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Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher L. Kirby, CD, Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is welcomed to Cyprus at Nicosia airport on Thursday by Lieutenant-Colonel H. William Mulherin, GM, CD, Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Canadian Guards, Mr. Arthur Andrew, Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus and Colonel Henri Tellier, DSO, CD, Commander Canadian Contingent. The Queen's Own Rifles will replace the Canadian Guards with UNFICYP.

## DE LAURO, NEW C.A.O., SUCCEEDS

M R. Albert L. de Lauro of the United Nations Secretariat has arrived in Nicosia to take over the duties of Chief Administrative Officer of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, succeeding the late Frank M. Begley who died recently victim of a heart attack.

Mr. De Lauro is not new to this type of activity as he has held since 1956 the post of Chief of the Peace Forces Administrative Section of the U.N. Secretariat's Field Operation Service. In this post, he has handled matters related to the logistical, budgetary and administrative support of all U.N. peace-keeping operations — UNEF (United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East), ONUC (United Nations

Operations in the Congo) and UNFICYP.

He has been with the United Nations since the early days of the Organization when it operated out of Hunter College in New York — in 1946. He has served with the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and in the U.N. Controller's Office and in the Office of Gene-

## UNFICYP BEGLEY



Mr. De Lauro

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CONTROVERSY OVER VIET-NAM:-

## First meeting of Peace-keeping Committee

THE United Nations General Assembly's Committee that is to review the whole controversial question of peace-keeping operations and their financing held its first meeting at United Nations Headquarters last Friday.

It decided to recess while further consultations were conducted by Mr. Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana, Committee Chairman, along with the Secretary-General, U Thant.

In brief remarks to the Committee at the outset of Friday's meeting, Mr. Quaison-Sackey noted that his and the Secretary-General's consultations were already under-way and said they were expected to lead into intensive discussions in the coming days and weeks.

Mr. Quaison-Sackey added there should be sufficient basis for reporting to the Committee shortly after Easter.

Mr. Quaison-Sackey said there was almost a unanimous feeling that the Committee should seek to work by consensus, without voting — but it was understood that a ballot would be resorted to whenever any Member felt it necessary.

There were divergent views, he

said, whether the Committee should hold open or close meetings — he suggested that no decision on this would be taken now.

Consultations being conducted by him and the Secretary-General should not exclude U.N. Members not represented on the Committee, Mr. Quaison-Sackey added.

The procedures outlined by Mr. Quaison-Sackey were accepted by the Committee without objection.

Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko of the Soviet Union then took the floor. He said the Committee was beginning to work at a time when a growing aggression by the United States in Viet-Nam and in Southeast Asia generally was endangering international peace. He charged the United States was re-

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## UN Mediator submits report to Secretary-General

IN its resolution of 4 March 1964, the U.N. Security Council recommended that the Secretary-General designate, in agreement with the Government of Cyprus, and the Governments of Greece, Turkey and the United Kingdom, a Mediator, who should use his best endeavours with the representatives of the communities and also the aforesaid four Governments for the purpose of promoting a peaceful solution and an agreed settlement of the problem confronting Cyprus, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, having in mind the well-being of the people of Cyprus as a whole and the presentation of inter-

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**Strathcona's on patrol**

Canadian Forces Photo

An armoured car patrol of the Recce Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse passes through a Cypriot village.

**NEWS FROM STRATHCONA RANCH**

On 30th March, 1918, Lieutenant G.M. Howerdew won the Victoria Cross for his gallant cavalry charge against German infantry at the Battle of Moreuil Wood. Since that day Strathcona's have celebrated the occasion with a parade and church service followed by fun and games of one kind or another.

This year was no exception. The squadron was inspected by Colonel H. Tellier, DSO, CD, the new Commander of CCUNCYP, and this was followed by Roman Catholic and Protestant services. An enjoyable steak dinner was had by all and then a volleyball competition took place (if you could call it a competition). It is unfortunate that in these events the best team do not always win. This year the Sergeants won, and for their fine effort were awarded a bottle of the best(?) champagne which they consumed in extremely short order, followed by a request for more which was fulfilled although not with champagne.

The events that followed are to numerous to mention, which is probably for the best. Excellent bar-b-que (Continued page 6)

**Squadron's last parade**

Canadian Forces Photo

Colonel Henri Tellier, DSO, CD, Commander of the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus inspected the Reconnaissance Squadron of The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) on Saturday. Major J.B.S. Rose, CD, (left) accompanies Colonel Tellier on the inspection. The parade will be the last formal parade for the Strathconas in Cyprus. They are due to rotate to Canada shortly.

**MEDIATOR'S REPORT**

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national peace and security. In accordance with his terms of reference, the United Nations Mediator on Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, submitted to the Secretary-General, U Thant, on 26 March 1965 a report on his activities up to that date.

A summary of the report will be published in "The Blue Beret" next week.

**CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS: Rotation in full swing**

Rotation of the Canadian Contingent officially began Thursday the 25th of March with the arrival in Cyprus of advance parties of the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Transported nearly ten thousand miles by Royal Canadian Air Force, Yukon aircraft, from Victoria, British Columbia, on Canada's west coast to Nicosia airport, the advance party is the forerunner of a 950 man main body which will follow, starting on the 3rd of April and will be completed by 10th April.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, an infantry battalion, will replace the 1st Battalion Canadian Guards who will return to Picton Ontario after a six month tour of duty with United Nations in Cyprus.

One of Canada's oldest infantry regiments, The Queen's Own Rifles were organized in 1860. The Regiment took part in the Campaign in North-West Canada in 1885, and again during the Fenian Raids in 1866. During the South African War 1899-1902, it contributed volunteers to the Canadian Contingent. In World War I the Regiment earned the right to such famous battle honours as, "Ypres 1915-17", "Somme 1916", "Arras 1917-18", "Vimy 1917", France and Flanders 1915-18", to men-

tion just a few. On D-Day, the 6th of June 1944, The Queen's Own Rifles landed in Normandy and fought through out the campaign in North-West Europe.

The Regiment is allied with The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment and The 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifles Corps.

The 1st Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher L. Kirby, C.D.

The Reconnaissance Squadron of The Royal Canadian Dragoons will not be a new name in Cyprus. The same regiment provided the first reconnaissance squadron to UNFICYP a year ago. They will replace the present squadron The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) who will return to Canada to rejoin the Regiment at Calgary, Alberta.

Organized as a regiment in 1883, The "Dragoons" first campaign was in North-West Canada in 1885. A detachment served with The Yukon Field Force in 1898. During the South African War of 1898-1902, three members of the Regiment earned the Victoria Cross, The British Empire's highest award for bravery in action.

In World War I, the Royal Canadian Dragoons landed in France and served as infantry and subsequently as cavalry. The Regiment again saw action during World War 2, landing in Sicily in 1943 and fighting through Italy and North West Europe.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons have served with Canada's NATO Brigade in Germany and with United Nations Forces in Korea and Egypt.

The Reconnaissance Squadron is commanded by Major Albert K. Casselman, C.D.

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**"Difficult phase for economy" - IMF Managing Director**

THE United Nations Economic and Social Council was told at a meeting last week that the world economy was entering a more difficult phase this year because of an economic slow-down evident in many industrial countries outside North America.

Pierre-Paul Schweizer, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, told the Council that international demands for imports had already declined, and that this weakened the prices of food-stuffs and raw materials which bulk so large in the exports of poorer nations.

the range of growth established during the past four or five years.

The report noted, however, clear signs of slackening in many countries as the year progressed and marked divergence between countries.

In the meantime, a review issued last week by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe said 1964 was a more favourable year for the economies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union than 1963.

This was shown, it said, by the acceleration of the rate of growth of the national income in the Soviet Union and in the People's Republic of Germany, a continuation of the exceptionally rapid expansion in Romania and in the fact that the 1963 decline came to a halt in Czechoslovakia.

On the other hand, the Survey indicated that economic growth slackened in Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland after a good 1963 performance but that only in Albania was the deceleration abrupt.

On the economic developments in Western Europe, the Economic Commission for Europe reported that 1964, on the whole, marked another period of expansion within

**UN OBSERVERS TO SUPERVISE COOK ISLAND ELECTIONS**

U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, last week designated Mr. Omar Abdel Hamid Adeel of the Sudan to serve as United Nations Representative for the supervision of the April elections in Cook Islands.

U.N. supervision was requested by New Zealand, which administers the South Pacific islands following a recommendation by the United Nations Decolonization Committee, and the General Assembly agreed to the request.

New Zealand said the form and nature of the Cook Islanders' future would be a major issue in the forthcoming legislative elections and in the constitutional debate which will follow.

Mr. Adeel will be assisted by a team of four observers.

**SOLUTION, TO CROSSWORD NO. 23:-** ACROSS:- 1. Bloc. 4. Scraps. 9. Victual. 10. Elan. 12. Emil. 13. Delete. 15. Duse. 17. Mart. 19. Dun. 20. Cavan. 22. Adept. 24. Ate. 25. Gore. 27. Port. 29. Teaser. 32. Beat. 34. Lira. 35. Angered. 36. Solder. 37. Reek. DOWN:- 1. Bred. 2. Oval. 3. Cinema. 4. Steer. 5. Cum. 6. Raid. 7. Allude. 8. Silent. 11. Legato. 14. Tang. 16. Supper. 18. Tare. 20. Capons. 21. Verbal. 23. Dealer. 26. Otter. 28. Tend. 30. Side. 31. Rank. 33. Age.

**FORCE COMMANDER IN THE COOKHOUSE**

General K.S. Thimayya, Force Commander UNFICYP visits the dining hall at "A" Company Camp, 4 Inf Group during his recent visit to Ktima.

**New Training and Research Institute begun by UN**

A NEW United Nations Institute for Training and Research came into being last week. It will play an important role in the United Nations family of specialized agencies and organizations by training personnel, particularly from the developing countries, for service with Member Governments as well as with the United Nations itself.

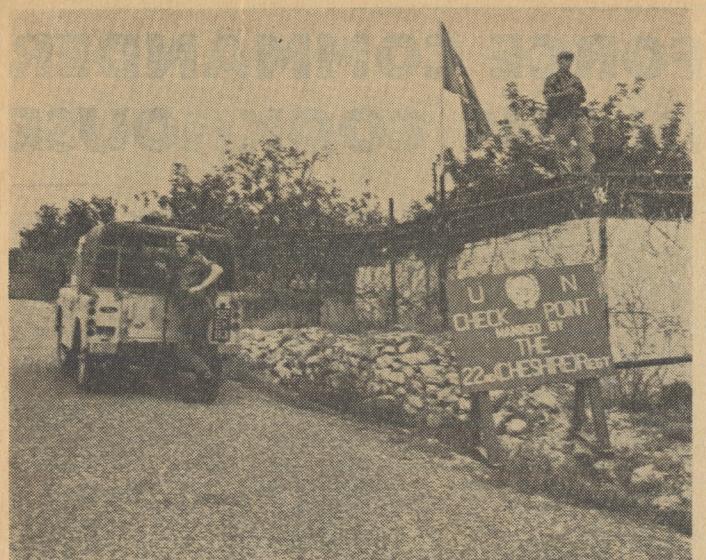
Mr. Gabriel Marie d'Arbousier of Senegal was named Executive Director of the Institute.

In an address before the Board of Trustees, the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, expressed his gratitude for their "willingness to serve the United Nations in this new venture which is of such immense potential importance".

The Secretary-General has long favoured establishment of such an Institute and has sought support, both moral and material, from United Nations Members.

So far, 48 States have made contributions of approximately 2.5 million dollars and funds from private foundations amount to another three million dollars. Twenty more countries have promised to contribute.

The unique purpose of this new Institute (UNITAR), he said, is that it will enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations itself.



## Canadian Contingent News

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Steaks were on hand at the men's canteen cooked by chefs May, McDougal, Watson and Ransom, and if the size of the writers head is any criterion it can be stated that the event was a memorable one to pay the least.

A cocktail party was held in the Officer's Mess as a 'thank you' for the hospitality showed to us by all the people who attended, and to say farewell to the many friends we have made here.

Also this week saw the arrival of Major Bert Casselman of the Royal Canadian Dragoon's Cyprus Squadron II and his advance party, including Captain John Long, Lieutenants Guy Remy, Lothan Klein and Larry Guiayds. A big welcome from us all fellows and we hope that your tour here will be a good one.

From our 2 IC to Ajax 2 IC — "How come you guys get all the picture space?"



NO mention of the Battalion would be complete without referring to their outstanding successes in the field of sport during their tour with the United Nations Force. In just six months on the island they have managed to capture the Army (Cyprus) Cross Country Championship, the Army (Cyprus) Rugby Cup and their athletes played a major part in both the convincing victory of the British Contingent in the inter-contingent athletics match held in Nicosia on March 6 and also in the victory of the UNFICYP athletics team over the Cypriot Athletic Association (T.E.S.K.) in their meeting on March 13.

The Battalion has lived amicably with the National Guard who have a camp adjacent to that of the Battalion at Polemidhia. They have each attended one another's parties.

Since 1955 the Cheshire have served in Berlin, Malaysia and Singapore and Northern Ireland as well as in their present permanent duty station, Munster and in Cyprus.

## British Contingent News

# Farewell Cheshire

THE rotation of the 1st Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, which since the beginning of October last year has been the only major British unit with UNFICYP, began on Saturday with the departure of the advance party of two officers and one hundred and seven men from the Royal Air Force Station, Akrotiri for Germany.

The remainder of the Battalion will leave in groups of about 100 men from Akrotiri for Gutersloh beginning on 5 April. The move will be completed on 10 April. Shortly afterwards they will return to the United Kingdom for a months leave. They will be relieved by the 1st Battalion The Grenadier Guards, whose advance party arrived on Friday. The main body will arrive between 5-9 April and they will assume responsibility for Limassol District at 0730 hrs 7 April.

The Cheshire, with under command one armoured car squadron — Ajax Squadron, 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, has provided the peacekeeping force for the Limassol District. They have also been assisted

by twenty five New Zealand Policemen, who have liaised with the local police in the area.

Since their arrival, the Cheshire have maintained detachments in the Troodos mountains, in Mallia — the centre of the Turkish Cypriot wine producing area and in the mixed Greek and Turkish Cypriot village of Episkopi. Their vehicles have covered more than five hundred thousand miles in the course of patrolling and other duties in the district. Detachments have also been provided at the Cyprus Police road blocks in Limassol and at the Turkish Cypriot community centre in the town.

The Battalion has also provided the defence platoon for the headquarters of the United Nations Force in Nicosia.

During their six months tour here, the battalion, under the command of Lt Col Mike Dauney, DSO, have done their utmost to reduce the tension in the district and to encourage the population to return to normal conditions. Much of this aim has been achieved. Many of the fortifications and barriers which used to exist in the area have been removed.

Another success is the restoring of the confidence of the population of the Turkish Cypriot village of Mallia, which has resulted in the majority of them returning to their homes from which they fled after the battle there in June last year.

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## 41st Inf Bn due rotation during second week of April

THE following statement on the rotation of part of the Irish Contingent was made in Nicosia on Friday, March 26 by an UNFICYP spokesman.

"The rotation of 41 and 42 Infantry Battalion of the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP is scheduled to commence on 7 April and to be completed on 12 April. On this latter date 42 Infantry Battalion will assume operational control in Morphou District.

During its six months in Cyprus 41 Infantry Battalion commanded by Lt. Colonel P. J. Dempsey has served in two districts, initially in Famagusta and since 9 December 1964 in Morphou.

42 Infantry Battalion is commanded by Lt. Colonel P. Delaney. He commanded 38 Irish Battalion in the Congo.

The advance party consisting of 67 officers and men will arrive at Nicosia Airport on Tuesday 30 March."



### 4 INFANTRY GROUP

FOLLOWING a short recuperation period after the exertions and feasting to honour the National Apostle all shoulders are again to the wheel to continue with the tasks on hand. Whispers of "never again" are believed to refer to long periods spent frying in the mid-day sun. As one seasoned warrior remarked on his state of health "I'll never again mix my drinks. In future only Irish or Scotch — never both in the same glass."

Latest recruit to the tourist platoon is CQMS Bannon of the Welfare stores. On a recent purchasing expedition to a well quoted eastern town guaranteed to meet all requirements it was alleged that he strayed off his route to procure better bargains. However, his movements did not go unnoticed by a rival trader, and were it not for his innocent facial expression he would undoubtedly be in solitary confinement. It is rumoured that danger money will be added to the price of all "mingi" in future. Some people are of the erroneous opinion that such is the case even prior to this incident.

On the playing fields the tempo has quickened. The volleyball addicts are now perfecting the "lay-up" and the "flick" shot, and those not in practice or unable to interpret the lingo had better get in some secret training. Many



Comdt P. Cahalane assisted by CS Dan Carroll gives shamrock to members of the Armoured Car Detachment, 4 Inf Group at Ktima.

months is a relatively short period in a life span, to the family man, particularly the man with young children, it is a long time and will see many changes. To a few members the return home will bring the first sight of children who have been born since the fathers came to Cyprus. To some others it will mean toddlers now running to meet their daddies. To some of the single men it will mean weddings. To all members we wish a safe and happy return.

On Saturday evening 27 March a very enjoyable dinner was held in the Officers' Mess at Skouriotissa, at which a presentation was made by the officers of the unit to their Commanding Officer Lt. Col. P.J. Dempsey. It was a token of respect and sincere appreciation for all the work, which Col Dempsey had done for the unit since he assumed command last October. The function finished with a very enjoyable concert. Capt Ray Buckley was the star attraction.

Correspondents of the world's press have given glowing accounts of the manner in which they have been received by Comdt Frank O'Connor and his fellow officers in "C" Company. Irish charm to the fore in spite of all difficulties!

"B" Company are throwing out a challenge to the other members of UNFICYP. Is there another soldier on this island with 38 years service and 18 grand-children?

Cpl James Browne known as "Brownie" to his friends must be the oldest permanent service soldier in Cyprus serving with UNFICYP. He enlisted on 25 August 1927, and was posted to Collins Barracks, Cork, where he still serves. He has three children and eighteen grandchildren. He is still an active handball, squash and volleyball player.

The Company say that he is the longest serving corporal in UNFICYP. Are they correct?



Group Captain Doherty, RAF Chaplain blesses the shamrock before presentation to the troops. The Officer Commanding 4 Inf Gp, Lt Col P. Hogan stands at left.

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On Monday, the QMG to the British Forces, General Sir Charles Richardson, KCB, CBE, DSO, visited HQ UNFICYP. Our picture shows, left to right:- Brigadier Wilson, UNFICYP Chief of Staff; General Richardson Mr. C. Benjamin, the Limassol District Officer; and Brigadier N. G. Wilson-Smith, Commander Nicosia Zone, outside the Ledra Palace Hotel.

## Peace - keeping Committee

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sorting to poisonous gas and napalm and thus violating international conventions and committing crime against mankind.

He reiterated the Soviet call for removal of U.S. troops from South Viet-Nam and remarked on measures taken by the Soviet Union to strengthen the defences of North Viet-Nam.

On the peace-keeping issue, Mr. Federenko said the Committee should give priority to the question of future operations. He reiterated the Soviet position that the Security Council had the exclusive responsibility for any U.N. military undertaking including its financing, and recalled in detail the proposals put forward last July by the U.S.S.R. on peace-keeping operations.

**U.S. Ambassador Francis Plimpton** expressed regret that the Soviet Union had injected an "irrelevant, discordant cold-war propagandistic note" into the discussion. He said that what was going on in Southeast Asia was a war of aggression conducted by North Viet-Nam against South Viet-Nam in violation of the U.N. Charter, international law and the 1954 Geneva agreements on Indo-China.

Mr. Plimpton said the United States was still awaiting some indication that Hanoi was prepared by abandon its proclaimed intent to subjugate by force South Viet-Nam.

Mr. Plimpton denied there had been any resort to poison gas warfare — all that had been used, in South Viet-Nam, he said, were non-lethal anti-riot gases employed by many police forces.

The U.S. Ambassador said the Committee had two major problems before it: restoring U.N. solvency, and determining the relative roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in maintaining peace. He said the United States was ready to consider all proposals with an open mind and urged that negotiations be conducted with the greatest dispatch.

UN Commission told:-

## NEW APPROACH TO POPULATION PROBLEM URGENTLY NEEDED

UN Under-Secretary Philippe de Seynes last week called for new approaches to the problem of population. Addressing a new session of the United Nations Population Commission, Mr. De Seynes emphasized it was no longer valid to assume, as in the past, that the problem would somehow solve itself. Direct intervention, he said, was necessary.

Mr. De Seynes suggested that population projects be instituted as a permanent function so that people everywhere could be kept informed of the ever-changing situation.

The Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, Mr. B. R. Sen, told the Commission that the next 25 or 30 years would be the most crucial period for the development countries in meeting the food needs of their growing populations.

"Either we take fullest measures both to raise the productivity and to stabilize population growth," he declared "or we will face a disaster of an unprecedented magnitude".

To meet the needs, Mr. Sen said, it would be necessary to quadruple the total food supplies of the developing nations by the year 2,000, with a five-fold increase in animal food supplies.

The world, he said, could grow enough food to meet its needs with the use of applied research and technology, but the questions arose as to whether the necessary sustained effort would be made.

The situation, he said, called for the adoption of population stabilization as a social policy of urgent priority.

Mr. Sen said the general picture of hunger and malnutrition can show distinct improvement by the end of the century if a solid foundation can be laid for increasing food supplies at about double the current rate; if family plan-

# Human Rights Commission to consider religious intolerance Convention

IN Geneva, the United Nations Commission for Human Rights began a new session which will be devoted mainly to be consideration of a draft International Convention against religious intolerance.

The preliminary draft before the 21-member group calls for the adoption of all necessary measures to speedily eliminate religious intolerance in all its forms and to prevent and combat discrimination in respect of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief. "Religion and be-

lief" is described as including "theistic, non-theistic and atheistic beliefs".

Parties to the Convention would undertake to report regularly on legislative and other measures adopted by them to give effect to its provisions.

On another subject, the Commission will review the U.N. programme of advisory services in the field of human rights. The programme includes such activities as the holding of seminars and regional training courses and the provision of fellowships.

Another item on the agenda is the study of the principles relating to the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest and detention.

As the session opened, two new items were added to the agenda: One dealt with the question of punishing war criminals, sponsored by Poland, and the other with the possibility of electing a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, proposed by Costa Rica.

## NEW ADMIN OFFICER

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ral Services as an Administrative Officer for Field Operations.

While being in charge of the Peace-Keeping Forces Unit at Headquarters, he made a number of field visits to Gaza (UNEF) and the Congo (ONUC). He also served as a Member of the Secretary General's study group which visited UNEF in 1963 to make a comprehensive review of the operations with the view to adjust the composition and activity of the Force.

Mr. De Lauro was born in Weehawken, New Jersey, in 1914, where he also completed his primary and secondary schooling. Later he attended and graduated from the New York University Graduate School of Business. He is a veteran of World War II (he served in the North African and Mediterranean theatres of operations as Engineer Officer) and the Korean War.

He is married and has two sons. Mrs. De Lauro heads the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at Paramus (New Jersey) High School where she also teaches Spanish.