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## Message from the Secretary-General

UN Secretary-General U Thant has extended the following message to United Nations staff members. It first appeared in the Secretariat News published at United Nations HQ. and the Blue Beret is reproducing extracts from it.

"As the year draws to a close, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your personal contribution to the achievements of the Organization during the past twelve months".

"Once again new demands on the United Nations have implied even greater demands on the time and energies of the Secretariat staff. The peace-keeping operations in Cyprus, greatly expanded technical assistance programmes and the three-month Trade and Development Conference were only a few of the responsibilities which were added to your workload."

"The coming year marks the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations." "Although we are at present passing through one of these uncertain periods, we should draw courage, confidence and inspiration from

the manner in which the United Nations has emerged strengthened from such trials in the nineteen years of its existence.

"In an effort to focus attention on the areas of United Nations activities in which members have joined their efforts rather than on the conflicts which have divided them, the General Assembly decided to designate the coming year as International Co-operation Year, and Member states throughout the world are planning special programmes emphasizing the fruits borne by this spirit of co-operation. Let us start the twentieth year determined to make it a milestone in the history of the Organization, not only in years but also in the realization of the goals expressed in the theme of the International Co-operation Year — "peace and progress through co-operation"

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## Week of financial crisis at UN HQs

THE past week was marked at United Nations Headquarters in New York by intensified private talks seeking a solution of the U.N.'s financial-constitutional crisis. Meetings of the General Assembly had been scheduled for Wednesday to complete, as the General Assembly President put it, some unfinished business. However, the President, Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana, told the Assembly Wednesday morning that behind-the-scenes work was continuing, and another meeting of the Assembly was scheduled for Thursday morning.

Following further talks, however, it was postponed until this morning, Tuesday 29th December.

At issue are the heavy arrears listed against the Soviet Union and several other countries on the Congo and Middle East peacekeeping accounts, and the U.N. Charter clause dealing with the loss of the right to vote in the General Assembly when arrears reach the equivalent of two years' assessments.

The Soviet Union contends that the Congo and the Middle East assessments involved are not legally binding obligations. Others, in particular the United States, contend they are.

In order to avoid bringing

the matter to a head, the Assembly agreed when it opened that a moratorium on

THE President of the United Nations General Assembly, Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana, made the following statement on Wednesday, 23 December:

"A meeting of interested delegations was held this afternoon and an exchange of views took place.

"It was agreed that the next meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 29 December, at 10.00 a.m."

formal voting should be observed during the initial period of its session devoted to general policy statements.

A total of 75 countries already have taken part in the general debate, and others indicated the desire to speak in January.

## Canadian Officer dies of heart attack

Lieutenant Kenneth E. Edmunds, 44, of London, Ontario, a member of the Headquarters staff of the Canadian contingent of UNFICYP died of a heart attack at noon on Christmas Day.

Lt Edmunds was admitted to the Austrian Field Hospital at 0850 hrs and passed away at 1200 hrs. His body taken to the British Military Hospital in Dhekelia, where funeral services will take place today (Tuesday) followed by burial there.

Lt Edmunds who was married, leaves no children.



Canadian Guardsmen play Santa Claus as they distribute bags of candy to village children.

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A scene more like Scandinavia than Cyprus as Craftsman Glanville Bills, of Neath, Glamorgan, (foreground) leads Private Graham Roberts of Woodley, near Stockport, Cheshire through the fir trees on Mount Olympus.

British Contingent News:-

# OUTPOST IN THE SNOWS

THE 1st Battalion the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment provides a twenty-six man detachment at Troodos. The detachment is accommodated in a building in Troodos village, about one mile from the 6403 feet high Mount Olympus. Their duties include the furnishing of patrols as ordered by Battalion Headquarters and normally two sections are on stand-by while the other is off duty.

This small detachment, whose personnel change weekly, has contributed the only really traditional Christmas scene in Cyprus — snow and Christmas

beginners in the art. Among these is Colour Sergeant Stephen Gaunt, of Broxton — the detachment commander at the time of our visit. He started skiing in



trees forming the background to their normal life.

The detachment have not been slow to take advantage of the warm sun and crisp snow of the past weeks and skiing has been the order of the day for those whose duty permits. The Battalion is fortunate in having several keen and well qualified skiers who, when time allows, instruct

also been an Army Basketball coach and referee since 1959.

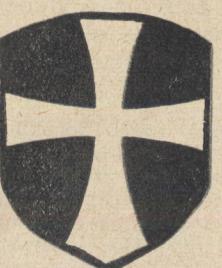
Cpl Ian Lovegrove of Wallasey was also with the detachment. A product of the Infantry Junior Leaders Regiment, where he reached the rank of Junior RSM, he is also a qualified outward bound instructor. Another expert skier, he first learnt on a three week course in Norway in 1960 while with the Junior Leaders and has skied frequently in Germany.

Another skiing expert is Private Peter Brooker of Chester. He first skied in December 1962 at St Andrewsburg in the Hartz Mountains while on a three week Winter Warfare course and he was a member of the Battalion slalom team which finished fifth in the 2 Inf Div championships in 1963 at Oberloch. Pte Brooker is a Regimental Signaller and helps to maintain the radio link between the Troodos detachment and the Battalion HQ at Polymedia.

The youngest member of the detachment was Pte Charlie Carrs of Birkenhead who did not join the Battalion until September of this year. A keen cross country runner, he hopes to take part in the Battalion Athletics next year.



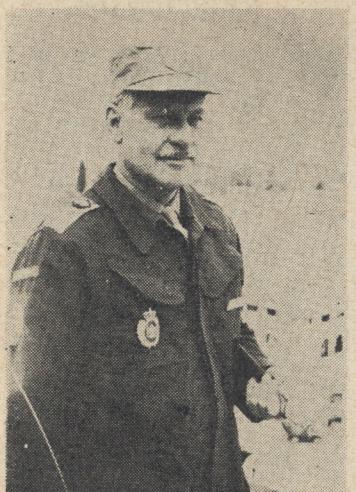
NEWS IN  
DANISH



POLITIFOLKENE GLADE FOR  
AT VAERE PAA CYPERN.

Lederen af DANPO II, politikommissær M.A. Schmidt, er normalt leder af en af Københavns travleste stationer, Antoniages politistation nær ved Kongens Nytorv. Gennem snart fire måneder har politikommissæren myndigt ledet sine yngre kolleger. Af udseende minder han mere om en engelsk oberst - lille hvidt overskæg og "pinden" under armen - end om en dansk politimand. Men distinktionerne paa uniformen, politiskiltet og nationalitetsmærkerne lader ingen i tvivl.

- Politifolkene er glade for tjenesten paa Cypern, fortæller politikommissæren, som in øvrigt blandt



Lederen af DANPO II, politikommissær M.A. Schmidt: - De vidunderlige børn, de sorthaarede, mørkøjede unger, har gjort et stærkt indtryk paa mig, og det vil hænge ved i land tid!

kollegerne og mange andre tituleres commander (en lille cadeau til skæggetskægget pinden?). De tager den som en oplevelse, der også kan faa betydning for deres tjeneste hjemme. I øvrigt er det første gang i historien, at et samlet dansk politikorps forretter tjeneste i udlandet, og det er da sjovt at tænke, paa, at der i dag er danske politifolk, der gør tjeneste helt fra Grønland i nord, paa Færøerne, i Danmark til Cypern i syd.

- Har man fundet frem til afløserne af Deres folk?

- Den afløsende styrke er udpeget. Det sker paa frivillig basis, men indtil nu har der ikke været besvar med at faa folk til at komme herved. Da vort kontingent blev opstillet, var der loo ansøgere



til 40 stillinger!

- Hvad er Deres største indtryk fra Cypern?

Politikommissæren betænker sig kun en kort stund. For ham er det ikke fjendskabet mellem befolkningsgrupperne eller Cyperns smukke steder.

- Man modtager jo et væld af indtryk hervede, men de vidunderlige børn, de sorthaarede, mørkøjede unger, har gjort et stærkt indtryk paa mig, og det vil hænge ved i land tid.

Den 11. januar ankommer den nye "commander". Det bliver den tredje chef for det danske politikonstant paa Cypern, men den første kontingent paa Cypern, men den første kriminalpolitimand paa ledertposten. Det er kriminalkommissær Hugo Andersen fra Københavns Opdagelsespolitis afdeling C - ogsaa kaldet "Flyverne". Og kort efter hans ankomst kan politikommissær Schmidt vende hjem til sin station i bevidstheden om, at han i fire måneder har ydet sin indsats i fredens tjeneste.

- Hvad er Deres største indtryk fra Cypern?

Alvar Klausen svarede:

- Det der har virket stærkest paa mig, er fjendskabet mellem befolkningsgrupperne. Og saa den kendsgerning, at de alligevel paa mange maader kan sammen, at nogle af dem handler med hinanden...

Kriminalbetjent Sv. Harder niker bekræftende og fortsætter:

- Men selve øen har naturligvis heller ikke kunnet undgaa at gøre indtryk. De mange kenne steder, St. Hilarionborgen i Kyreniabjergene, Salamis med oldtidsminderne.

Klausen:.....og sneen paa Troodos...

Harder:.....og det har slaat mig meget stærkt at køre gennem de byer, hvor hele bydele ligger i ruiner

- Nu de mere haandgribte lige minder: hvad har De købt med hjem som souvenirs herfra?

Klausen: Duge, - almuevæde duge or gardinstoffer.

Harder: Jeg har sendt for at par hundrede kroner varer hjem hver 14 dag, naar der er gaaet pakkefly til Danmark. Jeg har overvejende købt ting, som er typiske for haandværket paa øen.

Kriminalbetjent Harder ser paa uret, og de to politifolk opdager, at samtalen ikke kan blive længere. De skal paa vagt - en af leres sidste paa Cypern, inden de rejser hjem for at holde jul i Danmark.

NEWS IN FINNISH



UUTEEN VUOTEEEN

Vuosi on vaihtumassa. Uuteen vuoteen lähdemme uusin toivein ja usein myös jäännitynein mielein: mitä on edessä. Varsinkin näissä olosuhteissa, joissa nyt elämme, muodostavat uuden vuoden odotukset entistääkin mielenkiinisoimman vaiheen elämässämme.

Yhdistyneet kansakunnat ovat vuosien mittaan osoittaneet tarpeellisuutensa. Huolimatta monistakin arvostelevista lausuntoista ovat kaikki olleet yhtä miettä maailmanjäristöön tarpeellisuudesta.

Tulokset puhuvat selvää kieltää. Yhdistyneistä Kansakunnista on muodostunut maailmanpoliittisen ongelmien keskustelu ja ratkaisufoorum. Se ei suinkaan ole, eikä pidäkään olla maailmanhallitus vaan juuri paikka, jossa voidaan rauhan merkeissä keskustella vaikeistakin kysymyksistä. YK:n myös kansainvälisten kriisiens yhteydessä ryhtyntä aina pikaisesti toimenpiteisiin. Tälläkin hetkellä rauhanturvajoukot ovat toiminnassa eri puolilla maailmaa. YK:n teknillisen avun ohjelma ja erityisjäjestöjen työ on paisunut mahtavia mittsuhteisiin.

Rauhan säilyttäminen maapallolla tuntuu tällä hetkellä ensisijaiselta tehtävältä. Rauhan pysyvästä säilymistä ei kuitenkaan voida taata, ellei sen todellisia edellytyksiä ole olemassa. Vakaat ja yhdenmukaiset sosiaaliset olos ovat.

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The main event of the Swedish Battalion's Christmas celebrations was a Christmas eve swimming party at the Constantia hotel beach, Famagusta. All those who managed to swim ten yards out — and bring themselves ashore without assistance from medical personnel — received a 'Polar Bear Club' certificate and a glass of specially prepared punch. Last in the water was Santa Claus himself — thrown in. Pictured above he is talking to the second in command of the 28th Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Werke from Malmö.

## Finnish Contingent News

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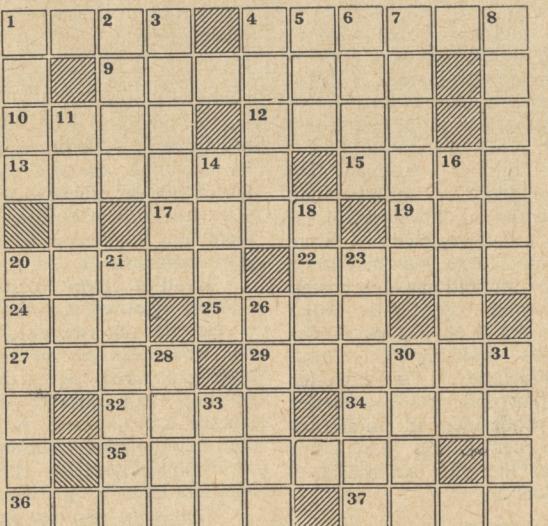
pohjan kanojen välsiltä riitaisuksilta. Köyhys, nälkä, tietämätörys, sairaudet, epäoikeudenmukaisuus : nämä ovat miljoonien ihmisten taakkana maapallolla ja tekevät elämisen usein arvotoman tuntuiseksi. Kuitenkin maapallo pystisi tarjoamaan hyvät elämän olosuhteet kaikille ihmisielle pääillään.

Uuteen vuoteen on meidän käytävä ennakkoluulottomasti ja uskoen työmme oikeutukseen ja ehdottomaan tarpeellisuuteen. Samalla kuitenkin on meidän tunnustetta edessä olevat vaikeudet ja tehtävämme ehdä yliivoimaiseltakin tuntuva laajuus. Tietoisuus vaikeuksista kehottakoon meitä yhä lujempaan ponnistuksiin Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien työn hyväksi. Nämä merkeissä toivottaa Blue Beret suonenkielisille lukijoilleen menestyslistä uutta vuotta.

## PUOLUSTUSMINISTERI ARVO PENTIN TERVEHDYS

Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien Suomen Pataljoonan sotilaat : Viätä joulua, rauhan juhlaa teille peräti poikkeuksellisissa ja vieiraissa olosuhteissa. Rauha ja ihmisten keskinäinen ystävys korostuvat tämän juhlapäivänä vietossa kuten ne ovat olleet vaikka ja vastuullisen tehtävänne päämääränä. Valtiovallan luottamus teitä kohtaan on luja. Olette olleet sen luottamuksen arvoisia. Toivotan teille rauhallista joulua ja tulokselista uutta vuotta tehtävänne ja toimikautenne vielä jatkessa siellä kaukana vieraalla maaperällä.

## "DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



### ACROSS

- Prophet (4)
- Black suit (6)
- Win (7)
- Old (4)
- Ancient god (4)
- Favourable (6)
- Oozy (4)
- Boy's name (4)
- Regard (3)
- Blend (5)
- Animal (5)
- Girl's name (3)
- Footwear item (4)
- Whip (4)
- Hard coating (6)
- Listen to (4)
- Chemical (4)
- Enable (7)
- Distorted (6)
- Precede (4)

### DOWN

- Wound (4)
- Smooth (4)
- Floating (6)
- Weight (5)
- Seed-case (3)
- Like a desert (4)
- Hereditary ruler (6)
- Plant shoot (6)
- Gin (6)
- Travels (4)
- Required (6)
- Water-bird (4)
- Ripe (6)
- Bacon slice (6)
- Plant head (6)
- Ancient king (5)
- Fibre (4)
- Extra (4)
- Fat (4)
- Imitate (3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO. 10:- ACROSS:- 1. Alas. 5. Chaste. 10. Portia. 11. Leer. 12. Pair. 13. Moiars. 14. Adduce. 16. Lee. 17. Talkies. 19. Sap. 22. Rat. 24. Bottled. 27. Put. 28. Alarum. 31. Astern. 33. Vase. 34. Peek. 35. Drives. 36. Adders. 37. Test. DOWN:- 1. Appals. 2. Load. 3. Arid. 4. Strut. 5. Camel. 6. All. 7. Sealer. 8. Tereso. 9. Erse. 15. Cart. 18. Keel. 20. Abused. 21. Potted. 23. Tamest. 25. Lands. 26. Davit. 27. Papa. 29. Rave. 30. Uses. 32. Eke.

sistent choir lead by Troopers Ring and Tobin. After a few drinks the officers moved to the Men's canteen where they spent an enjoyable hour talking and partaking of refreshments with the men.

The Christmas dinner was exceptionally good this year as evidenced by the rapid devouring of 120 pounds of Turkey by the men. A vote of thanks must be extended to our very capable cook staff for not only the efforts put forth on this meal, but all meals we have had while in Cyprus. Every man in this squadron will say that no one eats better than a Strathcona.

## 1ST BN THE CANADIAN GUARDS

CHRISTMAS 1964 is over and the Battalion is getting back to normal after its first, only, Cypriot Christmas. It was, surprisingly enough, a fairly normal Christmas. Turkey dinner was the order of the day at all companies, but the largest gathering was at Troodos Road Camp where some 250 junior ranks sat down to dine. Dinner was served by the officers and senior NCOs and thanks to the benevolence of some Canadian breweries the inefficiency of the waiters went unnoticed.

An international note was added by the presence of a

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## CHRISTMAS AT HQ UNFICYP

CHRISTMAS at HQ UNFICYP was a truly international affair. On Christmas Day, headed by the pipes and drums of 41 Irish Battalion, Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs representing all nationalities in the Force marched from the Sergeant's Mess to the dining hall to serve a really splendid lunch to the soldiers. The pipes and drums played throughout the meal and everyone was in great heart. CQMS John Duggan and his band — Sgt Doc O'Connor (Side Drum), Cpl Vincent O'Reilly (Tenor Drum), Cpl Billy McKnight and Pte John Kelly (Pipes) certainly put on a great performance and richly deserved the storm of applause they received.

On the morning of Boxing Day, the first rounds of a seven a side soccer competition were played. The final was held on Sunday afternoon (27 December) when HQ UNFICYP — a combined Danish, Swedish and English side, beat 8 Infantry Workshops by two goals to one.

During the afternoon of Boxing Day a comic seven a side match was played bet-



Brigadier A. J. Wilson, MBE, MC, UNFICYP Chief of Staff, proposes the toast 'Absent Friends' during the Christmas lunch at HQ UNFICYP.

ween the Officers and the WOs and Sergeants. It had been intended to give some account of this game, but complete confusion reigned and most spectators could form no clear opinion of the match — in which both a donkey and a landrover seemed to play vital roles — so we will pose the questions that were uppermost in most peoples minds at the finish; was it soccer, rugby, hockey or cricket? How many goals did the landrover let through, and please, somebody, what was the final score?



CQMS John Duggan, of the 41st Irish Battalion, leads the pipes and drums in a tour of the dining hall at HQ UNFICYP.



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choral group from the Austrian Field Hospital, who entertained with some Austrian Christmas music. A band made up of increment personnel then moved into the limelight and the music was a little more up-tempo.

Among those who spent the holiday season travelling was the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Mulherin who, in order to visit each company during the dinner hour, had to do some fast moving, and of course, missed dinner himself as a result. The Padres also averaged about four services per day over the three day period.

So much for the normal, on Boxing Day there took place a "soccer" game which must be unique in Battalion history. Captain Douglas reports that he had 28 players while the opposition, 70 Sqn RAF, had something less than that. The rules appear to have been ill defined and involved some three balls, two barrels of wine, and a couple of lethal "water" bottles. The Battalion team played brilliantly and even had a helping hand from Santa Claus Haynes, but despite his stalwart efforts they were narrowly defeated by an 18 to 1 margin. After the game both teams and their supporters adjourned to the 70 Sqn Billet Bar. Reports of the happenings there are confused.

It now only remains to prepare to welcome 1965 with the hope that it will bring a solution to the present problems, and despite the obvious success of the Christmas season in Cyprus 1964, that the Battalion will celebrate next Christmas in Canada.

amounted to 1650 lbs.

The evening finished with impromptu sing-songs in the Canteens and Messes. For the less energetic, film shows were given. A really enjoyable day was had by all.

For some people however it was a normal day's work, as 40% of the unit were on full-time duty on check-points and outposts. They had their celebrations on Sunday 27 December, when they had completed their tour of duty.

# GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT O.A.U. SHOULD PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN CONGO SETTLEMENT

NO formal resolution had been submitted to the Security Council as of last week as this United Nations body pursued its debate on the Congo.

As of Wednesday last, all Council members had been heard and the debate brought out a general agreement that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) should play a major role in seeking a solution, but differing views were expressed on specific steps required.

The Representative of the Congo, Theodore Idzumburi, said his Government was quite ready to cooperate with the O.A.U., but asked how such cooperation could be fruitful when certain African countries are supplying arms to the Congolese rebels. The Council, he said, should see to it that foreign intervention in the Congo was halted, and aid to the rebels stopped.

In reply to specific charges against these countries, Foreign Minister Ganao of Congo—Brazzaville denied his country was extending aid to the rebels, Foreign Minister Battisso of Ghana said his country would never do anything to impair the Congo's integrity, and Foreign Minister Maghoud of the Sudan denied his country was lending its airfields for shipment of arms to the rebels.

Ambassador Bouattoura of

Algeria told a press conference, however, that in the present situation it would not be intervention for a country such as his own or the United Arab Republic to send arms to the Congolese rebels.

These speakers, along with Foreign Minister Murumbi of

Kenya, continued to press for the condemnation of the recent United States—Belgian intervention in the Stanleyville area as an aggressive intervention in African affairs. Mr. Murumbi urged for a Congolese cease-fire, the ousting of foreign mercenaries, and talks leading to a coalition government. Meanwhile, there would be a halt to any military aid to either side in the Congo.

Prof. Jiri Hajek of Czechoslovakia supported the complaint brought by 18 African States that last month's U.S.—Belgian paratrooper operation in Stanleyville was an aggressive intervention. The purpose, he said, was to strike a blow against the patriotic forces of the Congo and to perpetuate colonialism.

Ambassador Ortiz Sanz of Bolivia and Ambassador Silvett Nielson of Norway supported the operation as a purely humanitarian mission, requested by the Congolese Government.

The Bolivian Representative urged the countries of Africa to bury their resentments nourished by the memory of colonialism and look rather to the future in vaster and more generous terms.

New Year's message from U Thant

UN Secretary-General U Thant has sent the following message to General K.S. Thimayya, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus:

"I am happy to send to you, and through you to all the personnel of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, my warmest greetings of the season and my best wishes for the year ahead.

"The fact that the present situation in Cyprus contrasts so favorably with the situation at this time last year is the finest tribute to the splendid effort that all of you in UNFICYP have been making.

"I hope that you will all have an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season and that the coming months will bring still greater success to the common objective of a peaceful Cyprus.

"I wish you all a Happy and Rewarding New Year."

U - Thant  
Secretary-General

## FOR YOUR LISTENING

## RADIO BROADCASTS

All times are local

### SHORT WAVE

Australian Radio	0830 — 0930	English
31 Metre Band		
25 Metre Band		
Austrian Radio	0800 — 1100	German
19 Metre Band	1300 — 1600	French and English
16 Metre Band		
25 Metre Band	1900 — 2200 (Sat, Sun and Mon only)	

### 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 English
25 Metre Band		
31 Metre Band		

### Voice of Denmark

19 Metre Band	2145 — 2245	Danish and English
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### Finnish Broadcasting Corporation

19 Metre Band	1200 — 1250	Finnish and Swedish.
25 Metre Band	1800 — 2030	
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	0630 — 0900	News and reports in English
238 Metres	0915 — 0930	
	1800 — 1830	
	2300 — 0015	

### British Broadcasting Corporation

211 Metres	0500 — 0830, 1500 — 2315	English
428 Metres	0500 — 0545, 0745 — 1000	
417 & 470 Metres		

### British Forces Broadcasting Service.

2C9 & 213 Metres	0530 — 2315	English
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## RUSSIA VETOES ANGLO-U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION

LAST week the Soviet Union vetoed the British—United States draft resolution dealing with the recent Israel-Syria border clash following the rejection of the Moroccan amendments which would have had the Council deplore Israel's resort to aerial action against Syria in the course of the incident.

Israel said Syria started the clash and the air action had become necessary in order to stop the Syrian shelling of villages.

The Soviet Union argued that Israel was the guilty party and said she could not support the resolution because it tried to give equal treatment to the aggressor and to the victim.

Morocco and Czechoslovakia joined the U.S.S.R. in voting against the draft, which was supported by the other Council members.

The United States commented that since efforts to work out an acceptable consensus had not been successful, the sponsors had sought to deal with the border incident in a

non-controversial fashion and concentrate on the approval of the recommendations made by General Odd Bull, Chief U.N. Supervisor in the area, as a means of alleviating the tension.

The British—U.S. draft would have deplored the renewal of military action on the Israel—Syria demarcation line on November 13th and deeply regretted the loss of life on both sides. It would also have recommended completion of the U.N. survey of the disputed Armistice Line in the area of the incident, and full participation of both Israel and Syria in the Mixed Armistice Commission. These steps were advocated by General Bull.