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GEN. GYANI SAYS FAREWELL

Lt. Gen. P. S. Gyani issued the following message to all ranks and members of the United Nations Force in Cyprus on Thursday 9 July.

“ON RELINQUISHING COMMAND OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS AND BIDDING YOU FAREWELL, I WANT TO TELL YOU ALL WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT HAS BEEN TO ME TO HAVE COMMANDED UNFICYP.

“It is particularly gratifying that during the very short period of three months during which it has been operational, the Force, including the Civilian Staff and the UNFICYP Civilian police, set to work together and have, through hard work, patience and perseverance, succeeded to a very considerable extent in carrying out the tasks entrusted to it by the Security Council.

“I can confidently say that by your work you have prepared the ground for those concerned with the long term solution to the country's political problems thus enabling them to concentrate on their very difficult task of resolving the differences between the two communities in Cyprus, undisturbed by day-to-day violence and loss of life and in an atmosphere far more hopeful than when the Force came into operation on 27 March last.

A lot more, of course, still remains to be done. I believe that all the leaders as well as the substantial majority of the people of both communities, now appreciate that violence must cease, that life must return as far as possible to normal, and that solutions must be sought through peaceful means. Though unspectacular, this is a great step forward.

“However, until violence is renounced by everyone and

arms are laid down there is always the danger of a recurrence of hostilities and bloodshed arising from local incidents or uncontrolled emotions. I am sure that you are aware of this and that you will remain alert and do your duty to ensure that quiet continues to prevail.

“You have shown full understanding of the fears and suspicions, the emotions and tensions that exist between the communities of this island. The very nature of the role of UNFICYP in this situation is such that misunderstandings could easily have arisen.

“It is to your credit that you have carried out the task given to you, faithfully and impartially. I am proud of this achievement. Thank you all, officers and men of the contingents, civilian staff members and UNFICYP police, for a job so far well done. I am sure you will carry on in the same way.

“I want to avail myself of this opportunity to thank personally the Deputy Commander, Major-General Carver, and the senior Political Adviser, Mr. Flores, who have both worked hard and relentlessly, regarding no detail as too little for them. It is also very fortunate that we have had the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Galo Plaza to assist us. His guidance and his advice have very greatly facilitated our task.

“I wish all of you every success in your future. Goodbye and good luck to you all.”



Lt Gen. Gyani shakes hand with Gen. Thimayya, to whom he hands over command of UNFICYP, on his departure from Cyprus on Thursday 9 July.

UNFICYP COMMANDER CARRIES OUT VISITS

General K.S. Thimayya, the new Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, is this week carrying out a series of visits to United Nations troops in various parts of the island. Yesterday he visited troops in the Larnaca and the Famagusta areas. To-day he is seeing the Swedish Contingent in the Paphos zone and on Thursday he will tour the Limassol District.

Accompanying him on these visits is Brigadier Yeo, who has recently taken up the appointment of Chief of Staff to the Force.

GENERAL CARVER MAKES FAREWELL TOUR

The Deputy Commander of UNFICYP, Maj Gen R.M.P. Carver, continues his farewell tour of the Force this week. On Saturday he saw various minor units in Nicosia and Dhekelia who are concerned in the administrative and logistical support of UNFICYP.

Yesterday he said goodbye to the Danish and Finnish Contingents and the Canadians positioned in the Kyrenia area.

NEWS IN SWEDISH

“WELCOME!”

Den svenska FN-bataljonen XXIV C har under den gångna veckan blivit avlöst av FN-bataljon XXVI C och det nya förbandet är nu mitt uppe i sin nya uppgift. Att kontinuiteten i den svenska verksamheten kommer att bevaras borgar det faktum att både bataljonschefen överste Jonas Wärn och hans ställföreträdare överstelöjtnant Orvar Nilsson stannar kvar på sina poster under den kommande tremånadersperioden.

Med dessa korta rader vill The Blue Beret, FN-truppernas egen tidning på Cypern, hälsa de nya FN-soldaterna välkomna i den stora kosmopolitiska UNFICYP-familjen!

To-day he is visiting the Swedish Contingent in the Paphos zone.

To-morrow, Wednesday, General Carver will continue his farewell visit by touring the Famagusta, Larnaca and Limassol Districts.

Finally he will take his leave of the Headquarters on Thursday and is scheduled to leave Cyprus on Friday 17 July in the early hours.

BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES



On Wednesday 8 July 1964 05.45 hours a daughter, trainne Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sean Quinn of 3, Compton MacKenzie Street, Nicosia. The baby weighed 9 lbs 11½ ozs, and is the first birth in UNFICYP.

Mr. Quinn is a member of the Field Service of the UN Force.

FINNISH NAVY DAY

Saturday 11 July marked the anniversary of the Finnish Navy Day. This day commemorates the destruction of the Russian Navy by the joint Finnish-Swedish Navy at Ruotsinsalmi in 1759.

Here in Cyprus the event was celebrated in "Finnish Navy tradition" by the Chief of personnel in HQ UNFICYP, Commander Kai Ruusuvuori, the only naval officer in UNFICYP.

UN NEWS

The following is a summary of the answers given by the Secretary-General to questions put to him at his press conference on Wednesday 8 July.

Cyprus

There are two aspects to the problem of Cyprus. One is the maintenance of law and order, and the other is related to a long-term solution. The latter task is in the hands of the Mediator Sakari S. Tuomiöja. The Mediator is a creation of the Security Council with an independent identity. When the United States discussed with the Secretary-General its proposals on contributing towards the work of the Mediator, that government was informed that it should deal with the Mediator directly. The Mediator is free to seek the advice and co-operation of any member state.

There are indications of an arms build-up in Cyprus by both sides. As soon as definite information is received on this matter the Security-Council will be informed.

The Secretary-General's Special Representative, Galo Plaza, had indicated on his initial appointment that he could not stay in Cyprus beyond the end of June. His departure from Cyprus, therefore, was not a new development.

ROTATION OF SWEDISH CONTINGENT

During the past week about 70% of the Swedish Contingent has rotated home. These were officers and men who, coming from civilian jobs, had contracted to serve in Cyprus for a period of three months. Many of these had also served for short periods with other United Nations missions in the Congo and in Gaza.

The Swedish Contingent was represented at the Wedding by the Commander Colonel Waern, the Second-in-Command Lt. Col Nielson, Major Starck and many of the bridegroom's friends.

The ceremony included a large procession through the town and much merry-making attended the happy occasion.

Sgt Ahlden, who has been the driver for Colonel Jonas Waern, the Swedish Contingent Commander, is due to leave Cyprus to-day with his wife for Sweden.

Visits to Capitals

The Secretary-General will be glad to contribute to the best of his ability to the African summit meeting in Cairo this month. The question of the financial position of the United Nations will be discussed during the Secretary-General's forthcoming visit to Moscow and Paris.

Soviet memo

The main purport of the Soviet Memorandum on measures to strengthen the effectiveness of the United Nations in the maintenance of peace and security is the thesis that the Security Council alone is competent to deal with peace-keeping operations. The Soviet memorandum and the tentative proposals of some western powers are very helpful to all members states in arriving at a suitable formula, and they are a good augury for future negotiations. The Soviet memorandum on United Nations peace-keeping does not deal specifically with "stand-by" forces. It deals primarily with the implications of Chapter VII of the United Nations charter.

The emergence of Moise Tshombe in the Congo is not a blow to United Nations policy. It is for the people of the Congo to decide what their government should be. A country gets the government it deserves.

THE YEMEN PROBLEM

The Secretary-General has extended the United Nations Yemen Observation Mission (UNYOM) from 4 July to 4 September 1964. This action followed informal talks with members of the Security Council. A report to the Council states that while no military supplies have been seen crossing the northern border with Saudi Arabia small groups of

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SNIPPETS

SNAKES, etc.

Extract from recently published instructions re. above.

"Some of these are harmless while others are poisonous. The policy should be to avoid upsetting these reptiles or interfering with them in any way. If this advice is followed no harm should arise, should a bite be inflicted the limb should be rested and the victim removed immediately for medical attention".

Comment from Old Soldier:

"Excellent advice for dealing with Sergeants".

SWEDISH SOLDIERS

PUT OUT FOREST FIRE

On Wednesday 8 July a forest fire broke out at 2100 hours near the village of Selmani in the Paphos zone. A group of Swedish soldiers rushed to the scene and managed to put the fire out. It is estimated that trees and bushes in an area of about 2,000 square metres were burnt.

armed royalists have crossed over. It is estimated that the strength of United Arab Republic forces in Yemen has been reduced by 3,000. The formation in May of a new government promised improvement in the political stability and independence of Yemen. That government has given an assurance that it desires good and peaceful relations with its neighbours. However its formation has not yet resulted in any accommodation with royalist leaders. The military stalemate appears to continue and the Secretary-General feels that progress can be made by talks between the United Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CYPRUS FORCE

Further contributions have been announced towards the cost of UNFICYP. The new contributions pledged are: Australia 100,000 Dollars; Cambodia 600 Dollars; Republic of Korea 10,000 Dollars; United States up to 2,300,000 Dollars; Holland 115,000 Dollars; and the Federal Republic of Germany 500,000 Dollars.

In addition Canada has stated that it is supplying a large contingent to the force and has undertaken to meet the costs of maintaining it, and that this constitutes a substantial contribution towards the cost of maintaining UNFICYP.

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LOCAL NEWS IN DANISH.

Pikku-uutisia

Karsintakilpailut pataljoonan mestaruuskilpailuja varten ovat alkaneet. Parhaillaan ovat menossa karsinnat yleisurheilussa. Parin viikon sisällä järjestetään karsinnat uinnissa ja ehkä myös painonnostossa. Kilpailutangon saannista ei kuitenkaan ole vielä tietoa. Uintikilpailut suoritetaan joko Ledra Palacen uima-altaassa tai R.A.F:n alalla lentoontällä.

Kontingentets orlovsordning har nu stået på i en uge, og knap 100 menige og officerer har tilbragt nogle dejlige dage borte fra den monotone hverdag. Alle, vi har talt med, har uden undtagelse været ikke blot glade, men hundrede procent tilfredse med den orlovsordning, som her er blevet skabt. Om det så er maden, dette evige danske klagepunkt, har kun været lovord til overs - det siges, at hotellets køkken dagligt skaber små mirakler.

Nede på stranden er der et mægtigt leben hele dagen igennem. Og det er en anderledes strand end den, vi kender fra Kyrenia. Moderne hoteller ligger på striben som perler på en snor. Det er ren sandstrand udensten. Man kan leje vandcykler og speedbåde eller efter sit temperament trække sig tilbage til stille meditation ved en coca-cola på en af de mange terrasser med servering.

Men det bedste af det hele er vel næsten, at man her glider ind i et almindeligt feriemiljø, som det kendes ved alle Europas feriesteder. I Famagusta er der nemlig også mange almindelige turister - eller for at sige tingene endnu mere direkte: "Når man har fået her på Cypern i næsten 2 måneder, så synes man i hvert fald, at der er ganske mange flotte piger".

Aftenlivet i Famagusta siges at være en næste tro kopi af Nicosias, det kan den enkelte jo så på grundlag af sine erfaringer tage som noget positivt eller som en mere behersket ros.

En ting skal omtales her til sidst. Den der er uden de øvrige interesser, måske også vil sætte en smule tid af til de kulturelle, ham venter der nogle enestående oplevelser i Famagustas Walled City. Muren omkring Famagustas indre by er et langt mere imponerende syn end muren her i Nicosia. Dels er den betydeligt højere og tykere, dels er den helt fritliggende, og man kan forestille sig hvilket uimodstæligt forsvarsverk, den engang har været. Særlig berømt er det store Othello-tårn, der blev bygget i 1492 (samme år, som Columbus opdagte Amerika). Her ses det, at de begivenheder udspillede, som Shakespeare brugte i sin tragedie (Othello). Oprindeligt var der i denne indre del af Famagusta 365 kirker, en for hver dag i året. Nu er de fleste væk, men ruinerne af 50 er dog stadig tilbage. Pragtfuld er den store Lala Mustafa Pasha moské. Oprindeligt bygget som en gotisk katedral hed den St. Nicholas, men siden tyrkerne erobredt Cypern har den været brugt som moské. Den er gotisk og altså vesteuropæisk i sin konstruktion, men mate-

rialet er naturligvis det lokale og i udsmykningen finder man mange byzantinske træk.

For den, der gerne vil benytte sit ophold på Cypern til andet og mere end de traditionelle badeture og værthusbesøg, er der altså også helt specielle muligheder i Famagusta.

P.S. Velfærdsstøtten har ledet udarbejde en lille, fortrinlig turistpejse, der giver et væld af oplysninger om næsten alt, hvad man har brug for under sit orlovsophold.



The Secretary-General, U Thant, (left) confers with General Thimayya at United Nations Headquarters, New York, prior to the latter's departure for Cyprus.

Biographical Note

GENERAL KODENDERA SUBAYYA THIMAYYA

General Kodendera Subayya Thimayya, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, was born in India on 31 March 1906.

He served as Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army from March to May 1957. Previously he was Chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in Korea, and General Officer Commander in Chief of the Western Command, Southern Command and Eastern Command in India. He became Vice President of the United Planters Association since 1 September 1961.

General Thimayya attended the Bishop Cotton Boys School in Bangalore; the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College at Dehra Dun and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, England.

General Thimayya was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in 1944 and was mentioned in despatches in 1944. He was also mentioned in despatches in Kashmir in 1948 and in Padma Bhushan in 1954.



General Thimayya is welcomed on his arrival at Nicosia airport by officials of UNFICYP and the Cyprus government. From left to right are Mr. Flores, Political Adviser to the Commander; Mr. Galo Plaza, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General; General Thimayya; Lieutenant General Gyani; and Mr. Georgadis, the Cyprus Minister of the Interior.

REPORT FROM THE LIFE GUARDS

FOOTBALL

In spite of the fact that summer is now upon us (and Cyprus summer at that), The Life Guards Regimental Football Team has been engaged recently, in a series of soccer matches against several of the better known Limassol District clubs.

The series began with a match against Dighenis, a young but remarkably skilled and able side. Although at half-time we were ahead 4-1, they fought back hard in the second half and the game ended in a 4-4 draw much to the delight of the spectators.

To maintain balance, a second match was arranged against Epal, an older, stronger team, but less skilled. On this occasion The Life Guards proved too strong and won convincingly 4-1.

The third match, owing to our increasing reputation, found us against Div I team Apollon. As it happened we were not at full strength, but we would still probably have been "up against it" had we been so. Apollon gradually wore us down and finally won 8-3.

The impressive thing about all these matches is the spirit in which all concerned have played. A friendly atmosphere has prevailed throughout and a high standard of football has resulted, attractive to watch.

Since there seems to be a mutual interest in continuing the series both on the part of the Cypriots and ourselves, it may well be that, summer or no, soccer will continue. It is gratifying at any rate to find that at least on one level we have found a kindred spirit.

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 Tuesday Canadian Programme
 Wednesday Finnish Programme
 Thursday Irish Programme
 Friday English Programme
 Saturday Special 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.

POLO

At Limassol, the UN Flag has been kept flying in a somewhat unusual sphere — Polo. A team, consisting of four members of HQ Limassol District entered the Inniskilling Cup — a Cup that has been competed for by Units of the British Army serving in the Middle East since 1888. This cup was last won by The Life Guards when they were serving in Egypt in 1955.

In the first round The Life Guards beat a team raised by Major General Young, 7-3½. This was a good game where the first Chukker virtually settled the match. Three goals were scored, and thereafter the pressure was maintained until the end.

However, the next round saw to UN hopes, for I Glosters, receiving ½ goal handicap, outplayed The Life Guards and won handsomely by 3½-2. This was a much faster game where I Glosters outgalloped The Life Guards and the result was a lack of cohesion and in spite of a second Chukker recovery sent The Glosters on their way to victory in the Final of the Competition.

FOR YOUR LISTENING

All times
are localSHORT
WAVE

Australian Radio		RADIO BROADCASTS
31 Metre Band	0830 — 0930	English
25 Metre Band	1300 — 1600	French and English
25 Metre Band	1900 — 2200 (Sat, Sun and Mon only)	
Austrian Radio		
19 Metre Band	0500 — 2315 (1000-1100 Closed down)	English
16 Metre Band		
25 Metre Band		
British Broadcasting Corporation		
31 Metre Band	2201 — 2350 (2245-2300 Forces Broadcast.)	French and English
24 Metre Band		
19 Metre Band	2145 — 2245	Danish and English
16 Metre Band		
13 Metre Band		
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation		
19 Metre Band	1200 — 1250	Finnish and Swedish.
25 Metre Band	1800 — 2030	(Monday and Friday 1800 — 1845 English)
31 Metre Band		
Voice of Denmark		
19 Metre Band	1815 — 1845	Swedish
	1845 — 1915	English
Finnish Broadcasting Corporation		
19 Metre Band	0630 — 0900	News and reports in English
25 Metre Band	0915 — 0930	
31 Metre Band	1800 — 1830	
	2300 — 0015	
Swedish Radio		
19 Metre Band	0500 — 0830, 1500 — 2315	English
25 Metre Band	0500 — 0545, 0745 — 1000	

MEDIUM WAVE

Voice of America		
238 Metres	0630 — 0900	
	0915 — 0930	
	1800 — 1830	
	2300 — 0015	
British Broadcasting Corporation		
211 Metres	0500 — 0830, 1500 — 2315	English
428, 417 & 470 Metres	0500 — 0545, 0745 — 1000	
British Forces Broadcasting Service		
208 & 213 Metres	0530 — 2315	English

Soccer

DANISH V. BRITISH

British win Decider

The last of the three games between the Danish and British Contingents was played at 1600 hours on Sunday 5 July at the sports ground in Dhekelia.

They took the lead in the fourth minute through Pte. Brander. Although most of the play was in the British half, the score stayed at 1-0 until half-time.

In the second half the pace increased. The British put on the pressure and opened the Danish defence allowing Cfn. Graham to score off a good pass from L/Cpl. Hardy, and Pte. Brander headed home his second goal.

The Danes, however, kept trying and their centre-forward rewarded them with two quick goals near the end of the game.

With two minutes to go, L/Cpl. Hardy scored a well-timed goal from 30 yards out to put the finishing touch to a clean, sporting game, giving the British a 4-2 win to clinch the series.

The British played well as a team and Pte. Gray was particularly plucky in going on the field with an injured leg.

The Danes also played hard and even though they were losing throughout the game they never ceased trying to gain the lead.

SPORT IN THE IRISH CONTINGENT

HURLING

A Hurling match between the 40th Irish Battalion and The Inniskillings was played at 1600 hours on Sunday 5 July at the sports ground in Dhekelia.

The Inniskillings won the game, the first Hurling match played in UNFICYP. The score was:-

Inniskillings 5 goals 9 points; making 24 points in all.

40th Irish 3 goals 5 points; making 14 points in all.

SOCCER

The 40th Bn played Soccer against Lyssi on Sunday 12 July and lost 3 goals to 4.

Inter-Company games:-

Friday 10 July

HQ Coy — 3
A Coy — 1

Tuesday 7 July

C Coy — 1
A Coy — 0

The Battalion are due to play the village of Paralimni at Soccer on Sunday 19 July.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Monday 13 July.

Maj-Gen. Rikhye the military adviser to the Secretary-General, arrived at Nicosia airport.

Tuesday 14 July.

Mr Galo Plaza, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, leaves Cyprus for Geneva.

Twenty more members of the Austrian Civil Police arrive in Cyprus bringing the total of the Austrian Police to 55 and pushing up the figure of the UNFICYP Civilian Police to 201.

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