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BRITAIN ASKS FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA

DEBATE CONTINUES

THE UNITED KINGDOM LAST WEEK CALLED ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO CLAMP DOWN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA on selected exports involving over sixty per cent of her international trade. A draft resolution to this effect was submitted on Thursday evening by British Foreign Secretary George Brown, who had flown to New York to present his Government's demand following the rejection earlier in the week by the rebel white minority regime of Mr. Ian Smith of the final British plan to liquidate the rebellion and guarantee eventual majority rule.

The draft resolution would have the Council act under the provisions of the Charter which would make its decision mandatory on all Members. All would be enjoined from importing...
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BERNARDES, MARTOLA BACK IN NICOSIA

MR. CARLOS A. BERNARDES, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CYPRUS, AND LT. GEN. A.E. MARTOLA, Commander of the UN Force in Cyprus, returned to Nicosia last week after private visits to their native countries, Brazil and Finland respectively.

Mr. Bernardes returned on Wednesday evening, 7 December, from New York. He had left for Brazil on 7 October...
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NO CUT IN UNFICYP

U THANT RECOMMENDS A FURTHER SIX MONTH EXTENSION OF FORCE MANDATE

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, LAST WEEK RECOMMENDED A FURTHER SIX-MONTH EXTENSION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS. In a report to the Security Council, issued at UN Headquarters in New York on Thursday, U Thant said that the persistence of the unsettled situation in Cyprus "points forcibly" to a further extension of UNFICYP's mandate, "for there can be little doubt that the removal of the Force at this time would create a quite unwarranted risk of a renewal of fighting in the island."

The Secretary-General's report on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus covers the period from 11 June to 5 December this year. (Full text of chapter headed 'OBSERVATIONS appears on page seven).

In making a general assessment of the situation with regard to preventing a recurrence of fighting, the Secretary-General said that the over-all situation on the island has remained virtually unchanged during the past six months, although there have been a number of incidents which required prompt action by UNFICYP to prevent dangerous situations from developing.

In those areas where there is armed confrontation, he added, the situation has not

improved. UNFICYP has managed to maintain peace in these areas, he said, but its efforts have not been helped by the construction and improvement of fortifications in certain parts of the island.

In referring to developments related to the maintenance of law and order, the Secretary-General said that the UN Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL) has continued to play a "valuable part" in UNFICYP's contribution to the maintenance of law and order by performing those duties which are primarily police functions rather than military ones.

In touching on efforts to facilitate a return to normality, U Thant said no significant progress has been made in breaking the deadlock over the future settlement of basic problems. However, he said, despite the prevailing deadlock, two important problems — land records and postal services — have at least yielded to UNFICYP's attempt to find a solution, and "this may justify a limited degree of satisfaction."

MOVE AGAINST PORTUGAL ENDORSED

NOW RESOLUTION WILL GO TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY recommend that the Security Council make it obligatory for Member States, directly and through their actions in international agencies, to take such measures as the severing of economic and diplomatic relations with Portugal, was adopted last week by the General Assembly's Committee on Trust Territories.

The draft resolution would have the Assembly condemn, as a "crime against humanity", the

Portuguese policy of settlement of foreign immigrants in the Territories and the export of African workers to South Africa; condemn activities of financial interests exploiting human and material resources; appeal to all States to prevent their nationals from cooperating with Portuguese authorities, especially in the field of investment; and request that all States, in particular the military allies of Portugal, prevent the sale or supply to Portugal of arms, military equipment and

materials for arms manufacture.

It would also appeal to all specialized agencies, in particular the World Bank, to refrain from giving Portugal any financial, economic or technical assistance until that State gives effect to the principle of self-determination in the Territories.

The draft was adopted by a roll-call vote of seventy-six in favour to twelve against, with sixteen abstentions.

BESOEG VED DANCON . . .



Tirsdag den 6. december havde DANCON besøg af UNEF's stabschef, brigader M. N. Harbottle. Brigaderen — der paa daværende tidspunkt tillige paa grund af generalloetnant Martolas besøg i Finland var kommandøer for UN's samlede styrke paa Cypern — blev modtaget af chefen for DANCON, OL Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, og inspicerede en aeresvagt, der var stillet op for tilfældet. Efter modtagelsen koerte brigader Harbottle ud for at besøge bl. a. den grønne linie, og han blev her vist rundt af cheferne for henholdsvis Charley — og Alfa-kompanigniet. Brigaderen underholdt sig paa vejen med en del af de konstabler, der var paa vagt, og stillede dem bl. a. spørgsmaal om deres opgaver paa posterne. Besøget varede et par timers tid, og efter en beskedne frokost i KIH-messen forlod brigaderen igen kontinentet.

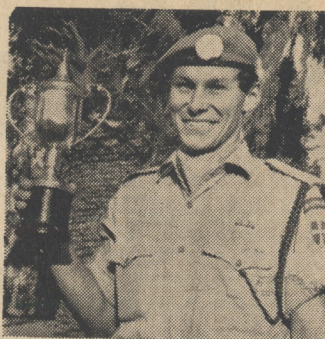
Men opvasken skal ogsaa klares, selv om de fleste af os maaske nok synes, det er et lidt kedeligt job. Her ses C-kompagniets kokke i arbejde, det er Erling Olsen (Big Olsen), fra KFR i Fredericia, Joergen Hansen fra FAFR i Vordingborg og Benny Nielsen (Daks) fra SAR i Holbaek.



BESOEG FRA NORGE . . .

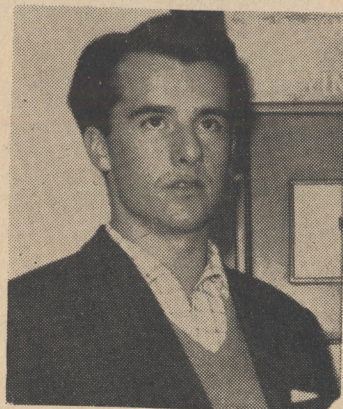


I den forløbne uge havde vi besøg af tre nordmaend, der opholdt sig her i en dag paa gennemrejse, inden de skulle videre til Gaza, hvor de skulle overtage felthospitalet for to aar, efter at det i den sidste periode har vaeret passet af danskerne. Her ses fra venstre kaptajn Syversen, major Myhre og den kommende chef for hospitalet, oberstlojtnant Lytzw-Holm. foran infirmeriet.



DANCON-NYT

Som vi omtalte allerede i sidste uge, har DANCON hele to badmintonmestre i Cyperns aabne mesterskaber. Her ses mesteren i double, SG Pedersen fra velfærds-kontoret og den tredobbelte mester KS Leif Johansen fra Movement control. SG er netop vendt hjem efter at have hvilet ud paa safaritur i Afrika. KS Johansen vandt i finalerne sine mesterskaber saa overlegent som i single: 15-4, 15-4, i double 15-3, 15-4 og i mixed double 15-7, 15-8. I foerste saet af doubelen var det ioevrigt naer gaet galt for mesteren, idet hans ketscher knaekkede, da modspillerne foerte 10-9, men efter at han havde faaet erstatning, kom han fint igen og vandt som naevnt hele tre mesterskaber. Leif Johansen, der er fra Danske Livregiment i Hoevelte, har tidligere spillet for Hoersholm-Rungsted badmintonklub.



STABSVAGTEN ER IKKE ALTID LIGE KEDELIG

Et canadisk radio- og TV-show har netop givet forestillinger paa Ledra Palace. Som hovedattraktion havde showet Miss Canada 1967. At det ikke altid er trist at vaere paa vagt, ses af ovenstaaende, hvor MPKP John Madsen fra 3. MP-deleling i Aalborg aabenbart er kommet i godt selskab. Foruden Miss Canada ses de to dygtige danserinder og Jongleurer Lounsbury Sisters.



Uden mad og drikke — er der et gammelt ord, der siger, men uden rent toej kan vi heller ikke klare os. Her ses OKS Peder Mikkelsen (PLUTO) fra Livgarden udlevere rent linned til KS Kurt Kruse, KFR i Fredericia. Begge d'herrer er p.t. tjenstgoerende i Bravo-kompagniet.

SEVÄRT PÅ CYPERN: STAVROVOUNI - KLOSTER PAA TOPPEN



Högst uppe på den branta bergstoppen ligger Stavrovouni kloster..

Aven den som tycker att kloster inte hör till de mest spännande sakerna här i världen kan ha utbyte av att besöka Stavrovouni. För det första för den hisnande alpvägens skull upp den mer än 700 meter höga bergstoppen på vilket klosteret tronar som ett gammalt örnnäste. Och för det andra för utsiktens skull — man ser en tredjedel av Cypern från klosterets balkonger, t ex både Nicosia och Larnaca.

Dessutom blir man bjuden på mustigt turkiskt kaffe av någon av de fyra grekisk-ortodoxa munkar, som lever i den stora tystnaden därrupe i himlens närhet. De tar nämligen med stor vänlighet emot besökare, visar omkring bland sina sevärdheter och säljer gärna ett par vykort eller någon färgglad helgonbild innan man åker därfra.

Sen har förstas klostret också sin historia, som är nog så intressant. Den finns det inte plats för här — bara ett par minnesstolpar, som kan vara bra att komma ihåg: Klosteret grundades redan år 327

Forts sid sju



Numera svävar den böffärdige rövarens kors inte längre fritt i luften utan står stadig förankrat på hedersplats i klostrets kyrka.



NORRLANDSSVENSKAR I APELSINLUNDEN

BATLAG SLOG BRITTER I FOTBOLL



Centern Sven Hansson, MP, dammar in ett av sina båda mål bakom Squadron Teams målvakt.

MER OM MATCHEN PAA SID SJU



Härliga juläppel-förlåt, julapelsiner är det ju...Ja, det tar ett tag innan en norrlandssvensk hinner vänja sig vid dom här sydlandska äppelträden. De här båda norrlänningarna har i alla fall upptäckt att också apelsiner växer på träen. Ingen behöver väl ta fel på att kaptan Holger Berglund, Umeå t v och löjtnant Lennart Berns, Östersund trivs i apelsinlunden. Mellan utflykterna dit tjänstgör de som respektive tygofficer och duty officer vid bataljonens HQ i Famagusta.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Corporal Alan Clarke, RE, worked in the Field Post Office (BFPO 667) until this week, when he returned to 19 Inf Bde at Colchester to resume the tour of duty interrupted by his six months in Cyprus.



Working patient Sgt Bill Hanley (centre) waits to receive his pain from Capt Carroll (left) assisted by Medical orderly Pte Carolan.

GROUP MEDICAL PLATOON

WE FEATURE THIS WEEK THE MEDICAL PLATOON of the Group. Consisting of two Medical Officers and twelve other ranks, this small unit is hard pressed to serve such a widely dispersed practise, but nevertheless it fulfills its functions with quiet efficiency. The platoon is disposed fairly evenly over the four main camps. Comdt O'Shea, who has twice served in the Congo, and is senior unit medical officer attends to Xeros and Lefka camps. At HQ camp he has the assistance of the leading NCO, Coy-Sgt Leahy and Cpl Synnott and Pte King. Medical stores there are controlled by Sgt Christy. At Lefka, Sgt White-ly and Pte Mooney deal with medical matters



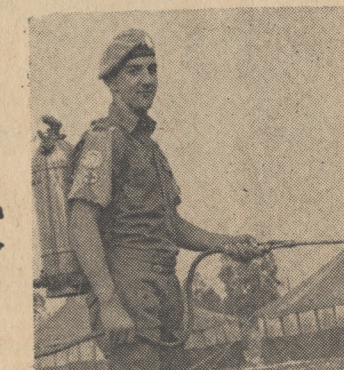
Pte Paddy Burke receiving attention from medical orderly Pte John Mooney.

Captain Claude Carroll, in Cyprus for the second time, is stationed at Kato Pyrgos and coordinates the medical services of that camp and of Limnitis. Sgt Sweeney and Privates Whelan, Cunningham and Lawlor help at Kato Pyrgos, while Cpl O'Sullivan and Pte Carolan are based at Limnitis.

The smooth working of the platoon has been facilitated by the low incidence of sickness in the Group so far, which, it is believed, is the lowest of any Irish unit. The main demands on medical attention are the results of minor injuries incurred mostly in sport. Nevertheless there have been cases—about a dozen—which were serious enough to warrant a spell in hospital.

Apart from the provision of medical aid to soldier casualties, the platoon is also responsible for prevention of illness, and thus much of its work is concerned with sanitary arrangements in camps, water testing, disinfection and completion of inoculations.

In the difficult terrain of the Lefka District, evacuation of patients by helicopter is part of the specialist work of the medical platoon. Prior to leaving Ireland instruction was given with our Allouette 3 helicopters and this week the platoon will train in the use of the Stokes litter on the Sioux of the Force helicopter flight.



Pte Tom King at work with a disinfectant spray in Group HQ camp at Xeros.

GROUP SPORT.....

Soccer: HQ Coy drew with the other three in two B Coy at Xeros last week. B Coy also played a team and away, the tie to be decided on aggregate. Usual league points will be awarded for each tie. First-round games played this week resulted as follows — A Coy beat HQ Coy (at home) by 3 games to 2. Armd Car Gp beat B Coy (at home) by 2 games to nil.

At Lefka last Wednesday A Coy beat the Armd Car Gp 6-0. Scorers were Braddish (3) Somers (2) and Cpl Bradley (1).

Volley Ball: In the final of HQ Coy League the outsiders of the tournament Q Platoon (1) had a meritorious victory over the Band.

The Group inter-Company League commenced this week. Each company plays

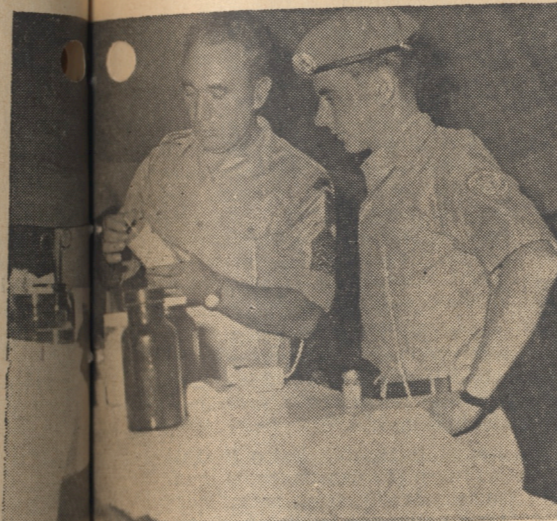
Rugby: The Rapparees are without an engagement this weekend but are training hard in preparation for the Dhekelia Sevens which is fixed for Sat 17 Dec. Two teams from the group have been entered.

NEW PUBLICATION

We have just received the issued by the composite company number of a new company publication. Called Limnitis. We wish this new "Kathy Daly's Herald" it is venture every success



Constructing a wooden lecturn is Force carpenter, Lance Corporal George Kelly, RE. Corporal Kelly's home town is Dublin.



Coy-Sgt Christy instructs Pte Peter Lawlor in the use of insecticide spray.

REFEREES FALL OUT.....

MORE THAN SIXTY MATCHES IN THREE MONTHS, NOW PLAYS SPLIT 'UN TEAM'

THE END OF THE PARTNERSHIP of three soccer referees, Gerry Mullan, Tony Moore and Mike Attard, came recently when they officiated at the match between 9 Signal Regiment and 1 Black Watch. The services of these three officials have been in great demand during the past three months during which they have covered more than sixty matches. It has often happened that the trio have been assigned to cover one match — one in the middle and two linesmen — and this was how they earned the title of the 'UN team'.

Gerry Mullan is WO in charge of the Special Investigation Unit attached to HQ UNFICYP. He has spent nineteen of his twenty-one years service overseas, is an experienced referee and has officiated in civilian leagues in many countries. He has one junior international match to his credit, and has already been appointed to referee a game in Sweden next year, when he hopes to renew acquaintance with Swedish friends from his tour in Cyprus.



REFEREES Mullan, Attard and Moore.

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WO Tony Moore qualified as a referee in 1958 whilst serving in Singapore and since then has been active in all levels of service and civilian football. Before coming to Cyprus as Chief Clerk Logs branch at HQ UNFICYP, he served for three years in HQ BAOC and during this period was Appointments Secretary for No 5 Area (BAOR). When he leaves the Force next month, he is posted to 47 Inf Bde (TA).

Sergeant Mike Attard was MPIO Chief Clerk until last week-end, when he returned to his parent unit in BAOR. He has been a referee since 1953 in both military and civilian football. Mike's departure ended the run of the 'UN team' and when Tony follows next month, Gerry Mullan will be the sole survivor of the trio left to uphold UN 'neutrality' on the soccer grounds of Cyprus.

Sergeant James 'Chris' Barber, REME, left, of HQ UNFICYP Workshop REME, instructing Cpl Doug Mussett, RCT in the changing of a defective oil-seal Chris Barber's home town is Coventry; Doug is from Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.

AROUND HQ UNFICYP...

IN THIS EDITION we take a glance at a few of the men who serve in the varied units which comprise HQ UNFICYP at Nicosia. Within the Headquarters are to be found many of the 'back-room boys' whose unpublicized efforts help so much towards the achievement of a smooth-running organization. The pictures here illustrate some of the unglamorous tasks without which the Headquarters could not function efficiently.



RQMS Percy Miles, RAOC, from Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, pictured issuing United Nations insignia to a recent arrival at Force Headquarters.

PUUROJUHLIEN AIKAA



Viime aikoina kontingentissamme järjestetyissä juhlatilaisuuksissa ovat kaikki patjoonalaiset olleet hyvin edustettuina. Esimerkkinä tästä kehityksestä oleme valineet itsenäisyyspäivän vastaanotolta näpätyn tuokiokuvan eversti Nuutilaisen ja jääkäri Pentti Pursiaisen, 23 Kerava, välisestä keskustelusta.

ONNISTUNUT PIKKUJOULUJUHLA KYKOSSA

Maaantai-iltana oli Kykkon kartanon suojiin järjestetty onnistuneet ja ratkiriemuisat nuotiopuurojuhlat, jossa perinteellisen puuroaterian sijasta riisi tällä kertan tarjottiin oivasti höystettynä ja maukkaasti kuoritettuna. Pataljoonalaisten lisäksi ohjelmaa oli saapunut seuraamaan arvovieraita läheltä ja kaukaa aina kotimaan pintapaikkoja myöten.

Ohjelma oli kaksiosainen ja sisällöltään sopivan monipuolinen.

Joulun Allakin Saa Tontuilla

Nuotiot oli sytytty puolikahdeksäsi. Ohjelma aloitettiin hankia kaipaavalla yhteislaululla. Sitten seurasi illalla usein nähdyn, Trakhonaksen Hannu-välskärin pitämä kaksikielinen tervehdyspuhe. Tämä jälkeen kuoro esitti kaksi kaunista laulua, jota seurasi kuusiosainen tyyliä tyylinäyte tyylinäytelmästä tragikomedia-musical-operaatioopperasta.

Alkupuoliskon päänumeroksi muodostui kuitenkin isonrohmuisten tonttujen ja höyhenekeveitten keijujen esittämä tonttuleikki, joka sitten sopivasti päätettiin yhteislaululla "porsaita äidin oomme..."

Iltatähdet Ja Tiernapojat

Maukkaalla pikkujoulumurulla vahvistetut kourolaisten rinnat jakoivat heti väliajan jälkeen tehdä rotaation lahestymiseen soveltuvat vakanssivoimuksensa. He kertoivat nimittäin aikaisempien ylenysten tapahtuneen jo "long ago" ja jatkoivat sopivan vihjaavasti ilta (ja muilla) tähdillä.

Hannu Koponen esitti sitten loistavat muunnelmansa ruunebergiläisestä sotilaspojasta ennen tuottaja-ohjaaja Reimaan onnistunutta villinlännen Tom Mix-näytelmää.

Puurojuhlien yleisön sananmuksaisesti polvilleen pudottava Tiernapojat oli koko illan glou. Esitys hellitti samalla yleisön kukkaroiden

nauhat rajaseudun lasten hyväksi kerättyyn sävellahjakolehtiin ja sai samalla heidät intoutumaan mahdollisesti esitettyyn ja illan kylmetessä tarpeelliseksi käyneeseen "onkos tullut kesään".

Onnistunut Aseveli - Ilta

Kuoron laulettua vielä ainakin anglosaksisille asetovereille hauskoista sanoista tutun joulumelodian O Tannenbau oltiin sitten illan päätöksessä. Loppunumeroina



roista mainittakoon vielä illan toisena "pääurakoitsijana" toimineen pastori Enok Reimaan päätäjaispuhe kuin myös hänelle ja esiintyjille ositetut kaunat kiitossanat.

Ennen noutiotulien sammumista esitettiin vielä yhteislaulu, En etsi valtaa loistoa...., joka soveltu erittäin hyvin tämän kaikin puolin onnistuneen aseveli-illan päätenu-moroksi.

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON UNFICYP

LITTLE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

Following is the full text of the Chapter, headed 'OBSERVATIONS' contained in the report of the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus.

"This report can only underscore how little significant change there has been in Cyprus in the past six months. The familiar pattern of an uneasy truce has continued, marked, in the period under review, by an increase in the number of incidents, including frequent breaches of the cease-fire, many of which are deliberate, bomb explosions and other terrorist acts, and the establishment of new and provocative fortified positions and reinforcement of old ones. In general, the situation remains one in which, were it not for the presence of UNFICYP, several incidents could have developed into serious fighting.

Nor has there been any significant progress in breaking the deadlock over the future settlement of basic problems. Such a settlement would certainly be facilitated by a full return to normal conditions in everyday life, but it is precisely because of the deadlock over the nature of the ultimate settlement that such a return to normality has not been possible. Despite the prevailing deadlock, two important problems — land records and postal services — have at last yielded to

UNFICYP's attempts to find a solution, and this may justify a limited degree of satisfaction. Apart from this small achievement, however, the prevailing attitude towards normalization continues to be one of pervasive caution lest any concession may affect disadvantageously the terms of the ultimate settlement.

During the period under review, the dialogue concerning Cyprus between Greece and Turkey has continued. I have been so advised by the delegations concerned, although no information whatsoever regarding the substance of the talks has been made available to me. I know, of course, the desire of the Governments of Greece and Turkey to keep the substance of their talks secret. For this reason I am unable to give any indication to the Council as to whether there has been any progress, what results may be expected from these talks over the past several months, or when they may come to an end. In order to avoid doing anything which might be interpreted as imperiling a successful outcome of the talks, all other efforts toward a solution have been temporarily

suspended. Thus, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus has interrupted for the time being his efforts under his extended responsibilities, even as regards talks at the local level. Equally, as stated earlier in this report, I have not found during the period under review the prevailing circumstances to be conducive to an attempt at a resumption of the mediation function. While reiterating my previously expressed hopes for the success of the Greco-Turkish talks, I feel impelled to say that in the interest of an ultimate solution such United Nations efforts as are mentioned above should not be suspended for too long.

As I have stated in previous reports, the method of financing UNFICYP has been far from satisfactory and remains so. Despite two appeals by me for further contributions in the period under review, there is, at the close of the period, still a serious deficit. Moreover, the inequity of the distribution of the financial burden among Governments remains.

Only if current operational commitments and responsibilities were reduced could consideration

be given to a further reduction of the military strength of UNFICYP, and in the light of the events of the past six months I would not feel justified in recommending the reduction of UNFICYP's responsibilities and commitments at the present time. I wish, however, to assure the Council that the possibilities of reductions and economies are under constant consideration both by the Force Commander in Cyprus and by me in New York. I shall not fail to recommend further reductions should they prove to be feasible within the over-all responsibilities of UNFICYP.

The persistence of the unsettled situation in Cyprus points forcibly to a further extension of UNFICYP's mandate, for there can be little doubt that the removal of the Force at this time would create a quite unwarranted risk of a renewal of fighting in the island. From the point of view of economy and efficient planning, a six-month extension would, of course, be preferable. After consultation with the parties principally concerned, I therefore recommend the extension of UNFICYP's mandate for a period of six months."

SVENSKNYTT

BATLAG SLOG BRITTER I FOTBOLL

Bataljonens fotbollspelare gjorde snygg landskampspremiär onsdagen den 7 december mot det brittiska Squadron Team från 9:e signalregementet vid 4 Mile Point. Svenskarna besegrade det förstärkta brittiska kompanilaget med 6-0 i en match, där dock klasskillnaden var lite för stor för att spelet skulle bjuda på någon större spänning.

Flitigaste målgörare var centern Sven Hansson, MP, och vänsterinfern Lars Gunnar Turesskog, 2 komp, som trots att de bara spelade en halvlek var ändå hann åstadkomma två mål vardera.

Matchen spelades som ett uttagningsprov för de svenska spelarna till det bataljonslag, som så

småningom skall försvara de svenska färgerna på Cyperns fotbollarenor. Om inte alla tacken slår fel bör det gå att få fram ett bra fotbollslag av de 20 mannar som deltog i denna framgångsrika testmatch. Vi kommer säkert att få höra mer om det.

Söndagen den 18 december gör bataljonen sitt första stora idrottsframträdande med en stadslöpning i Famagusta som har alla utsikter att bli raflandee och publikdragande. Samtliga FN-kontingenter på Cypern plus ett grekiskt lag kommer att delta (turkarna har tyvartack ar nej). Starten går vid Carl Gustaf Camp och målet har förlagts till stadion i Varosha.

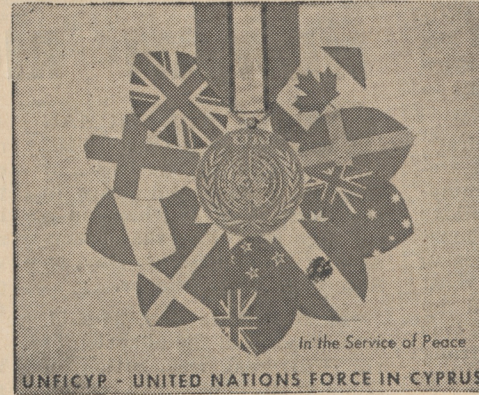
FORCE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas is next week — and you still have an opportunity to mail your Season's Greetings through an UNFICYP Christmas card. Some of the multi-

colour Christmas cards designed and printed specially for UNFICYP members are still available at UNFICYP Headquarters in Nicosia, both from the Hib-

bert Houses canteen and, for bulk orders, from Mr. T. Mooney in the UN Secretariat offices, telephone HQ UNFICYP ext 316.

The cards, which cost fifty mills each, have, as their motif, the flags of all national Contingents serving with the Force gathered around the UN Cyprus service medal. Inside, the Season's Greetings in the six national languages of the Force: English, Danish, Finnish, German, Irish (Gaelic) and Swedish.



STAVROVOUNI

av S:ta Helena, mor till den berömda kejsaren Konstantin den store. Dess förnämsta sevärdhet genom århundradena har varit den botfärdige rövarens kors, som förundrade många medeldtida pilgrimer genom att det svävade fritt i

luften. Enligt legenden förflyttade det sig dessutom av sig självt upp på bergstoppen. Numera står det emellertid på golvet i klosterkyrkan insytt i ett blänkande sidenfordral. Det är det första munkarna visar besökaren.

Stavrovouni ligger ungefär mitt emellan Larnaca och Lefkara inom s k Restricted Area. Det möter inga svårigheter att få åka dit, om man bara anmäler sin resa för National Guard 12 timmar i förväg.

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DISARMAMENT DEBATE ENDS

GENEVA CONFERENCE ASKED TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF DISARMAMENT issues by giving final approval to a variety of recommendations passed on by its Main Political Committee.

● One resolution asked that the Geneva Disarmament Conference, now in recess, resume its negotiations promptly, with priority for a treaty against the further spread of nuclear armaments and complete ban on nuclear tests.

● Another asked all States to sign the 1963 partial nuclear test ban treaty — the People's Republic of China and France have not done so — and requested that it be extended to underground tests.

BERNARDES, MARTOLA

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ber. Following several weeks in his home country, he stopped briefly on his return journey in New York for consultations at UN Headquarters with the Secretary-General, U Thant, and other United Nations officials.

General Martola returned to Nicosia the following day, Thursday, 8 December. He had left two weeks ago for Finland where he presided over the annual meeting of the Finnish Red Cross.

RHODESIA

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ting asbestos, iron ore, chrome, pig-iron, sugar, tobacco, copper, meat and hides and leather originating from Rhodesia. Members would also be enjoined to prevent their nationals from promoting export of these commodities from Rhodesia, and their shipment in vessels or aircraft of their registration and against the sale or shipment of any arms or other military equipment to Rhodesia.

In submitting the draft, the British Foreign Secretary said that the commodities proposed for sanctions were those which would most seriously affect the Rhodesian economy and which could most effectively be embargoed by Member States. He said he was aware that there was strong support for inclusion of oil imports into Rhodesia in the embargo, and that if an amendment were put forward "in acceptable terms", Britain would not oppose it. But he stressed the "importance of not allowing the sanctions to escalate into an economic confrontation with other countries".

The Council was scheduled to continue its consideration of the UK's request this week.

● A third requested that the United Nations undertake a study of what effect atomic weapons would have if used, and of how their acquisition and development affected the security and economy of States.

● Others asked that the prospective World Disarmament Conference give serious consideration to the banning of the use of atomic bombs, reaffirmed the 1925 Geneva Convention against poisonous gasses and germ warfare, and referred the question of foreign military bases to Geneva.

The Assembly also called for the records and documents of the Main Political Committee to be referred to the eighteen-nation

Committee on Disarmament. These included two draft resolutions which were withdrawn by their sponsors. One referred to overflights of aircraft carrying nuclear weapons across national borders, and the other called on States to assign a certain portion of their military budgets to the world campaign against illiteracy waged by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

AGREEMENT ON SPACE TREATY

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION and other UN Members on a treaty to ensure the peaceful use of outer space was announced last week by US President Lyndon Johnson.

President Johnson's statement, circulated at UN Headquarters in New York by the United States Mission, described the accord as the most important arms control measure since the 1963 treaty banning all but underground tests of nuclear weapons.

Negotiations on the treaty were held in July and early August in Geneva and later in New York on the basis of Soviet and US drafts. When the UN General Assembly opened its session in September, a wide agreement had been reached, and the remaining differences were ironed out in private discussions since then.



BUSY WEEK FOR CANCON

BUSY WEEK FOR CANCON last week as they found themselves the subject of visits by the CBC concert party and two TV teams preparing pre-Christmas colour shows. ABOVE: French Canadian singer Daniele Dorice was a big hit with the Contingent. Seen here at an impromptu show at Camp Maple Leaf, she is accompanied by Cpl Ford Marshal and Capt Cliff Churchill. LEFT: CBC's TV team at Cliffside post, Kyrenia, gathering material for a national network show on Dec. 23rd. L to R. Rod Graham (assistant cameraman), Stan Clinton (cameraman), Dave Thomas (producer), Vic MacIntost (sound).



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY MARKED

RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS ONE OF THE MAIN FOUNDATIONS of freedom, justice and peace in the world, said U Thant in a message regarding the observance of Human Rights Day, on Saturday, 10 December.

Human Rights Day, he said, commemorated the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which represented the culmination of an intensive effort by several United Nations bodies to express mankind's will to find, for all peoples and all nations, a common standard of achievement in the recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all human beings.

The tenth of December, more

than the commemoration of one step, must also be an occasion for a stock-taking of the application and safeguarding of human rights, and for a rededication to the efforts which must still be made to give them universal respect and force, he added.

Mr. Abdul Rahman Pazhwak, the President of the UN General Assembly, stated in a message that universal respect for human rights was inseparable from world peace. At the root of all strife and tyranny lay violations of human rights in one form or another.

The Universal Declaration needed to be rendered more effective by incorporating the rights and principles it proclaimed into international ag-

reements which would impose strict legal obligations on the States Parties, he said.

At UN Headquarters, Human Rights Day was marked by the United Nations with the traditional concert in the General Assembly Hall — this year featuring noted artists from Canada, Guinea, the Soviet Union and the United States.

In Cyprus, the United Nations Association of Cyprus prepared to mark the occasion with a ceremony in Nicosia, scheduled to be held today (Wednesday). The President of the House of Representatives, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, and the Senior Political/Legal Adviser to the UN Force in Cyprus, Dr. Remy Gorgé, were to address the meeting.