

# THE BLUE BERET

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## CONFRONTATION AVOIDED

# General Assembly Recesses Until Sept.

THE United Nations General Assembly went into recess last week. The Assembly President, Mr. Alex Quaison-Sackey, said he proposed to call the Assembly together again on 1 September unless a prospective report on the peacekeeping issue, due by mid-June, brooked no delay.

The Assembly took final decisions of its initial two-and-a-half-month period after having resorted to the first and only vote taken since it met on 1 December. It rejected, by 97 against, 2 in favor, and 13 abstentions, an Albanian move challenging a ruling by Mr. Quaison-Sackey that there was a consensus against departing from the no-vote procedure followed since the start of its 19th Session.

After having thus voted to continue not to vote, the Assembly proceeded to make arrangements on the peacekeeping problem, to grant the Secretary-General interim budgetary authorization, to fill a vacancy on the Economic and Social Council, and to provide for U.N. supervision of the Spring elections in Cook Islands.

The adjournment came on Tuesday 18 February, shortly after eight in the evening following a session lasting well over four hours and devoted largely to the voting question.

The vote moratorium agreed on last December was to avoid raising the issue of applying a Charter Article stating that Members two full years in arrears shall have no vote in the assembly. A most recent U.N. financial report gives 13 nations at over the two-year arrears level, including the Soviet Union and other East European countries (among them Albania) as well as France — who on various legal and political grounds have refused to pay their assessed share of certain U.N. military operations.

Two days before the Assembly recessed, Albania took the floor to ask that the Assembly revert at once to regular business and procedures and that this proposal itself be put to a roll call vote. Following 48 hours of intensive consultations, the Assembly met again on Thursday afternoon, and Mr. Quaison-Sackey, in an open-

ing statement, ruled that the Assembly had already decided to follow the no-vote method and that there was a consensus against reconsidering that decision.

Ambassador Halim Budo of Albania challenged the ruling and Mr. Quaison-

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## IRISH PRESENTED UNFICYP MEDALS BY COMMANDER

Commandant Jim Ryan receives his UN medal from Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Force Commander at a presentation ceremony in Skouriotissa last Wednesday.

## PLAZA PURSUES MEDIATION NEGOTIATIONS

# U Thant reiterates his confidence in UNFICYP

THE following statement by a spokesman for the Secretary-General was issued at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Saturday.

"The question of the extension of UNFICYP beyond March 26 is under consideration by the Secretary-General but he has reached no conclusion about it and is taking no position on it at this stage. He is seeking from the Government of Cyprus and the other Governments directly concerned their views on the question of extension, and his ultimate recommendation to the Security Council on this matter will be made in the light of responses received from the Governments concerned.

"Pending Security Council action on the future of the Force in Cyprus, the Secretary-General is confident that the Force will continue to function with the remark-

able dedication and success that have attended its efforts thus far, despite some recent indications that it may meet increasing difficulties.

The Secretary-General has expressed this appreciation to his Special Representative, Mr. Carlos Bernardes, and to the Commander of the Force, General K.S. Thimayya, for the meticulous way in which they have sought to carry out the mandate of the Security Council and the instructions of the Secretary-General regarding the Cyprus operation. As a matter of routine in a peacekeeping operation, the Secretary-General is in daily contact with Mr. Bernardes and General Thimayya."

THE United Nations Mediator for Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, continued his third round of talks concerning his mandate during the past week.

On Wednesday, 17th February, the Mediator left for Athens where he met with the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. He returned on Friday.

On his return to Nicosia, Mr. Plaza called again on President Makarios and the Vice President, Dr. Kuchuk. He also met with the ambassadors from several of the countries that maintain diplomatic missions in Nicosia.

Yesterday, Tuesday, the 23rd of February, Mr. Plaza flew to Ankara where he will stay until tomorrow. Thursday, when he will return to Nicosia.

His present plans call for him to leave on Saturday, for London, from where he will proceed to New York.

Mr. Plaza hopes to present his report to the Secretary-General next month, March.

# PUOLUSTUS MINISTERI VIERAILI KYPROKSESSA

Suomen talvesta Kyproksen auringonkirkkaan keväiseen lensi Suomen Puolustusministeri Arvo Pentti lauantaina. Viikonvaihteen aikana tutustui puolustusministeri YKSP 2:een ja lähti maanantaina iltapäivällä takaisin Suomeen.

Lentokentällä oli ministeri Penttiä vastaanottanassa pataljoonan johdon lisäksi kenraali Thimaja. Vierailun ohjelman kuului myös käynnit Makarioksen ja Kuchukin luona.

Pataljoonassa puolustusministeri tutustui pataljoonan toimintaan niin tarkkaan kuin lyhyen ajan antamissa rajoissa oli mahdollista. Ohjelman kuului myös käynnit kaikissa komppanioissa. Sunnuntai - iltana oli Kykon platalla järjestetty nuotioilta, jossa myös ministeri Pentti seurueineen oli läsnä. Vaikuttavan ja värikkään ohjelman pääteeksi puhui ministeri Pentti kaikeille YKSP 2:n sotilaalle. Puheessaan hän korosti sen tehtävän tärkeyttä, jota rauhanturvajoukot ovat suorittamassa.

Myös kotimaassa seurataan hyvin tarkasti ja mielenkiinnolla toimintaanne tällä Kyprioksessa. Te samoin kuin YKSP 1:n sotilaat olette hoitanee tehtävänne kunniaaksi ja ansaitsette kiiotksen. Toivoa sopia, että mahdolliset seuraavat pataljoonat tulevat täytäin paikkansa yhtä hyvin.

Puolustusministeri Arvo Pentti on syntynyt 1915. Luovuttuaan alunperin suunnitelmaastaan maanviljelijän urasta hän suoritti aktiivipuolustusseurin tutkinnon maasotakoulussa - vuonna 1943. Talvisodassa hän toimi joukkueenjohtajana ja komppanianpäällikkönä Summajoella, Summassa ja Viipurissa. Jatkosodan sotatoimii Pentti osallistui komppanianpäällikkönä, rykmentin esikuntapäällikkönä ja Pataljoonan komentajana. Hänen jatkosodan aikainen reittinsä ulottui Korpiselästä Syvärille ja sieltä edelleen Pitkäraantaan ja Nietjärvelle.

Heti rauhan tultua Pentti oli pataljoonan komentajana jalkaväkiyksikössä 44:ssa, senjälkeen esikuntaupseerina Etelä - Satakunnan suojueluskuntapiirissä ja viimeksi vuonna 1958 hänestä valittiin kansanedustajaksi. Neljän vuoden ulottuessa eli vuonna 1962 hänen ensimmäisen kerran puolustusministeri. Puolustusneuvoston arapuheenjohtajana hän on ollut vuosina 1962 - 63 ja uudelleen vuodesta 1964 lähtien. Samoihin aihoihin hän on toiminut myös maanpuolustuksen kannatussäätiön puheenjohtajana. Tasavallan presidentin valitsijamiehenä Pentti on ollut vuosina 1956 ja 1962.

Tämän jälkeen Pentti vietti yhmenkuntaa vuotta maanviljelijänä kotonaan Hämeenkyrössä. Tänä aikana hän osallistui aktiivisesti mm kunnallispolitiikkaan. Vuonna 1958 hänestä valittiin kansanedustajaksi. Neljän vuoden ulottuessa eli vuonna 1962 hänen ensimmäisen kerran puolustusministeri. Puolustusneuvoston arapuheenjohtajana hän on ollut vuosina 1962 - 63 ja uudelleen vuodesta 1964 lähtien. Samoihin aihoihin hän on toiminut myös maanpuolustuksen kannatussäätiön puheenjohtajana. Tasavallan presidentin valitsijamiehenä Pentti on ollut vuosina 1956 ja 1962.

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## NEWS IN FINNISH



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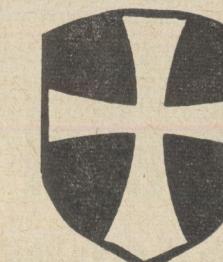
Puolustusvoimain piirissä puolustusministeri Pentti tunnetaan tois-

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## Det bliver bedre og bedre i base - lejren

Fra Stabskompaniet i baselejren har The Blue Beret paåny modtaget et lille indlæg: Der et sket meget i Camps Elizabeth, siden vi sidst havde noget med i "Baretten". Vigtigst for alle de "fremmede" gra andre kompanier er det nok, at vi nu er færdige med afmærkningen rundt om i hele lejren. Saa nu skulle det være muligt at finde rundt herude. Maaske skal vi bemærke, at afmærkningen er foretaget, saa ogsaa engelsktakende har en chance for at finde frem til det rigtige sted.

## NEWS IN DANISH



Nu har "Baretten" indenfor de seneste par maaneder kun haft indlæg fra Stabskompaniet og C-coy. Indlægget i forrige nummer om Emilio var nemlig skrevet af en sergeant fra C-kompaniet.

Mandskabskantinen er blevet bygget om og "moderniseret" af pionererne, som fik hjælp af spejdervognsdelingen. Endelig er der nu i lejren indrettet en "læsesæde", med varme og gode møbler. Og saa her er det pionererne, der staar bag arbejdet.

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## Fotbollsseger oever dansken K-EW besoeker bataljonen

## NEWS IN SWEDISH



Stabsredaktör Karl-Erik Westerlund från FSTiPress Stockholm; besöker just nu bataljonen. Westerlund som i januari kunde fira 25-årsjubileum i sin anställning, stannar på Cypern



till tisdag, daa han reser vidare till Gaza. Stabsredaktörerna ska studera hur pressarbetet fungerar, dels i bataljonen, dels i HQ UNFICYP och kommer aeven att orientera sig inom bataljonens gruppengrupperna.

When the medals had been

presented, Brigadier Wilson mounted the dais facing the

## BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS:-

## Cheshire receive UN medals on Meeanee Day Anniversary parade

IN brilliant sunshine on Wednesday, the 1st Bn The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, drawn up in hollow square on the parade ground at Polemidha Camp overlooking the town of Limassol and the Akrotiri Peninsula, celebrated the 122nd anniversary of the battle of Meeanee fought in the province of Scinde, India in 1843 and received their United Nations Medals for service with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

Promptly at 1030 am a Scout helicopter piloted by Capt Peter Lewis and bringing Brigadier A. J. Wilson, MBE, MC, the Chief of Staff UNFICYP and Commander British Contingent, who was to present the medals on behalf of the Force Commander landed near the parade ground.

Brigadier Wilson was received by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Mike Dauncey, DSO, on arrival and inspected the Quarter Guard, Commanded by Sgt William Westhead of Lichfield.

All members of the Battalion were wearing an oak leaf sprig behind the emblem of the United Nations on their berets. The wearing of the oak leaf sprig was awarded to the Regiment by George II after the battle of Dettingen in 1743. The King was in some danger under an oak tree during the battle and was rescued by the Light Company of the 22nd, who surrounded the tree. As a reward the King plucked down a leaf from the tree and granted the Regiment the honour of wearing an oak leaf in memory of the occasion.

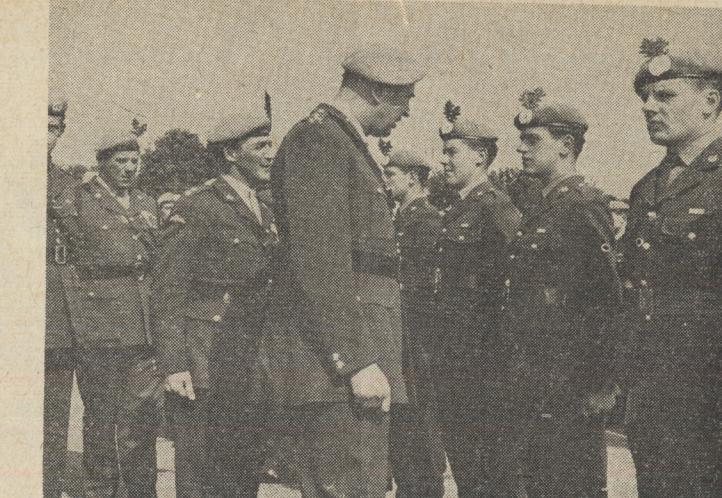
This was the second time that the 22nd had fought under the eye of their Sovereign having worn a sprig of green in their hats at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, when the English troops under command of King William III wore a sprig of green as a distinguishing mark.

On parade at Polemidha were twenty officers and two hundred and seventy six men of the Battalion. This was approximately half the strength of the Battalion. The remainder were engaged in their United Nations duties and could not be spared for the parade.

Standing on the left of the Quarter Guard was Mrs Patricia Le Burn of the Women's Voluntary Service, who has been with the Battalion for more than a year. She was amongst the first to be presented with the United Nations medal and is the second member of the WVS to have been awarded the medal since its institution.

After inspecting the Quarter Guard the parade was reported to Brigadier Wilson by the Second-in-Command, Major Bob Feltham. The Brigadier then went round the parade speaking to each individual man as the medals were presented.

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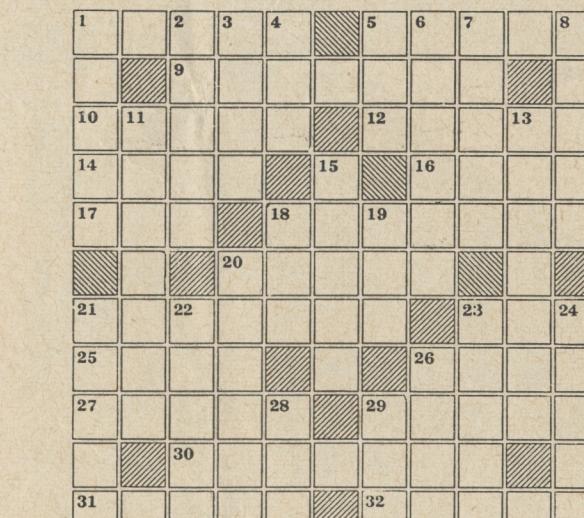


Above: The Chief of Staff stops during his inspection to talk with Pte Ronnie Owens of Chester (second from right). Left: Mrs Patricia Le Burn of the Women's Voluntary Service becomes the second member of the WVS to receive the UN Cyprus medal. Mrs Le Burn has worked with the 1st Battalion for more than a year.



prove if he could see the Battalion today wearing the oak leaf

## "DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



**ACROSS:** 1. Guide (5). 5. Country (5). 9. Airman (7). 10. Frequently (5). 12. Rush (5). 14. Colonist (4). 16. Name (4). 17. Go wrong (3). 18. Adulterated (7). 20. Fabric (5). 21. Mohammed (7). 23. Girl's name (3). 25. Image (4). 26. Extinct bird (4). 27. Obey (5). 29. Ethical (5). 30. Turn aside (7). 31. Undressed kid (5). 32. Periods (5). 3. Finished (4). 4. Metal (3). 5. Possessive pronoun (3). 6. Big-billed bird (6). 7. French town (5). 8. Produce (5). 11. Banned (7). 13. "Windward" island (7). 15. Measurer (5). 18. Mother horse (3). 19. Piece (3). 20. Unravelled (6). 21. Becomes hazy (5). 22. Troop (5). 23. Asian land (5). 24. Egg centres (5). 26. Lavish affection (4). 28. Woman (3). 29. Month (3).

**SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO. 18:-** **ACROSS:-** 1. Display. 6. Hid. 9. Execute. 10. Steel. 12. Gen. 13. Otter. 15. Looms. 17. Pier. 18. For. 19. Grew. 21. West. 25. Six. 26. Good. 28. Organ. 31. Loft. 32. Mao. 33. Taint. 35. Enamels. 36. Rid. 37. Retires. **DOWN:-** 1. Droop. 2. Sister. 3. Leer. 4. Axe. 5. Yellow. 6. Hugo. 7. Item. 8. Dense. 11. Teresa. 14. Tig. 16. Oregon. 20. Winter. 22. Softer. 23. Tot. 24. Homer. 27. Dyers. 29. Rani. 30. Goad. 31. List. 34. Ale. 23. Tot. 24. Homer. 27. Dyers. 29. Rani. 30. Goad. 31. List. 34. Ale.

He thought that Lord Napier would also approve of the inscription on the reverse of the United Nations medal which reads "In the service of Peace". The Battalion had performed this role with understanding and great success in Cyprus.

Limassol was an admirable District, the Brigadier said. There were many reasons why this was so—a wise and generous District Officer, a responsible and broad minded leader of the Minority Community and the distinguished services of the Regiment, but perhaps the real reason was a form of tradition—that of mutual respect, a quality always necessary but never more than in the present situation. Respect for the other chap and for his rights as an individual and for his viewpoint, even if one did not agree with it, was the hall mark of civilization and it was, of course, deeply built into the United Nations through its Charter.

Brigadier Wilson ended by congratulating the Battalion on a job well done, but not yet finished.

Perhaps a Meeanee Day message by Lt Col Dauncey sums up the spirit of the Day with its combination of tradition and forward looking service. He said:

"I have always believed that a Regiment does not change much through the years, but the ideas and spirit are passed down from man to man.

Reading about the Battle of Meeanee recently, I noticed that the then Commanding Officer, Colonel Pennefather said to his Battalion after the Battle 'I can't make a speech lads, but by God, you're all gentlemen'. How true this is of the Battalion today. It is, I am sure, the main reason for your success here in Cyprus, where good humour, fair play and goodwill cannot be beaten".



## New stamp to commemorate UNFICYP

THE United Nations Postal Administration will issue a new commemorative stamp on the 4th of March, honouring the UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

The new stamp, designed by George Hamori of Australia will be printed in photogravure by Courvoisier S.A., Switzerland. It will measure 26 mm. horizontally x 36 mm. vertically, perforation to perforation, and will be printed in denominations of 5-cents (orange, olive green and black) and 11-cents (light



green, dark green and black), in quantities of 2,600,000 and 2,300,000 respectively. The design depicts the United Nations emblem, leaves and the silhouette of the island of Cyprus on the largest leaf. The text "Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus" appears on the right-hand side, and "United Nations" on the bottom of the 5-cent stamp; the equivalent text in French appears on the 11-cent denomination.

### Finnish Minister Inspects YKSP 2

The Finnish Minister of Defence, Mr Pentti, accompanied by Major Lautiainen inspecting the Guard of Honour of 2 Company, YKSP 2 in Oromphita North.

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SHORT WAVE					
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	25 Metre Band				
Austrian Radio	19 Metre Band	0800 — 1100	German		
	16 Metre Band	1300 — 1600	French and		
	25 Metre Band	1900 — 2200 (Sat, Sun and Mon only)	English		
British Broadcasting Corporation	31 Metre Band	0500 — 2315 (1000-1100 Closed down)	English		
	24 Metre Band				
	19 Metre Band				
	16 Metre Band				
	13 Metre Band				
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	19 Metre Band	2201 — 2350 (2245-2300 Forces Broadcast.)	French and		
	25 Metre Band		English		
	31 Metre Band				
Voice of Denmark	19 Metre Band	2145 — 2245	Danish and		
			English		
Finnish Broadcasting Corporation	19 Metre Band	1200 — 1250	Finnish and		
	25 Metre Band	1800 — 2030	Swedish.		
	31 Metre Band	(Monday and Friday 1800 — 1845 English)			
Swedish Radio	19 Metre Band	1815 — 1845	Swedish		
	25 Metre Band	1845 — 1915	English		
MEDIUM WAVE					
Voice of America	238 Metres	0630 — 0900	News and		
		0915 — 0930	reports in English		
		1800 — 1830			
		2300 — 0015			
British Broadcasting Corporation	211 Metres	0500 — 0830, 1500 — 2315	English		
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Saturday ..... Danish Programme  
Sunday ..... Request Programme  
NOTE: Every Wednesday and Saturday a United Nations News Round-Up provided by the UN office in New York is broadcast.

# UN mission to help solve population problem in India

AT the request of India, the United Nations has appointed a five-member technical assistance mission to help that country extend its efforts to solve population problems involved in economic and social development.

The mission will be the first comprehensive mission provided by the United Nations in response to requests in the family planning field. The members of the team were chosen to provide experience in a number of areas suggested by India, among them methods of organising family planning programmes, communicating new ideas and winning popular acceptance, the using of statistics in planning and evaluating of programmes, and the training of the various types of workers needed.

The appointment of the mission at India's request is an outgrowth of a resolution adopted unanimously by the Asian Population Conference

held under United Nations auspices in New Delhi in December of 1963. The resolution recommended the expansion of the scope of technical aid available at the request of the Governments of Asia and the Far East for data collection, research, experimentation and action on all aspects of the population problems, including family welfare planning programmes.

The resolution expressed belief that the rapid growth of population in many countries of the region is impeding their economic and social development and threatening the success of their efforts to reach satisfactory levels of living within a tolerable length of time.

The resolution was subsequently endorsed by the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and last August the Economic and Social Council urged the Secretary-General and the Specialized Agencies to explore ways of strengthening and expanding the work in the field of population.

In September, a special committee of experts recommended broadening and increasing the scope and extent of technical aid in the population field to be made available at the request of developing countries. The report of the experts will be considered by the U.N. Population Commission at a session opening at U.N. Headquarters in New York on March 23rd.

The mission to India is being provided under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations and related agencies—a programme through which voluntary contributions are used to support the economic and social programmes in developing countries.

Technical assistance in the population field has included the provision of experts; assignment of regional demographic advisers; aid in the financing of regional demographic training and research centres in Bombay, Santiago and Cairo; and the provision of fellowships for advanced demographic studies. This year, the United Nations will hold a World Population Conference in Belgrade from 30 August to 10 September. All Members of the United Nations and related agencies have been invited to send experts to the conference which will give special attention to the population problems in developing countries.

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### 4 INFANTRY GROUP

ON Tuesday 16 February Brigadier A. J. Wilson, MBE, MC, Chief of Staff, UNFICYP, accompanied by Col. C. O'Sullivan, Commander Irish Contingent, Col T.M.W. D'Arcy, Chief Medical Officer, and Lt. Col. E. M. Hill, CD, Provost Marshal paid an official visit to our unit. The Guard of Honour was drawn from HQ Company and was commanded by Lt. John Vize. Two days later we had a visit from Major General R.L.T. Burges, CBE, DSO, Officer Commanding, British Land Forces in Cyprus.

Col. C. O'Sullivan also visited "B" Company at Polis, and toured the Camp. He was accompanied by Col. T.M.W. D'Arcy, and Lt. Col. P.D. Hogan, Officer Commanding 4 Inf Group.

On the playing fields HQ Company soccer team has yet to record their first win. In their game against Yeroskipos they did give an improved performance without ever looking likely to score. The O'Sullivan brothers were best of a ponderous defence, and the forwards never seemed likely to pierce the villagers' defence. Best for Yeroskipos were Prodromas Nicolaou in goal and the hard hitting Andreas Christon. Pte Jack McKenna tried hard to instil confidence in our team.

On Friday, probably as a direct result of pay parade, the officers of HQ Coy took to the volleyball court. The talent, though rusty and creaking, is there. A league is being arranged to cater for all. In Polis also the courts were in use last Sunday and the highlight of the afternoon's sport was the match between the officers and NCOS. The latter captained by Cpl. Jack Lacey won by three goals to two. There is no truth in the rumour that the CS was heard mentioning cookhouse fatigue to the umpires before the match.

Members of Ajax Squadron (Royal Tank Regiment) were guests of the Cavalry on Wednesday, and although beaten in a game of volleyball got their revenge later in a game of darts in the NCO's Mess. The evening finished with a stage show in the Canteen.

### NEWS IN DANISH

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med her i disse spalter. Hvorfor ikke delagtiggiere kammerater fra de andre kompagnier i de opleser og indtryk, man ikke kan undga at faa som dansk soldat paa Cypern

NY PRESSEOFFICER I DANCON

I denne uge skifter DANCON presseofficer, idet major Krejsager fra Prinsens Livregiment i Viborg overtager posten efter kaptajn Fabricius Frederiksen. Indtil videre fortsætter The Blue Beret som hidtil - d.v.s., at vi lægger vægt paa indlæg rundt omkring fra kompagnierne og tjenestestederne. Her paa redaktionen er vi overbeviste om, at det vil interesserse de fleste af soldaterne langs "Den grønne Linie" at høre lidt om, hvordan livet former sig i Aloana og Lourojina. Vi ser meget gerne indlæg fra alle kompagnier hver uge. Eventuelle skriftlige udgydelser kan enten afgives direkte til presseofficeren i Flat House eller ogsaa kan de afgives paa skriverstuen ved DANCON.

TAKING precedence over all news this week is the announcement of last Saturday's basketball game played between Ajax Squadron and ourselves. We won!! Our first win in the squadron's history on the island, but, as is the tradition, the score will not be published in this article.

Anyone wishing to know should call 77071 extension 2, and ask for the Second in Command who will be proud to give it to you.

Second priority of news is the untimely death of 'Billie' the squadron's rooster. 'Billie' had been with us since our arrival on Cyprus and everyone had a special place in their hearts for him. He was a little different from other roosters, was 'Billie', he felt that seeing we did so much for him in the way of food and fiancés the least he could do for us was extend his crowing duties from the normal sun-up call, to three hours during darkness. The fact that his home was close to the CO's window may shed some light on the mystery of his death.

Another great event took place this week also, that of our annual 9 mile in 2 hours Battle Efficiency Test. One cannot help wondering whether it is to test ones Battle Efficiency or ruin it! Just how ready for Battle would we be at the end of 9 miles? Judging by the majority of us we'd be a pushover! There was somebody who was still fresh on its completion. Mind you he had no gun to carry, and no boots or socks to produce blisters. The problem is old 'Whitey' doesn't have an ITR to record his accomplishment. A tip o' the hat to Lpl. Clements and Tpr. Crayne who both came in first in their group with over half an hour to spare. One cannot help feeling that it was more than coincidence that Capt. Billings, who arranged this whole thing happened to be on leave with his roommate Capt. Hopkins at the time of the ordeal. Maybe it will rain next week?

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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Sackey declared that a procedural vote no longer could be avoided and that it could be taken with all Members reserving their juridical positions. At that point, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson of the United States, which has long contended that Article 19 dealing with the loss of voting rights would apply in case of a ballot, said his delegation would not raise the issue in this specific instance — since a procedural vote was deemed necessary to make it abundantly clear the Assembly's continued support of the vote moratorium.

The Assembly then proceeded to the roll call, with Mauritania the only Member supporting Albania's challenge of the presidential ruling. The 13 abstentions were: Algeria, Burundi, Congo-Brazzaville, Cuba, France, Guinea, Mali, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, the United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, and Yemen. Cambodia and Saudi Arabia went on record as not taking part in the vote. The President listed Indonesia as being absent.

Mr. Budo deplored the upshot as inimical to the smaller nations and as serving those countries who wishes to use the United Nations to promote their hegemony.

In the course of subsequent explanations of vote, several abstainers said they would have voted for the original Albanian proposal to get the Assembly back to regular business. The common theme of the speakers who voted against the Albanian challenge was the need to avoid a confrontation on Article 19.

The Assembly then proceeded to items on its agenda, making its decisions by way of the President announcing that in the absence of any objections, resolutions or other relevant documents were adopted.

The Assembly authorized Mr. Quaison-Sackey to set up a special committee to review the whole issue of peacekeeping operations and their financing with the cooperation of the Secretary-General. The President said he hoped to be able to announce the Committee's composition in a few days.

As to the budget, the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to continue expenditures up to 1964 levels, and asked Members to make advance 1965 payments to the United Nations in amounts not less than 80 per cent of their assessments last year.

Gabon was elected to the Economic and Social Council.

# Viet-Nam developments hold UN attention

THE developments in Viet-Nam continued to hold the attention of delegations at United Nations Headquarters last week.

Further statements on the situation in Viet-Nam were issued in New York. One, by the United Arab Republic, called for an end to all military operations in Viet-Nam in order to ease the situation and avoid complications which would threaten world peace. The U.A.R. reaffirmed its support for the idea of convening a new Geneva conference to find a political solution to the problems of Southeast Asia on the basis of the 1954 Geneva agreements, and in accordance with the legitimate aspirations of the Vietnamese people for freedom and peace.

Another statement was issued by Poland which together with Canada and India, is a member of the International Control Commission set up by the 1954 accords on cessation of hostilities in Indochina.

The Polish statement condemned recent United States military action against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam as well as the military intervention which it said the U.S. had been carrying on for years in South Viet-Nam. Poland said the U.S. had engaged in acts of aggression in violation of the Geneva agreements and the United Nations Charter.

The United States and the Republic of Viet-Nam have said that the air strikes which they have carried out against targets in the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam

*The Finnish Defence Minister Mr. Avro Penti pictured here with Nicosia Zone Commander Brig. N.E. Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE, CD, During his recent visit to UNFICYP.*

were a defensive response to the attacks by Viet-Cong forces, mainly infiltrated from North Viet-Nam.

The United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, has urged all parties concerned to refrain from any new acts which may lead to an escalation of the present conflict in Viet-Nam.

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

## Sudden death of Irish NCO

A SENIOR NCO of the Irish Contingent died in the Austrian Field Hospital, Nicosia, early on Monday morning. Later the following statement was issued by an UNFICYP spokesman:-

"At 0105 hours, 22 February, a non-commissioned officer of the 41 Infantry Battalion of the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP, died in the Austrian Field Hospital. He was admitted at 2105 hours, 21 February, as a result of a sudden illness. A post-mortem is being held. Particulars of the deceased are being withheld pending notification of next of kin."



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## TWO PLEDGING CONFERENCES REALIZE \$ 36 MILLION FOR REFUGEE AID

A pledging conference was held at United Nations Headquarters last week to secure contributions for United Nations refugee programmes for the current year.

At a morning session, last Wednesday, 34 Governments pledged a total of some 33.5 million dollars for the operations of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency which is caring for more than a million Arab refugees from Palestine. The United States pledged 24.7 million dollars, provided that this did not exceed 80 per cent of the total contributions.

At another pledging session in the afternoon, 30 Governments promised to contribute some 2.4 million dollars for the work of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees designed to promote solutions for refugee problems in various parts of the world.

## US gives \$2m. to UNFICYP



The United States last week informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that it would contribute up to two million dollars for the current term of the United Nations Force in Cyprus depending on the contributions of other Governments.

At the same time, the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations, Mr. Mehdi Vakil, informed the Secretary-General that "despite the heavy financial burden placed upon it by extensive development projects", the Government of Iran had decided to pledge an additional \$4,000 for the UN Force in Cyprus, increasing Iran's total commitment to the amount of \$10,000.