. Hogan, Officer Commanding, 4th Infantry Group.

Lt-Col. Patrick D. Hogan, Officer Commanding 4th Infantry Group was born in Tipperary, Ireland in 1919. He was educated at the Christian Brothers School in



Tipperary and entered the Cadet School in 1938.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1939 and was posted to the 2nd Infantry Battalion in Dublin,



Sergeant George Kealey and Sgt John Smith, both members of the Military Police Detachment of 4 Infantry Group on duty in Ktima.

the Unit which he now commands in Ireland as a Lieutenant-Colonel.

He served subsequently with the 5th Battalion in the Eastern Command and as 2 i/c 6th Battalion in the Western Command.

He was appointed 2 i/c 5th Battalion in 1955, O.C., 20th Battalion in 1961 — 1962 and O.C., 2nd Infantry Battalion in 1962.

Lt-Col Hogan served as an observer with UNOGIL in Lebanon and with ONUC as 2 i/c 33rd Battalion in Albert-



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U THANT ASKS JORDAN-ISRAEL "AVOID BORDER INCIDENTS"

THE U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, last week asked Jordan and Israel to do their best to avoid incidents and maintain quiet along their borders. He expressed this wish in separate meetings with Ambassador Abdul Monem Rifai of Jordan and Ambassador Michael Comay of Israel held at United Nations Headquarters.

The Secretary-General recently received a report on the border situation from Mr. Pier Spinelli, head of the United Nations European Office in Geneva, and Major-General I. J. Rikhye, U Thant's military advisor, who conducted an investigation following a number of shooting incidents in the area.

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	25 Metre Band		
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	19 Metre Band		
	16 Metre Band		
	13 Metre Band		
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	25 Metre Band		
	31 Metre Band		
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	25 Metre Band	1800 — 2030	(Monday and Friday 1800 — 1845 English)
	31 Metre Band		
Swedish Radio	19 Metre Band	1815 — 1845	Swedish
	25 Metre Band	1845 — 1915	English

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		0915 — 0930	
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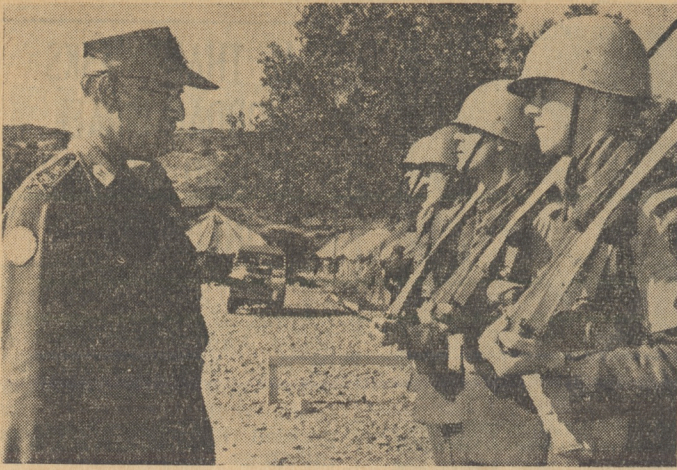
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The Force Commander, General K.S. Thimayya, stops to talk to Pte Peter Hynes during a recent inspection of the camp guard at 'B' Company, 41 Infantry Battalion at Garryowen Camp, Kato Pyrgos.

Constitutional - Financial crisis reviewed by Secretary-General

IN assessing the results of the General Assembly session, the Secretary-General said at his press conference last week that while he felt disappointment with the developments, he found encouragement in the loyal endeavours of Member States to preserve the United Nations by finding a solution. He said he could see no sensible alternative to the course adopted to avoid a confrontation

U Thant suggested that the work of the Special Committee which is to look into the whole question of peacekeeping operations would have to be divided into two parts — one dealing with the past and present, and the other with the future. He felt it would be relatively easier to find a formula to cover the past and present than to arrive at a satisfactory formula for future peacekeeping operations. He doubted that the Committee would be able to find an agreed formula for the future by June 15th — the deadline set for the submission of its report.

The Secretary-General said that two factors were involved in the present crisis over peacekeeping operations. One, was whether the expenses of peace-keeping should be regarded as normal expenses of the Organization. The other, whether the Security Council or the General Assembly should be considered the competent organ not only to launch peacekeeping operations but to provide for their financing.

On the first question, he noted, the International Court of Justice had advised by a vote of 9 to 5, that peace-keeping costs did fall within the expenses of the Organization which the Charter provides shall be apportioned by the Assembly. But the other question, he said, never had been thrashed out fully nor referred to the World Court.

U Thant said it would be desirable for the Special Committee to look into the question and suggested that a clue might be found in Ar-

ticle 24 of the Charter, which confers on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security. The word "primary" was important, he said. Does it, he asked, mean "exclusive"?

from the Secretary-General's intention to suggest that the American people were not well informed or that the U.S. Government was withholding information from them about the situation in Viet-Nam. What U Thant had in mind, he said, was that news accounts in a war situation inevitably stress victories and setbacks rather than such factors as the great suffering of the people concerned and the ultimate futility of war as a means of solution.

At his press conference, U Thant cited the policy followed by his own country, Burma, as one which had proved very appropriate to the situation in Southeast Asia.

Following its independence in 1948, he said, the Burmese Government had dealt with the internal problem raised by the Burmese communists by its own means without asking for any sort of outside assistance. Today, he said, the Burmese Communist Party was still underground, and still illegal, but there had not been a single instance of outside aid to Burmese communists in the entire 17 years which had

elapsed. And Burma, he said, still maintained the friendliest relations with all its neighbours — with Thailand, Laos, mainland China, India and Pakistan.

On the other hand, U Thant said, he was sure that had the Burmese Government asked for outside military help, Burma would today be divided into two parts or the whole country would have become communist long ago. Noting that not one American life has been lost in Burma and not one American dollar has been spent there, he suggested Burma's policy had proved very appropriate.

In answer to a question, U Thant said he did not think it would be very practical to bring the question of Viet-Nam to the Security Council. He pointed out that North Viet-Nam as well as the People's Republic of China held that the U.N. is not competent to consider the situation since there already existed an international machinery set up by the 1954 Geneva Conference on Indochina. He also noted that more than two of the parties concerned were not Members of the United Nations.

UN Mediator returns to Headquarters after third round of talks

THE United Nations Mediator for Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, returned to United Nations Headquarters in New York yesterday, Tuesday, 2 March, after completing his third round of talks concerned with his mediation task. Mr. Plaza, accompanied by his political advisers, Mr. F.T. Liu and Mr. Robin Miller, left New York on 10 February on this round of talks which took him to Nicosia, Athens, Ankara, and London.

The Mediator has stated that he intends to submit a report on his mediation activities to the Secretary-General U Thant, during the present month.

Mr. Plaza left Nicosia on Saturday, 27 March, for Athens. On the following day, he continued to London and yesterday proceeded to New York. In Nicosia, he was seen off at the airport by the Cypriot Foreign Minister, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou; the United Nations Force Commander in Cyprus, General K.S. Thimayya; the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes; the ambassadors from most of the diplomatic missions accredited to Nicosia, and a number of UN-FICYP officials.

Speaking to reporters about his task in general, Mr. Plaza said he was "very satisfied so far" because everyone had been helpful and "the fact that the

parties concerned have placed their confidence in me is something I consider a great honour". He added that Government officials at the highest level "with whom I have had to deal have been very helpful, understanding and frank — and have repeatedly expressed their confidence in the way I have been handling this task".

Asked how he would evaluate the present status of the problem of Cyprus, he said the overall picture has improved as seen in comparison with the situation that existed when he first became acquainted with the problem last May when he became the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus. (He was appointed Mediator for Cyprus in September.)

"The overall picture is more fluid, there is greater understanding, and without any one coming down from its position. I think all parties have more of an open mind than when I first came in touch with the problem", he said.

On a question as to whether he planned to return to Nicosia and continue with his mediation efforts, after he submits his report to the Secretary-General this month, Mr. Plaza said "that all depends on the parties concerned".

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sistance and co-operation are nevertheless essential in regard to decisions involving issues of international peace and security".

These issues, he added, "are serious, and the manner in which they are resolved will affect profoundly" the organic growth of the Organization in the years to come. "They can only be resolved", he continued, "by a will to compromise and accommodate, in the overriding interest of maintaining peace. The smaller Powers are playing, and must play, an essential role as the spokesman of moderation and common interest in this process".

U Thant spoke at an international convocation on the late Pope John's "Peace on Earth" encyclical.