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MEDIATOR BACK - STARTS NEW ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS

THE United Nations Mediator for Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, arrived in Nicosia on Thursday, 11 February, from New York to start a new round of talks in connection with his mandate.

Mr. Plaza was met at the airport by the Foreign Minister of Cyprus, the Ambassadors from Greece and France, the Charge d' Affaires from Turkey, the United Nations Force Commander in Cyprus and other UNFICYP officials.

Speaking with reporters at the airport, Mr. Plaza said he had delayed submitting his report to the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, because he had "thought it necessary to listen to the voice of the General Assembly" before proceeding ahead with his task. But, he added, now that consideration of the question of Cy-

United Kingdom and the Turkish Cypriot community.

"I will explore every possibility, listen to the views of everyone, look at matters as they stand today, and when I have all the elements which I hope I will be

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The Force Commander, General K.S. Thimayya and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos Bernades, visited the Famagusta harbour area on Monday morning. At noon they met President Makarios, Mr. P. Georgadjis, Minister of Interior, General Grivas and other senior Government officials. Together they toured the area of the harbour, and went on to see various positions in the area north of the walled city near the new mole and harbour. Later they went on to Grecian Hotel where they continued their discussions.

The President held a further meeting with General Thimayya and Mr. Bernades in Nicosia yesterday afternoon.

Our pictures show:- Above right: Mr. Georgadjis, General Thimayya and the President on the main quay. Above: The Force Commander explaining a position to the Archbishop and Mr Bernades.



prus by the General Assembly had been set back, he had returned to Nicosia to continue with his mediation activities.

Mr. Plaza said his "tentative" plans at present were to confer here with President Makarios, Vice President Kuchuk and other Government officials, then proceed to Athens, return to Nicosia again, and then visit Ankara, London and continue on to New York with the hope to submit his report to the Secretary-General. He stressed plans were tentative and would be "flexible" to any change of circumstances.

In reply to questions, Mr. Plaza said he would explore "every possible line that I think might lead to a solution" negotiated, as his mandate states, between all parties concerned — the Cyprus Government, Turkey, Greece, the

NEW ASSEMBLY ACTION-RECESS EXPECTED SOON

THE U.N. General Assembly last week approved a one-year extension of the Palestine refugee agency and disposed of several other matters placed before it by the President of the Assembly, Mr. Alex Quaison-Sackey, and the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, in expectation of a recess soon.

The Assembly also heard expressions of deep concern about the constitutional — financial crisis which has prevented the normal functioning

of the Assembly, and which is to be subjected to intensive negotiations during the prospective adjournment.

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**Lecturer says
Unity of mankind
is supreme truth**

IN a lecture given last week at United Nations Headquarters in New York in connection with the observance of International Cooperation Year, a former member of the Pakistan Cabinet, Mr. A. K. Brohi, said that the peoples of the United Nations must be made meaningfully aware of the supreme truth that all mankind is one.

Declaring that the search for peace based on "compromise" and "expediency" was no substitute for an approach based on this truth, Mr. Brohi said no nation could enjoy the gift of peace which had not been won and maintained in the name of all humanity.

Another lecture in the series, was also given last week by the Vice-President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Mr. M. D. Millionshikov, who said world science and international scientific and technological cooperation had an important role to play in the solution of mankind's major problems.

He listed these as the thermo — nuclear threat, colonialism and racism, poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and the barriers to international trade and to economic and scientific co-operation.

Mr. Millionshikov said the time had come to enhance the role of reason in achieving peaceful coexistence "in today's world of various social systems".

URHEILU - UUTISSION

Kuukausien harjoittelun jälkeen ovat shakinpeläjät saaneet aivonyksensä haluamaansa kuntoon. Tiistaina 9.2 koeteltiin kuka on tassä hiljaisten veikkojen pelissä etevin. 5% JK:n miehistömessässä käytin pataljoonan pikapeliturnaus. Turnaus käytiin ns rumpupukipelinä. Tiivistyneen mietinnän keskeytti kuitenkin hälytys, jolla pataljoona asetettiin tehostettuun valmijustilaan. Keskenjäneet ottelut käytiin esikunnan au-messissä torstaina 11.2. Thän mennessä olivat monet kuitenkin katsoneet jo viisaimmaksi luipua leikistä, jivätkä enää saapuneet kilpailupaikalle. Kaikenkaikkiaan oli, osannattaja 15.

Tulokset: kapt Pöijärvi 12,5 pist. (hiljaisinko vai vain muuten etevin)

2) kapt Haapalinna 11,5 pist
3) kers Hokkanen 11 " "
4) kers Saarinen 10 "
5) jääkäri Hautala 9 "
6) ylik Myllyniemi 8 "

PATALJOONAN YLEISUREELIUMESTARUUSKISAT

Pataljoonan yleisurteilumestaruskisat tullaan järjestämään maaliskuun alkupäivinä, todennäköisesti 2.3. Kukin komppania tulee nimeämään niihin joukkueensa joka karsintakisojen perusteella tai sitten entisten tulosten perusteella. Kilpailut käydään Nikosian stadionilla. Kilpailulajit ovat seuraavat: 100m, 400, 1500m, 5000m,

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pitius, korkeus, keihäs, kuula ja kiekko, 200m:n aidat (mahdollisesti) ja viesti 4x400m.

Pataljoonan kisojen perusteella valitaan joukkue UNFICYP in kisoihin, jotka pidetään lauantaina 6.3. UNFICYP in kisojen perusteella puolestaan valitaan YK-joukkojen joukkue 14.3. pidettävään UNFICYP - Kypriksen valtion urheiluliitto (TESK) otteluun.

PALLOILU

Palloilusarjat alkavat lähestyä päättäään samoinkuin kotonaisuomessakin jääkiekkosarja on jo kaikkein rataistu, vaikatä kirjoitettavissa ei vielä lopputuloksia tiedetäkään. (Kirjoittaja veikkaa kuitenkin Karhujen voittoa).

Jalkapallossa on tällä hetkellä tasapistein johdossa 4 JK ja EK, molemmissa 14 pistettä. 4 JK:lla on kuitenkin jäljellä vielä 4 ottelua, kun taas EK:lla on vain kolm. Ratkaisuottelut tulaneen käymään näiden kahden välillä. Tämä ottelu onkin sarjan viimeinen. EK:lla on edessään kuitenkin ennen tätä tätä kaksi vaikeasti voittavaa ottelua 5 ja 2 JK:ta vastaan. Ratkaisuottelun päästääneen maaliskuun kymmenen päivän seutuilla.

Pesäpallossa on tällä hetkellä tasapisteissä johdossa kolme joukkueita, EK, 1 JK ja 4 JK. Naistä EK:lla on ylivoimaisesti paras joukkuosuhde. Kaikilla on jäljellä vain yksi ottelu 5 JK:n luovuttua leikistä kesken sarjan. EK:lla on vastassa vaarallinen 3 JK, joka on kahta pistettä huomalla sijalla sarjataulukossa, mutta myös yhtä ottelua vähemmällä. 3 JK on viimeksi voittanut 1 JK:n peräti 18-3. Näyttää kuitenkin siltä, että EK saattaa korjata mestaruuden mikäli saa mukaan kaksi vp-lisällä olevaa avainpelajaansa, Raevaraan ja Salosen.

SARJATILANNE YKSP
2in Jelbepalla sarjarza

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5./K	10	3	2	5	10	17 8
3./K	8	2	2	4	9	17 6
1./K	9	2	2	5	9	18 6
HK	9	2	2	5	10	21 6

Ottelu - tulokset:

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3./K	—	1./K	—	—	5	2
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HK	—	2./K	—	—	1	5
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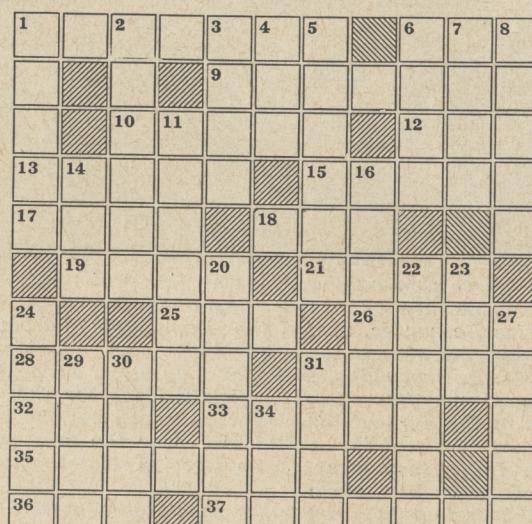
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pesapo Mosarjessa

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1./K	5	4	1	67	49
4./K	5	4	1	50	32
3./K	4	3	1	68	19
2./K	4	1	3	23	65
HK	5	1	4	14	91
5./K	6	0	6	0	6

Ottelu - Tulokset:

4./K	—	EK	3	18		
1./K	—	3./K	3	18		
5./K	—	HK	0	1	Luov. v.	
2./K	—	5./K	1	0	Luov. v.	
EK	—	1./K	15	16		
HK	—	3./K	3	43		

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



ACROSS. 1. Show (7). 6. Covered (3). 9. Do (7), 10. Sharpener (5). 12. Service information (3). 13. Animal (5). 15. Machines (5). 17. Mole (4). 18. Because (3). 19. Developed (4). 21. Direction (4). 25. Figure (3). 26. Satisfactory (4). 28. Instrument (5). 31. High (5). 32. — Tse-Tung (3). 33. Infection (5). 35. Certain coatings (7). 36. Free (3). 67. Withdraws (7). DOWN. 1. Hang limply (5). 2. Relation (6). 3. Ogle (4). 4. Chopper (3). 5. Colour (6). 6. Masculine name (4). 7. Particular (4). 8. Obtuse (5). 11. Feminine name (6). 14. Children's game (3). 16. State (6). 20. Season (6). 22. More yielding (6). 23. Drink (3). 24. Greek poet (5). 27. Colour workers (5). 29. Foreign title (4). 30. Pointed stick (4). 31. Catalogue (4). 34. Beverage (3).

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 17:- ACROSS: 1. Thud. 4. Brains. 9. Sojourn. 10. Open. 12. Ones. 13. Shrank. 15. Aura. 17. Tosh. 19. Rot. 20. Gated. 22. Ovens. 24. Ash. 25. Ease. 27. Mear. 29. Leered. 32. Noel. 34. Rode. 35. Enlaces. 36. Lately. 37. Defy. DOWN:- 1. Twos. 2. User. 3. Donate. 4. Books. 5. Run. 6. Area. 7. Insure. 8. Sprats. 11. Phrase. 14. Node. 16. Ranged. 18. Hose. 20. Gambol. 21. Thanet. 23. Veered. 25. Alloy. 28. None. 30. Rose. 31. Deny. 33. Ell.

ASSEMBLY PREPARES FOR RECESS

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Certain budgetary decisions requested by U Thant were put off until the Assembly's next meeting, which was scheduled to be held yesterday afternoon (Tuesday, 16 February).

• U Thant's appointment of the Argentine economist, Dr. Raul Prebisch, to head the new U.N. trade and development organ was endorsed.

• Finally, the Assembly approved in principle, the use of the north end of the U.N. Headquarters site for the construction of the U.N. International School, and thanked the Ford Foundation for its grant of up to 7.5 million dollars for this purpose.

Ambassadors Chakravarty of India and Collier of Sierra Leone then took the floor to voice their concern over the Assembly's present troubles. Mr. Chakravarty said the situation was deteriorating, and that the very future of the United Nations appeared to be at stake. Voices outside were exploiting the issue and denigrating the United Nations, he said.

• Canada, Pakistan, Peru, Rumania, and the United States were elected to three-year terms on the Economic and Social Council. A sixth vacancy remained in contest.

Because of the attempt to deprive some Members of their vote, the India Ambassador declared, the whole Assembly had been deprived of its vote. He wondered if there still might be time to follow the African — Asian proposals for the normal conduct of Assembly business while negotiations on the whole issue of peace — keeping operations and their financing were carried on.

One provision of the African — Asian plan was that the issue of applying the no — vote Charter article would not be raised — a procedure favored by the Soviet Union but opposed by the United States.

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Canadians Salute
their new flag

After completion of reading of the Royal Proclamation and the raising of the new Canadian Flag ceremonies, His Excellency Mr Arthur Andrew, the High Commissioner for Canada takes the salute during a march past by a Guard of Honour from the 1st Battalion, The Canadian Guard at Troodos Road Camp on Monday.



GREECE DONATES \$500,000

ON 5 February, the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, Ambassador Dimitri S. Bitsios, transmitted to the Secretary-General, U Thant, a check for \$ 500,000 representing the contribution of the Greek Government to the costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for the fourth three month period of its mandate. In making this contribution, my Government wish to reaffirm their firm belief in the efforts deployed by the UNFICYP and the United Nations Mediator toward a final solution of the Cyprus problem.

Following is the text of the letter received by the Secretary-General:

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Colonel William de N. Watson, centre, Commander Canadian Contingent welcomes Lt-Cmdr James L. Wightman, Public Information Officer Canadian Contingent and Sgt. Rupert Knight, RCAF movements NCO, on their arrival at Nicosia airport.

Finnish soldier wounded

A Finnish Soldier of UNFICYP was shot and wounded in the Neapolis area on Saturday morning. An UNFICYP spokesman later issued the following statement.

"At 0835 hours this morning a soldier of the Finnish contingent of UNFICYP was shot in the shoulder by a round fired from a Turkish Cypriot occupied house in the Kosklu Chiflik Street, in the Neapolis area. The Turkish Cypriot leaders state the firing was accidental. A UN Board of Officers has been convened to inquire into the occurrence.

The soldier is in the Austrian Field Hospital. His condition is not serious. The soldier's name is withheld pending notification of next of kin."

FOR YOUR LISTENING

All times are local

SHORT WAVE

Australian Radio

31 Metre Band

25 Metre Band

English

German

French and

English

1900 — 2200 (Sat, Sun and Mon only)

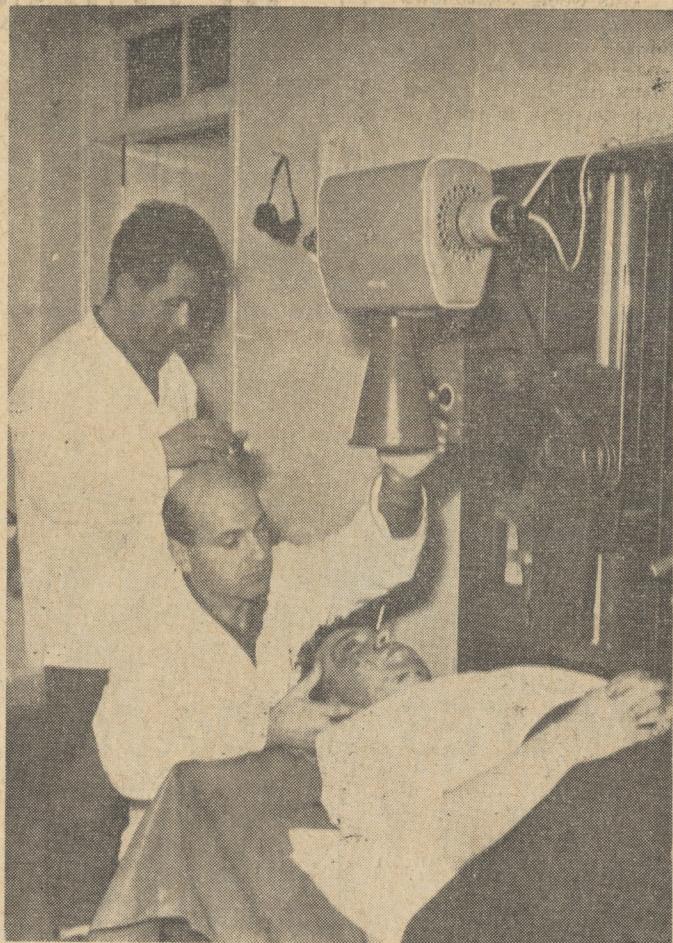
Field Hospital is a vital UNFICYP unit

THE Austrian Field Hospital, one of the most vital units with the UN in Cyprus is situated some ten miles west of Nicosia. Here Lt Col Benno Nussbaumer, and his staff of 48 are constantly at work catering for the physical welfare of not only the troops and civilian staff of UNFICYP but also men from the UN Force in Gaza.

Since the hospital was opened in May 1964 it has dealt with some 599 patients, 1,678 outpatients and the attached dental unit has treated almost 500 patients. During last month alone there have been 56 patients hospitalized and 353 outpatients. All this means that the hospital staff have little time for leave or relaxation. They work a six day week, on call for 24 hours a day for four days and from 0800—1700 the other two. The hospital is equipped to deal with any emergencies and has a helicopter landing strip and a fleet of ambulances.

Perhaps the biggest problem the staff have had to face is that of food. With patients of many different nationalities, it is sometimes difficult to prepare meals to suit individual tastes. Lt Col Nussbaumer says that while every consideration is taken, patients must remember that the unit is, as its title states, a Field Hospital.

Our pictures show: Right: Lt. Col Nussbaumer (left) with Dr Schmidt and Maj Vuotila of the Finnish Contingent discussing an X-ray plate. Far right: Dr Nussbaumer and Dr Schmidt meeting new patients who have arrived from the UN Force in Gaza. Above right: X-ray technician Reinhard Skofitch from Graz with one of the patients. Below: Four patients from different contingents having a chat. Left to right: Sgt Bjorn Mathiasson, Sweden, Pte M. Aitken and Cpl W. Flynn both from Calgary, Canada and Pte K. Erikson from Ringe, Denmark.



3 Flight hold a farewell parade

Brigadier A.J. Wilson, MBE MC, presented Observers Wings right: The Brigadier presented to members of 5 Dragoon Guards at the farewell parade of 3 Flight, AAC at Nicosia last week.

Above left: The Chief of Staff about to begin the inspection of 3 Flight. Below left: Jim Cullens the commander of 3 Flight looks on from left.



PHOTONEWS

This week 'Photonews' covers a wide variety of events in UNFICYP, ranging from entertainment at the Ledra Palace to work in the field Hospital.

Pictures by Cpl Paul Moore.



ARMOURED EXERCISE IN TROODOS AREA

Armoured elements of the and the armoured troop of the Irish, Canadian and British 41st Infantry Battalion with a Contingents of UNFICYP recently held a combined convoy of Lord Strathcona's Horse provided the tracking tracking exercise in the Troodos area. A troop of Ajax Squadron took the role of convoy members of the Strath-



SWEDISH MPIO RETURNS HOME



Captain Lars Borgstrom, the Information officer of the Swedish Contingent of UNFICYP, (seated second from right) returned to Sweden last week after completion of his tour with the Force. His place has been taken by Maj Arne Friberg (standing at right).

Other members of the MPIO staff are, standing, left to right: Sgt George Lilley, Mr Aroon Sunhachawi, Pte Eric Chapman. Sitting, left to right: Capt Hans Frederickson, also shortly due to return to Denmark, Capt J. Duggan, Mr Luis Moreno — Verdin, Lt Col M.W. Howe, Capt Borgstrom and Capt V. Kaukonen.



conas stop for a 'brew up'. Mulligan, OC 41st Armoured, Above: The commanders discussing the exercise. (left to right) Capt Dawson, the second in command of the 41st element, Maj Duckworth, OC Ajax Squadron, Commandant the road during a snowstorm.

CSE show at Ledra Palace

Troops from all contingents of UNFICYP packed the Ledra Palace Hotel last Wednesday for one of the best CSE shows yet to visit Cyprus. Our pictures show:— Far left: The Websters, a thrilling roller skating act near the climax of their performance. Left: The star of the Show, nightclub singer Sue Cartier.




**NEWS FROM
STRATHCONA RANCH**

We must apologize for the absence of our column in the last two editions of the 'Blue Beret'. It wasn't that we had no news it was simply due to the absence of our star reporter Lt Robertson, who, on departing for a week in Beirut, failed to delegate the task. (He is at the moment under strong pressure for his lack of foresight, which, as he is well aware, is a principle of sound administration).

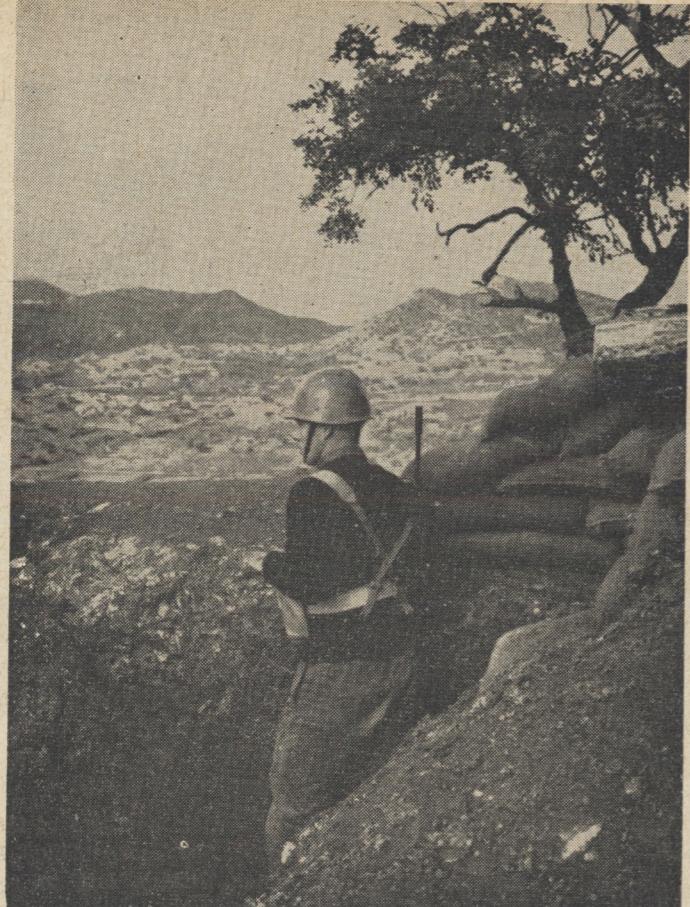
We have had a change of personnel since our last news entry, but as the change was vast and complex, we shall only mention the few in the upper echelon, namely the writer who is once again LO; Sgt Lee Roffey has taken over 1st Troop whose motto still remains "Semper Optimus"; Lt 'Fast Eddy' Fallon keeps 2 Troop; Lt 'Personality' Robertson becomes 3rd Troop leader; Lt 'Mugger' Derby (the nickname will never be explained unless by personal request and private interview) remains in 4th Troop; Lt 'Caveman' Barnes (any explanation necessary?) still has 5th Troop. Lt 'Mothy' Mayne has taken on the most important task of Squadron rotation officer. 'Mothy' is responsible for ensuring we all get home with our baggage. A tip O' the hat to you 'Mothy'. Sgt 'Howie' Owen has taken over as Adm Sgt and Sgt 'Geoff' Lowrie goes into 3rd Troop. Like we said there are many more just too numerous to mention here, but equally as important to the operation of the Squadron.

Applications to join the Mediterranean Seafarers Union have been received by members of 1st Troop, who are considering having as their Troop anthem "Anchors Away". An addition to the Ferret manual will read "Under no circumstances is this vehicle to be considered as amphibious". Need I go any further?

'Caveman' Barnes and his group are looking for a change of scenery these days. 'Caveman' is now in the process of writing a book entitled "Diplomacy Under Pressure" or "Hello 45A keep your hand on that gun, I'm not alright Jack".

The Squadron Soccer team enjoyed a most enjoyable trip to Ajax Squadron in Zyyi. The result of the game slips my memory right now, but it was a good trip. Ma be 'Stanly' Hapgood or 'Rocket' Funke can remember the score.

The Squadron officers entry into the Volleyball tournament at HQ CCUNCYP turned out to be



"Master" of all he surveys — an Irish soldier on outpost duty near Ktima.

Galo Plaza

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able to have, I will go back to New York and prepare my report", he said.

Asked whether he thought a conference of all interested parties might be useful, Mr. Plaza replied: "Very useful".

On Friday afternoon, Mr. Plaza met with the President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, and later had a meeting with Dr. F. Kuchuk, Vice President. He met with President Makarios again on Tuesday, before leaving for Athens today.

Mr. Plaza also had meetings with the Norwegian, Greek, United States and Dutch ambassadors to Nicosia, as well as with the Charge d' Affaires of Turkey here. The Mediator met, too, with the Force Commander, Gen. T. S. Thimayya, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, and with the United Nations Technical Assistance Board representative in Cyprus, Dr. Earl Hald.

Cpl Young is looking forward to returning to the ranch for calving time this spring. Get along little doggies and tall in the saddle and all that stuff.

A new barbecue has been built by our welder Cfn Houle. It has been booked out for several engagements but is available on request. We'll have a report on its initiation in our next edition.

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4 INF GROUP

IT has been inspection week for the members of 4 Inf Group. The Officer Commanding, Lt. Col. P.D. Hogan and staff carried out an inspection of company camps and outposts. The applause meter method was not in use to indicate the success of these inspections, so we await official comment later.

The Group sporting programme has been launched. Pride of place must go to 'B' Company at Polis, where fixtures during the week included a volleyball match against a team from Ardroliku. This was an away fixture for the soldiers, and the strange surroundings and lack of match practice gave the villagers a two games to one win. Pte Hayes displayed distinct promise at the net while the veteran Sgt Daly showed that he had lost little of his old skill and cunning. This company is also well catered for during the long evenings with Bingo sessions conducted by Sgt Grogan and Cpl Shinkwin. Table tennis and darts leagues are also being run.

HQ Company donned singlets for the first time for their game with 'A' Company. A score of 4-0 in favour of 'A' Company was a true reflection of their superiority. They had two attacking wing halves in Privates O'Mahony and Kane assisted by a competent keeper in Sig Wykes. The forwards marshalled by "Scotty" played well, displaying good ball control on the hard fast surface. Scorers were O'Mahony (2), Scotty, and Bourke. For HQ Sgt Carolan and Cracock battled valiantly to stem the tide of defeat.

On next Sunday a match with Yeroskipos has been arranged preceded by coffee at the local. For some this may be their last chance to regain favour with the selectors, otherwise free transfers will be granted not to other club but to the outposts.

BRITISH SOLDIER FOUND DEAD

A SOLDIER serving with the Cheshire Regiment at Polemedia was found dead from a bullet wound on 10 February 1965.

He was found in a lavatory in Polemedia Camp near Limassol.

An inquiry into the circumstances of his death is being held.

British Contingent News:-

Cheshire celebrate Meeanee Day with special parade

THE 1st Bn The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment at present serving as members of the British Contingent of the United Nations Force in Cyprus are to receive United Nations medals for service with the UN force in Cyprus.

The medals are to be presented by Brigadier A. J. Wilson MBE, MC. The Chief of Staff of the United Nations Force and Commander of the British Contingent, at a parade to be drawn up on the Square of Polemedia Camp overlooking the town of Limassol and Akrotiri Peninsular this afternoon.

The 17th February commemorates the 122nd anniversary of the Battle of Meeanee in 1843. On this day in the province of Scinde, India, the 22nd Foot provided the only British Infantry in a force of 2500 who opposed and defeated a Balooch Army of 35000 strong in a five hour long struggle.

In honour of this day the members of the Battalion will each wear a sprig of Oak Leaves behind the emblem of the United Nations.

The wearing of the Oak Leaf sprig awarded to the Regiment by George II after the Battle of Dettingen in 1743 and the "Oak Leaf" motif is still commemorated during the long evenings with Bingo sessions conducted by Sgt Grogan and Cpl Shinkwin. Table tennis and darts leagues are also being run.

More details of the parade and celebrations of Meeanee Day will appear in the next issue of the 'Blue Beret'.

ROTATION OF 3 FLIGHT, ARMY AIR CORPS

THE rotation of 3 Flight, Army Air Corps, who have completed six months service with the United Nations Force in Cyprus, took place on Saturday 13th February.

In their place we welcome 6 Flight, Army Air Corps from the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop.

An advance party of the Flight of one Warrant Officer and five soldiers arrived in Cyprus on 2nd February.

The main body of 6 Flight of three officers and thirty six soldiers arrived at Akrotiri in a Britannia aircraft of Royal Air Force Transport Command in the early morning of 13th February. 3 Flight left for the United Kingdom in the same aircraft later in the day. The majority of the Flight will be stationed at Neatheravon Wilts.

6 Flight is commanded by Major Keith Buchanan, Royal Artillery.

Before leaving Cyprus 3 Flight had flown 876 hours representing 72,000 miles of flying in Cyprus during their tour of duty with UNFICYP. This is an island which is

More photographs on pages 4 and 5.



ROTATION OF 22 SQUADRON ROYAL AIR FORCE DETACHMENT

WE also welcome 18 Squadron RAF Detachment, commanded by Flight Lieutenant John Ide who replaced 22 Squadron Detachment, commanded by Flight Lieutenant Geoff Bradford on Sunday 14th February.

The new detachment has a complement of 2 officers, 6 senior NCO's and 14 airmen and was previously stationed at Guttersloch.

22 Squadron Detachment was equipped with Whirlwind helicopters. 18 Squadron Detachment are now equipped with Wessex helicopters.

The Wessex helicopters arrived in the Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Triumph on 10th February. The helicopters were flown to Nicosia by 18 Squadron Detachment the same day. HMS Triumph took on board the Whirlwind helicopters of 22 Squadron Detachment for service in the Far East.

22 Squadron Detachment has returned to various RAF stations in the United Kingdom including Thorney Island, Hampshire, Valley, Anglesey and Manston, Kent.

Prior to leaving, the flight held a farewell parade at Nicosia at which Air Observer Badges were presented to six soldiers of the flight by Brig. A. J. Wilson, MBE, MC.

While in Cyprus 22 Squadron Detachment completed 100 hours flying time in a month representing 8,000 miles flying.

UK PLEDGES \$11 MILLION

THE United Kingdom last week pledged a contribution of \$11,750,000 for the 1965 operations of the United Nations programme of technical assistance and U.N. Special Fund operations.

This represents an increase of some 17 per cent over last year's British contribution to the two U.N. programmes of aid for economic development.



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VIET-NAM SITUATION FOLLOWED CLOSELY AT UN HEADQUARTERS

THE developments in Viet-Nam were followed closely at United Nations Headquarters during the past week. The United States said in a letter to the Security Council that the air raid on Dong Hoi in North Viet-Nam was a justified measure of self-defense against aggression.

A Soviet letter to the Security Council said that the Soviet Union, together with its friends and allies, would be compelled to take further steps to safeguard and strengthen the defence capability of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam in view of United States actions.

In his letter to the Security Council, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Permanent Representative of the U.S. to the United Nations, said the air raid on Dong Hoi was a defensive action in response to Viet Cong attacks in South Viet-Nam which, by scope and timing, were designed for broader effect in the field of international politics, and to test the will of the Republic of Viet-Nam and the United States to resist aggression.

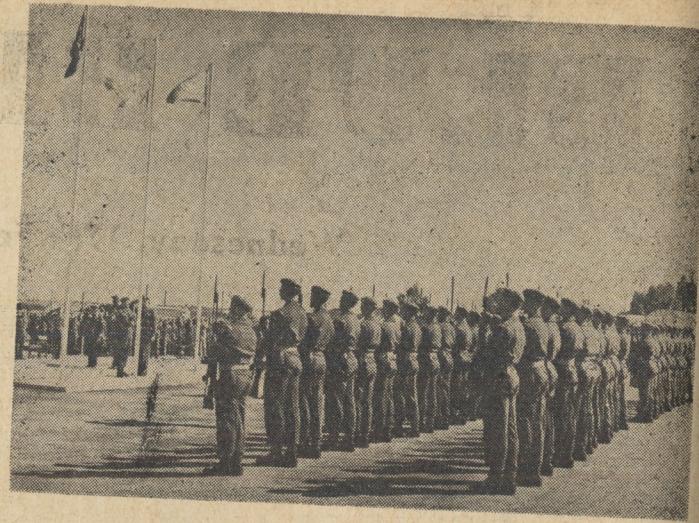
Mr. Stevenson said Dong Hoi was one of the major staging areas for infiltration of armed cadres of North Vietnamese troops into South Viet-Nam in violation of international law and of the Geneva accords of 1954. Stating that the U.S. objective in Viet-Nam was a peaceful settlement, Mr. Stevenson said this would require both self-restraint on the part of the Northern regime, and the presence of effective international peacekeeping machinery to make sure the promises are kept.

The Soviet statement, transmitted to the Security Council by Ambassador Nikolai Fyodorov, U.S.S.R. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, described the air actions as piratical raids and said the United States was trying to create at least a semblance of a pretext for new acts of armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam. The U.S.S.R. asked who gave the United States the right to retaliate for action of the "South Vietnamese patriots" engaged in a "liberation struggle" by bombing the territory on the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

Another letter to the Security Council President came from the Permanent Observer of the Republic of Viet-Nam at the United Nations, Ambassador Nguyen-Phu-Duc, who protested against the Soviet reference to his country as United States occupied South Viet-Nam. He termed the Soviet statement as fallacious and grossly abusive.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Secretary General U

Thant, was studying Vietnamese developments very closely. The current Security Council President, Ambassador Roger Seydoux of France, conferred with U Thant last Thursday afternoon at the latter's request and told newsmen afterwards that the topic was the Vietnamese situation.



The Guard of Honour, drawn from the 1st Battalion, The Canadian Guards, present arms as new flag is raised for the first time in Cyprus.

U Thant appeals for "utmost restraint"

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, last week urged all parties concerned "to refrain from any new acts which may lead to an escalation of the present conflict" in Viet-Nam. He warned that such a situation, "if it should once get out of control, would obviously pose the gravest threat to the peace of the world".

Appealing for the "utmost restraint in both words and deeds," U Thant declared he felt very strongly that means "must be found, and found urgently, within or outside the United Nations, of shifting the quest for solution away from the field of battle to the conference table."

Herewith is the text of the Secretary-General's statement issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday.

"I am greatly disturbed by recent events in Southeast Asia, and particularly by the seriously deteriorating situation in Viet-Nam. My fear, frankly, is in regard to the dangerous possibilities of escalation, because such a situation, if it should once get out of control, would obviously pose the gravest threat to the peace of the world.

"I have stated my views on this problem many times before. Only last year, when I was interviewed in Paris in July, I said that 'military methods have failed to find a solution of the Southeast Asian problem for the last ten years and I do not believe the same methods will bring about a peaceful settlement of the problem. I have always maintained that only political and diplomatic methods of negotiation and discussion may find a peaceful solution. I have suggested some time ago, that a return to the conference table might produce some results. That means, in effect, that a revival of the Geneva Conference may perhaps achieve some results. I am convinced of this because of the very critical situation in that area'.

"I am conscious of course of my responsibilities under Article 99 of the Charter.

(Editor's note: Article 99 authorizes the Secretary-General to bring to the attention on the Security Council any matter which he feels might threaten international peace and security.) I am also aware that there are many difficulties in the way of attempting a solution to the problem, in view of its past history and the fact that some of the principal parties are not represented in the United Nations. Many world leaders who, I know, share this concern and anxiety have made other suggestions. At the present time is is not possible for me to say what would be the best means of discussing this serious situation in an atmosphere conducive to a positive solution; but I do feel very strongly that means must be found, and found urgently, within or outside the United Nations, of shifting the quest for a solution away from the field of battle to the conference table. In this connexion I believe that arrangements could be devised under which a dialogue could take place between principal parties with a view, among others, to preparing the ground for wider and more formal discussions.

"Meanwhile, I would like to appeal most earnestly to all the parties concerned for the utmost restraint in both deeds and words, and I would urge them to refrain from any new acts which may lead to an escalation of the present conflict and to the aggravation of a situation which is already very serious.

"I make this appeal most earnestly in the interest and peace and well-being of the people of Viet-Nam and of the world at large."

NEW CANADIAN FLAG UNFURLED IN CEREMONY AT TROODOS ROAD CAMP

AT twelve noon on Monday the new maple leaf flag of Canada was proclaimed and raised for the first time at Troodos Road Camp in the presence of members of the Canadian Contingent of UNFICYP and other Canadians living on the island. simultaneously elsewhere on the island without ceremony.

The flag which was approved by the Canadian parliament in December 1964 and by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, is red in colour with a white square the width of the flag in the middle; centred on the white area is a stylized eleven point red maple leaf.

The maple leaf, the central design of the flag, has long been emblematic of Canada. It was used as a symbol as early as the eighteenth century and has progressively acquired official status by its inclusion in provincial and federal coats of arms. The colours red and white have long been associated with Canada and were proclaimed Canadian colours by King George V in 1921.

The new flag was raised in the presence Mr. Arthur Andrew, the High Commissioner for Canada. The First Battalion, The Canadian Guards provided a 50 man Guard of Honour under Captain G.R. Cheriton.