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NEW PLAN FOR VIET-NAM PEACE

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT LAST WEEK made public a new formulation of his proposals for getting peace talks started on Viet-Nam.

These proposals, which were addressed to all parties concerned in an aide-mémoire dated 14 March, called for the following:

- (a) A general standstill truce.
- (b) Preliminary talks.
- (c) Reconvening of the 1954 Geneva conference.

The Secretary-General recalled the three-point programme for getting negotiations started which he has been advocating for the past year.

U Thant reasserted his conviction that the cessation of the bombing of North Viet-Nam continued to be a vital need "for moral and humanitarian reasons" and also as a step which could lead the way to meaningful talks. "I believe that if the bombing is stopped in a few weeks there would be talks," he said.

His new proposals, he stressed, did not represent a fundamental change of position but a re-adaptation of his programme to suit the prevailing moods of the parties which had not accepted his original three points.

Regarding the establishment of a general standstill truce, U Thant said he did not envisage effective supervision as a practical possibility. He recognized, that without supervision, it was apt to be breached.

He suggested, however, that if all parties were genuinely motivated by considerations of peace and justice, it was to be expected they would exert an earnest effort to enforce the truce.

In this context, he said, should a public appeal by the Secretary-General "in his

personal capacity" be helpful, he would gladly make one. He thought similar appeals by a group of countries would also be worth considering.

Once a general standstill truce came into effect, said

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CONTRIBUTIONS

TO UNFICYP FINANCES

ICELAND AND LAOS last week announced contributions to the finances of the United Nations Peace-keeping operation in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Iceland will contribute \$2,000 and Laos will contribute \$1,000.

WORLD MORE

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIAL POLICIES celebrated its anniversary last week.

The Chairman, Mr. Achkar Marof, of Guinea, said that during the four years of hard work the Committee had ac-



CANADIAN FAMILY OUTING — Taking a tour while they have the chance, this Canadian soldier-family is shown in the grounds of historic Bellapais Abbey near Kyrenia. Left to right are Corporal Raymond Campbell, RCR, brother-in-law of Corporal Wilfred Patrick O'Brien, RCE, and his son, Private John James O'Brien, RCASC. The reunion was short-lived, son John returned to Canada at the end of last month on completion of his tour of peace-keeping duties in Cyprus.

(Canadian Forces Photo).

FRANCE RESTATES PEACE-KEEPING POSITION

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED LAST WEEK IN THE WORKING GROUP of the Special UN Committee dealing with peace-keeping operations and their financing.

Mr. Roger Seydoux of France re-stated his country's view that the Security Council alone had the right to authorize actions involving enforcement and to decide on their financing.

However, he supported a

suggestion that the Council set up a finance committee to make recommendations on a method of financing.

For Canada, Mr. George Ignatieff expressed the belief there was a basis for agreement on the establishment of some kind of finance committee to work out a formula for the apportionment of costs of peace-keeping operations.

AWARE OF APARTHEID DANGERS

hieved a number of concrete results.

He said the world was now more aware of the danger of apartheid and there was more solidarity — both political and humanitarian — to fight apartheid.

The Committee decided to

ask for a detailed report on the observance last week of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and it also decided that its Chairman would represent the Committee at the International Conference on Apartheid to be held in Paris in May.



FAMILIEBESOEG...

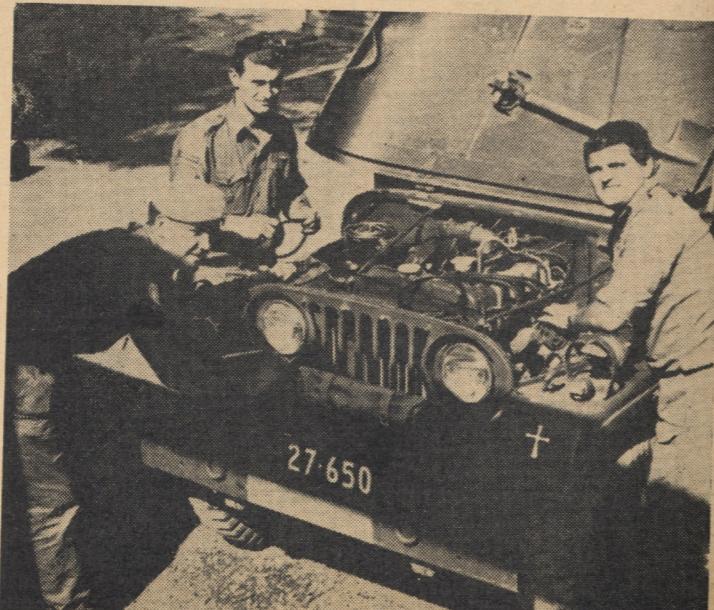


Det er familiebesøgenes tid ved DANCON i disse dage, og det kan jo ikke passe bedre, nu hvor det gode vejr tilsyneladende er blevet stabilt. Også chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant J. Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, har for tiden besøg af sin familie, og på billedet ses oberstinde Lis Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, der ligesom oberstløjtnanten er en kendt rytter, datteren, frøken Lotte Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, og premierløjtnant L. Rævsager i samtal med en af C-kompagniets vagtster, konstabel Erik Schmidt fra Slesviske Fodregiment i Haderslev.



VAGTEN PAA UNFICYP

Det er DANCON, der for tiden bestridt vagtjenesten på headkvarter UNFICYP. På fotoet ses to af C-kompagniets folk under en afløsning. Det er tv. konstabel Villy Svenningsen fra Nørrejyske Artilleriregiment i Aarhus og th. konstabel Helge Nielsen fra Sjællandske Ingenørregiment i Farum.



KLARGOERING AF KOERETOJER

DANCON's kørerøjer bliver i denne tid fremstillet til eftersyn hos den motorsagkyndige, major V. Skovhus Thomsen. Her ses fra C-kompagniet tre motorførere, der selv kalder sig "Stræberne", i færd med at klagore en jeep til dette eftersyn. De har alle været på Cypern på både hold IV, V og VI, og det er yderst tv. overkonstabel Alf Kjeldsen fra Sjællandske Luftværnsregiment i København-overkonstaben har forøvrigt også forrettet FN-tjeneste i Gaza-konstabel Henning Jensen fra Prinsens Livregiment i Viborg og konstabel Preben Hansen, som også har været i Gaza, endda på hele to hold.



DANCON-NYT

BESOEG FRA DANMARK

DANCON har netop haft besøg hjemme fra Danmark. Det var først og fremmest et orienteringsbesøg, idet alle gæsterne i det daglige arbejde derhjemme beskæftiger sig med FN-Tjeneste. Der var bl. a også rundvisning på C-kompagniets del af "Den grønne Linie", og her ses fra højre kontorchef i Udenrigsministeriet N. Bierring, chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant J. Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, delingsføreren, løjt-nant Rasmussen, kontorchef i Forsvarsministeriet major N. Nordenstoft, DANCON's operationsofficer major M. Thodberg, folketingsmand, fæltprest N. Gottschalk Hansen, der under besøget benyttede lejligheden til at afholde gudstjeneste søndag den 2. april, major O.H. Møller Pedersen, der er tjenstgørende i Hærstaben, og C-kompagniets næstkommanderende, kaptajn F. Tandrup.

Bo Lindström och Alvar Johansson bats främsta indrottsmän

BO LINDSTRÖM, NORSJÖ OCH ALVAR JOHANSSON, Landryd är namnen på bataljonens två bästa idrottssmän—det resultatet är klart när bataljones stora tävlingsprogram nu till största delen är genomfört. Bo Lindström har erövrat 16 utmärkelsetecken, och Alvar Johansson kommer inte långt efter med 14. Båda har tagit sina mästerskap framförallt i löpgrenar, men Bo Lindström har också plockat hem två kompanimästerskap i bordtennis.

De båda spänstiga FN-soldaternas sportsliga meritlistor är imponerande och kröns av en smält fantastisk prestation i den engelska åttamilaoorienteringen, där de båda svenskarna belade förstaplatsen i kamp med en lång rad vältränade brittiska lag, bl. a ett som tränat med sikte på att göra bergsbestigningar i Himalaya.

Bo Lindström tillhör 1 komp, där han tjänstgör som postombud och allmänt går under smeknamnet "Postis". I 1 komps mästerskapstävlingar i löpning tog han hem så gott som rubb och stubb. Han är kompmästare på 100 m, 800m, 1500 m, 3000 m samt i stafett. I bataljonsmästerskapen tog han sig som ett på 800 m och som två på 400 m och 1500 m. I terränglöpningen särskade han bronsplats. Han har också en individuell bronsmedalj från UNFICYP-mästerskapet i terränglöpning. Samt en guldmedalj i lag från samma tävling.

Alvar Johansson blev dessutom segrare i UNFICYP-mästerskapen i terränglöpning, där han fick ta emot två guldmedaljer, en individuell och en lagmedalj. Också hans prestationer toppas av samma snygga segrar som Bo Lindströms: förstaplacering i Famagusta stadslopp och Aric Walk About.

Vi saluterar Bo Lindström och Alvar Johansson, bataljon 36 C:s två främsta idrottssmän!



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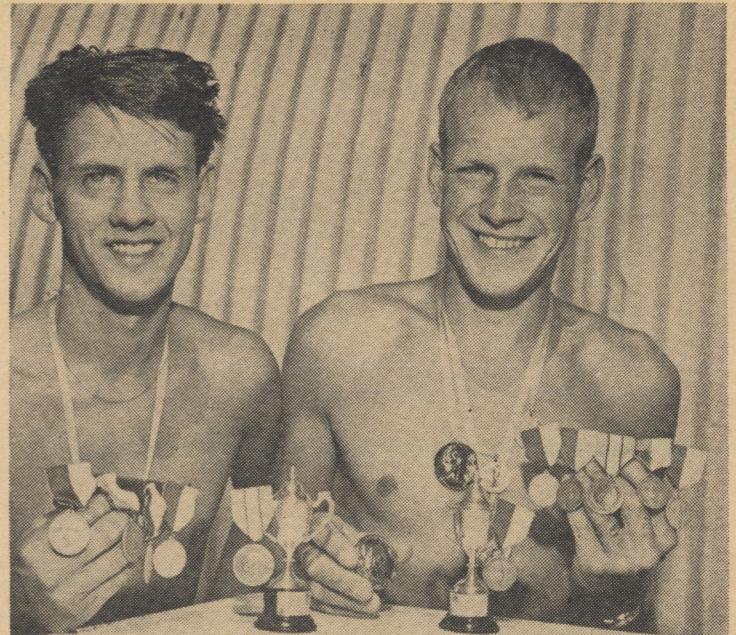
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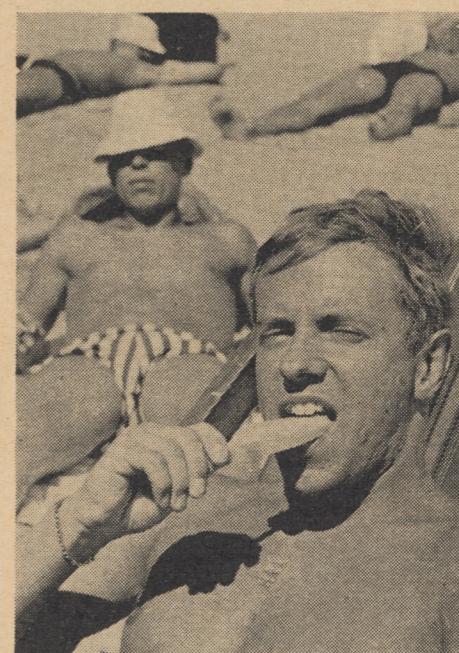
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Bo Lindström t v och Alvar Johansson med några av sina idrottliga utmärkelser erövrade här på Cypern. Den finaste, silverkängan från Aric Walk About, hade den ännu inte fått när denna bild togs.



ANTLIGEN

SOMMARVARME!

Det här börjar äntingen likna Cypern, tycker Kenneth Jansson, Ludvika, 1 komp och läskar sig med en glass i sommarvärmens på badstranden i Famagusta. Det gäller ju att se till att man har en rejäl skrytsolbränna att visa upp när man kommer hem till Sverige om några veckor.



Men k-pist och psalmbock i knät deltar de här svenska FN-soldaterna i en fältgudstjänst i Kophinou. Bataljonspastor Erik Fransson leder psalmsången med sin fältorgel. Tredje fr h bataljonschefen överste Bertil Stjernfelt.



BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

AIR CHIEF WITH UNFICYP FLIGHT

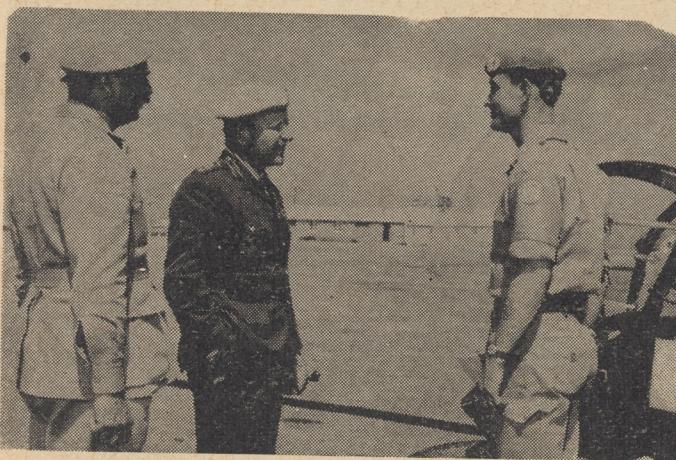
The Commander 2 Wing and Flight Commander UNFICYP Flt AAC with Sgt John Lever the NCO i/c technical aircraft servicing. Cpl "Siggy" Bleck in the background.

On 30 and 31 March the Commander 2 Wing Army Aviation, Colonel Bill McNinch, OBE, DFC, paid a visit to HQ UNFICYP Flight AAC.

Col McNinch who has recently taken over command of 2 Wing has been flying since 1941 when he became one of the early Air O.P. pilots flying light observation aircraft for the Royal Artillery.

He is an old Cyprus hand and commanded 653 Air OP Squadron at Kermia and Dhekelia in 1960-61 and also in Aden. He is a qualified helicopter pilot and has been taking the opportunity of gaining first-hand experience of many of the more difficult and interesting helipads used by UNFICYP Flight as well as renewing acquaintance with parts of the island he knows well.

This is Col McNinch's first visit to UNFICYP Flight AAC which is one of his three sub-units in the Near East.



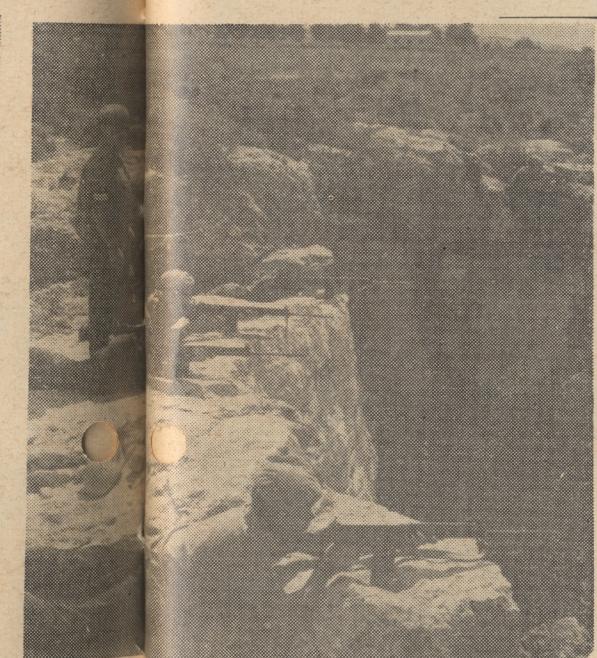
Colonel Bill McNinch talking to Cpl "Smudger" Smith. The Flight Commander, Major David Craig, looks on.

JOURNALIST VISITS THE 'JOCKS'

MRIAN PATERSON, EDITOR of Scotland's "East Fife Mail", paid a five-day visit to the 1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR) in UNFICYP's locations. He travelled almost 550 miles and personally interviewed some 60 soldiers — a considerable achievement in only five days.



Initial briefing for visiting journalist Ian Paterson from the Battalion Intelligence Officer, Lt Edward de Broe-Ferguson.



Training continue — here a section takes up fire positions under the eye of Cpl Quin.

LIFE HAS PRIORITY

How to keep fit on standby. A brisk game of volleyball at St Patrick's Camp, Ktima.

ALTHOUGH the summer seems to be here, we may still have occasional showers. In showery weather, many Cyprus roads become extremely slippery and dangerous. The light rain mixed with a combination of dust and vehicle exhaust on the road surface can turn it literally into a skidpan. Modern vehicles are usu-

ally engineered to meet most conditions, but remember to adjust your driving style. • When starting, let out the clutch slowly and apply gentle pressure to the accelerator for a smooth getaway without wheel-spin. • Stopping in slippery conditions can be even more of a problem.

Firstly begin to slow the vehicle is almost at a standstill, and this is particularly important on slippery surfaces as it considerably reduces the risk of skidding.

• Ease up slowly. Ease up slowly. Keep letting it off almost immediately. Keep up this system

of the vehicle. The vehicle is almost at a turn. With a little power turning the wheels the danger of skidding is reduced.

• If you do begin to skid — remember keep your foot off the brakes. Locking the wheels will only increase the skid. Steer into the direction of the skid and this should help to bring the vehicle back under control.

THE BUREAU

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

NEW GROUP TAKES STOCK OF DISTRICT

DURING THE PAST WEEK the advance party of the 8th Infantry Group has been kept extremely busy. The Commanding Officer, Lt-Col James Bearly, his Company Commanders and his administrative and technical staff have been taking full stock of the situation in the Lefka District.

Recces and inspections of the area have been carried out and full preparations for the arrival and deployment of the main body have been completed. A smooth transfer of units is assured.

It is interesting to find some quite close family relationships in the rotating units. In Lefka, Comdt Tom Carroll of the 7th who returns to Clonmel, Co Tipperary as O/C there, hands over

responsibility to his brother-in-law, Comdt Jim Flynn of the Curragh, Co Kildare.

In the Kato Pyrgos location, Comdt Kevin Donovan will have just about enough time to say 'hello' to his brother Bernard, who is a Captain and second-in-command of the incoming 'B' Company. They met under similar circumstances during a unit rotation in the Congo in May 1963.

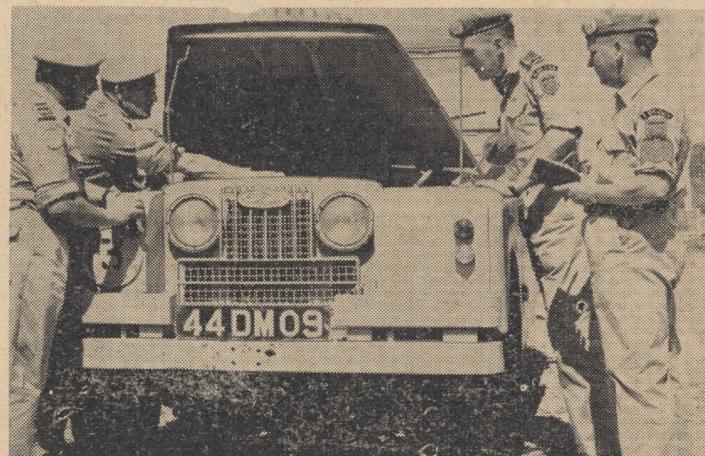
The Irish Contingent this week says farewell and thanks to its correspondent for the past six months, Comdt Pat McGann and wishes him a safe and pleasant journey home.



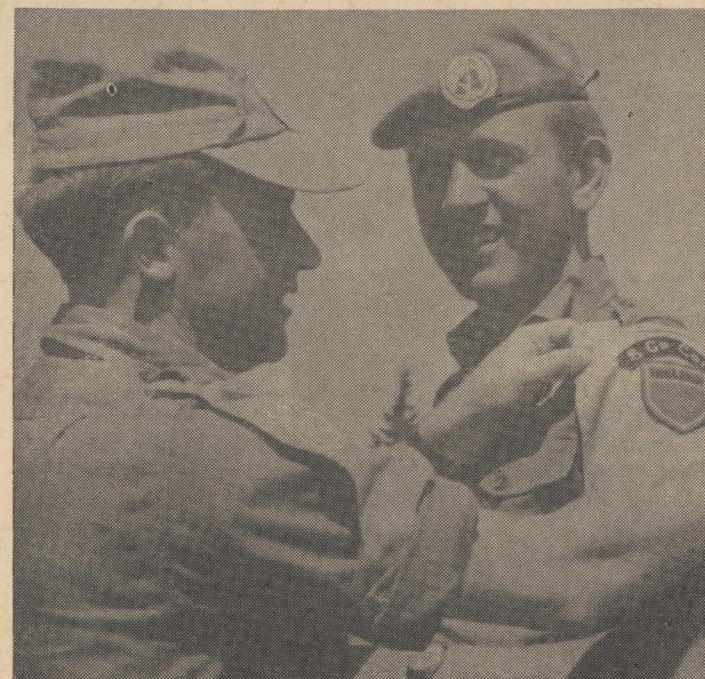
Comdt Tom Carroll (left), O/C 'B' Coy, 7th Inf Gp, discussing matters with his brother-in-law, Comdt Jim Flynn, DSM, O/C 'A' Coy, 8th Inf Gp during the latter's take-over at Lefka.



Corporal "Mick" Prince, whose work as photographer for the outgoing Irish Contingent is well known on these pages, appears on the receiving end of the camera. He returns to Ireland this week on completion of his second Cyprus tour.



Transport for the Irish Contingent gets a critical examination by (from right), Sgt Tony Cannon and Capt Pat Scannell, 8th Inf Gp, while Pte Reg O'Neill and Capt Pat Kelleher of the 7th account for their stewardship.



Signalman William Buckley of Wexford has his new group markings adjusted by Sgt Michael Lacey. Both have transferred from 7th to 8th Inf Gp to complete two consecutive tours of duty in Cyprus.



SIETSEMÄS SUOMALAINEN KYPROKSEN PATALJOONA

JOSSAKIN MUUALLA MAAILMASSA kuuluvat käyttävän viikkoja, kuukausia ja vuosia ajan mittoina. Miten lieneekin, tällä sijoitamme tapahtumat, tulevat ja mennet, rotaatioiden väleille ja YKSP:n järjestysnumeroiden mukaan. Nyt olemme tias ohittaneet virstanpylyän: rotaatio on takana ja kirjoitamme pataljoonan nimen YKSP 7.

Vanhoista rauhansotilaista on 252 lähtenyt takaisin Suomeen, uusia on tullut tilalle 251, ja jouluussa saapuneiden takirintamassessa komeilee YK:n nauha merkinä siitä, että siviilijuna on käännytynyt alämäkeen.....

Tämä rotaatio oli huomattavasti edellistä suurempi, tarkat luvut ovat 17 upseeria, 53 aliupseeria ja 182 miestä pois lähteneitä ja



Usi pataljoonapuupseeri, everstiluutnantti Kalle Juhani Kuosa, työpöytänsä ääressä pataljoonan esikunnan yläkerassa.

17 upseeria, 18 aliupseeria ja 216 miestä saapuneita.



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Esikuntaryhmässä HQ UNFICYPissä vahvasti myös kaksi miestä, ja tapausta juhlittiin illallistilaisuudella. Kuvassa vasemmalta uusi adjutantti kapteeni Tiilikainen, uusi Opsin watchkeeper majuri Vartiainen, kapteeni Hämäläinen, majuri Leino ja kapteeni Sadeniemi. Iustumassa kapteeni Palosaari, pois lähtevä adjutantti, illallisravintolontemäntä Tiina, komentajakapteeni Lehtonen, pois matkustanut watchkeeper, sekä henkilöosaston päällikkö everstiluutnantti Kuusela.

Kaikki koneeseen, Pikinokka noussee ilmaan! Paljon kokeneet vaikka ei ehkä kovin ruskeutuneet kotiutettavat kiipeävät tässä Karhumäen vanhaan tuttuun DC 6:een. Kohta ollaan taas Suomessa, missä "tuli loistaa ikkunoissa kotipuoleen ohjaten kaukana taistelleet".



Mutta uusia tulee aina tilalle. Tässä tarkistetaan, ettei kukaan ole matkalla pudonnut koneesta. "Mikä mies te olette?" "Valkovarvas jos sopii."

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

HAND-BACK OF 'GREEN LINE' OP



MYSTERY HOUSE HANDOVER — 21 March — Major G. C. Kitchen, Officer Commanding Fort Garry Horse Recce Squadron, looks on as Lt Col P. A. Labelle, Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Regiment and Commander Kyrenia District passes command of Mystery House OP to Danish Contingent Deputy Commander Col Bengt Fabricius. The outpost complex was handed over as part of the phase-out of the Canadians from Fort Worthington to the new Camp Maple Leaf.

(Canadian Forces Photo).



LONG RANGE PATROL: A scout car from the Recce Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse pauses while on a long range patrol near of famous Cyprus land mark, St. Hilarion Castle in the Kyrenia Mountains.

(Canadian Forces Photo).



CANADIAN TRAINING — Peace-keeping commitments or not, the professional soldier requires training. Members of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment are seen here carrying out practice mortar firing at the Goshi ranges.

(Canadian Forces Photo).



Sgt George Towell of Calgary, Alberta is a crew commander in the Fort Garry's Recce Squadron. He is pictured here in his Ferret scout car near St. Hilarion Castle.

(Canadian Forces Photo).

Education must play its part in changing world says U Thant

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE University of Michigan on Saturday, UN Secretary-General, U Thant, said that education had been revolutionized by the rapidly changing world and must bear its part in helping do away with "the sterile conflicts that could bring about the thermonuclear destruction of the planet."

This, he felt, was rich with both possibilities and dangers. The first allegiance of education, the Secretary-General said, remained to truth and methods of arriving at it. Education should be linked with the realities of life with-

out being too much overawed by them, he said.

Institutions of learning must be extremely wary of undue pressure from outside, said U Thant. These institutions should be free of any sort of political domination, open or hidden, and should "never be allowed to degenerate into any kind of junior partnership with government".

The world today, U Thant said, was "interdependent,

crowded, dangerous but also challenging"; fresh thinking on national and international problems was the key to human survival — and education alone could start the urgent task of "transferring men's thoughts from their conflicts to their common interests — from obsession with sterile and outmoded political and military confrontations to far more... fascinating problems of survival, peace, justice, co-existence and cooperation".

FORCE ASSIST IN RELIEF OF TURKISH CONTINGENT

THE RELIEF OF PART OF THE TURKISH National Contingent in the island took place between 0730 and 2230 hours on 31 March 1967. Inland transportation, escorts and observers were provided by the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

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U Thant, the parties should begin preliminary talks which he felt could take any of the following forms:

- (i) Direct talks between the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.
- (ii) Direct talks between those two Governments with participation of the two co-chairmen of the 1964 Geneva Conference — Britain and the Soviet Union.
- (iii) Direct talks between the two Governments with participation of members of the International Control Commission — Canada, India and Poland.
- (iv) Direct talks between the two Governments with the participation of the two co-chairmen and members of the International Control Commission.

The aim of the talks, said the Secretary-General, should be to agree on the timing, place, agenda and participants in a subsequent formal meeting — the reconvening of the Geneva conference — with the sole purpose of returning to the essentials of the 1954 agreement.

He urged that the question of who should participate in the formal meeting should not be allowed to obstruct a settlement. He particularly stressed that there could be no useful discussions on ending hostilities and no new political situation would result in South Viet-Nam without the participation of both the Government in Saigon and the National Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam.

Immediately after the press conference, the United States mission issued the text of a reply the U.S. Government had addressed to the Secretary-General on 18 March.

For its part, the United States accepted the Secretary-General's three-step proposal for a general truce, preliminary talks, and re-convening of the Geneva conference. It would contribute to serious negotiations, it said, if an effective cease-fire, as a first element in the proposal, could be promptly negotiated.

The United States, it declared, was prepared to enter into such discussions immediately and constructively.

It added that the Government of South Viet-Nam would have to be appropriately involved throughout, and the interests of U.S. allies would also have to be taken fully into account.

Forty-nine officers, 22 NCO's and 281 other ranks, personal baggage and battalion stores arrived on the Turkish ship Basharan. Forty-nine officers, 22 NCO's and 279 other ranks, with their personal baggage and battalion stores left the Turkish National Contingent area at Orta Keuy and were repatriated on the Basharan which left Famagusta harbour the same day.

Neither draft was armed at any time during the operation. A total of 39 UNFICYP trucks and three Turkish buses were used for the move.

Escorts consisting of a vehicle at both the front and rear of each group of vehicles were provided by UNFICYP as well as military police escorts to lead convoys into and out of Nicosia and Famagusta.

UNFICYP observer teams supervised the operation at both Nicosia and Famagusta.

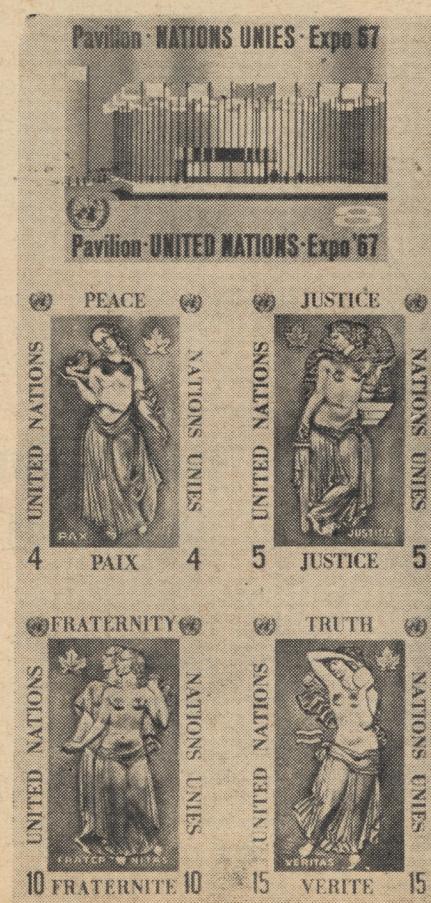
VIET-NAM WAR 'POISONING' MEKONG WORK

DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN HEADQUARTERS, IN NEW YORK, last week, Secretary-General U Thant, in answer to a question about the effect of the Viet-Nam war on the Mekong River Development Project, on which the UN is working, said the project was very much affected. (The Mekong River Project involves the riparian states of Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Viet-Nam).

It was poisoning the atmosphere and, he noted, Cambodia had already shown itself very reluctant to participate.

PHILATELIC CORNER

UNPA PLAN EXPO ISSUE



THE UN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION are issuing a new commemorative stamp on 19 June to mark "International Tourist Year."

The stamp will be printed in six colours, in denominations of 5-cents and 15-cents, in quantities of 2,900,000 and 2,600,000 respectively.

When EXPO '67 (Canadian Universal and International Exhibition) opens in Montreal on 28 April, five special definitive UN stamps will be issued to provide first class and airmail service from the Pavilion on the United Nations. The designs for the 4-cent, 5-cent 10-cent and 15-cent stamps were taken from the bas-relief panels on the doors donated by the Government of Canada to the United Nations in 1951. The 8-cent stamp shows the facade of the Pavilion on the United Nations at EXPO '67 (see picture).

These stamps will be made available to collectors at UNFICYP Headquarters after 28 April 1967. First day covers will also be available.



POPE PAUL: Call for part of arms budgets to be devoted to underdeveloped areas.

UN VOICES SUPPORT FOR PAPAL IDEA

IN THE COURSE OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE last week, the UN Secretary-General expressed wholehearted support for a suggestion contained in Pope Paul's latest encyclical that industrialized countries should devote money from their arms expenditure to promote development of less developed countries.

Mr. B. R. Sen, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, at a press conference in Rome on Thursday, also praised the Pope's encyclical.

Mr. Sen said it enunciated the principles on which the work of the Food and Agricultural Organization was based. If there were no F.A.O., he said, the encyclical on the Development of Peoples would almost serve as a basic guide to its creation.

STOP PRESS SAIGON ACCEPTS U THANT PLAN

The Republic of Viet-Nam has accepted U Thant's proposals for Viet-Nam peace talks (see main story). In a note published at UN Headquarters, it states that the Saigon government agrees "in principle" with the main points of U Thant's proposals.

It suggests, however, that they could be more easily implemented if (1) Representatives of the "high command of Hanoi government forces" and those of the Republic of Viet-Nam armed forces should meet at the Demilitarized Zone or any other point Hanoi may choose to negotiate a truce; and (2) Instead of holding preliminary talks a full-fledged conference, with participation of all interested governments, be held as soon as possible after a truce is effected.