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S-G's BRIEF VACATION

U THANT TO VISIT BURMA

DEPARTS NEW YORK
22 FEBRUARY

LAST WEEK THE UN SECRETARY - GENERAL, U THANT, announced plans for a brief vacation in his native Burma. U Thant will leave New



York on 22 February and is due to return on 5 March. While in Rangoon, he will meet with General Ne Win, Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, and with Foreign Minister U Thi Han.

MEDAL PRESENTATION



Colonel Bertil Stjernfelt, Commanding Officer of the Swedish UN Battalion receives his UNFICYP medal from the Force Commander, Lt. General A. E. Martola, at the medal parade at Carl Gustaf Camp, Famagusta, last Saturday.

OUTER SPACE TREATY

WILSON, KOSYGIN AND JOHNSON IN AGREEMENT

REPLY TO U THANT

IN LETTERS TO THE SECRETARY - GENERAL MADE PUBLIC LAST WEEK, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT of the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain affirmed their hope that the Treaty on Outer Space for Peace would facilitate the settlement of other major international problems and strengthen world peace.

Premier Kosygin, President Johnson, and Prime Minister Wilson set forth their views in replying to U Thant's congratulations on the signing of the Space Treaty.

Mr. Kosygin said he was convinced that the Treaty would lead to further co-operation among States and peoples in space matters and would help solve "the major international problems confronting mankind on earth." He noted that it had been unanimously approved by the UN General Assembly at the last session. Since then, over 60 nations have signed it.

Mr. Johnson said the Treaty was "a landmark in the march towards peace," and pledged the United States would do its utmost to see that further steps were taken along this road. He said he shared U Thant's view on the urgent need for an agreement to prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons. The Geneva Disarmament Committee is resuming work later this month with this issue uppermost on its agenda.

Mr. Wilson said the Outer Space Treaty was a major instrument designed to make sure that "man's extra-terrestrial activities... take place in a peaceful and orderly fashion and for the benefit of the whole of mankind."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORCE FINANCES

ISRAEL and Tanzania last week announced contributions to the finances of the United Nations Peace-keeping operation in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Israel will contribute a further \$5,000 and Tanzania will contribute \$7,000.

Announcing the new contribution in a letter to the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, the

Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations said the additional contribution was in response to the Secretary-General's urgent appeal of 5 January 1967 for voluntary contributions to meet the costs of UNFICYP.

In a letter to the Secretary-General, dated 26 January 1967, the Perma-

nent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations said: "...Although Tanzania is a developing country and needs most of the resources for internal development, nevertheless, the Government of Tanzania feels that it has to give token support for the United Nations peace work as a gesture of its strong support for the United Nations...."

FORTSAT SUCCES FOR DANCON'S FODBOLDHOLD

TORSDAG DEN 9. FEBUAR SPILLEDE DANCON MOD DET CYPRIOTISKE 2. DIVISIONS-HOLD EPA i Larnaca. I de første 10 minutter af kampen havde DANCON svagt overtaget, men efterhånden gik spillet mere og mere over til grækerne. Efter 22 minutters spil lykkedes det 338 Rasmussen at score til 1-0, men allerede 5 minutter senere udlignede EPA til 1-1. I det 34. minut øgede SG Pedersen til 2-1 på en løbebold. Målet burde dog nok have været annulleret for off side. 5-6 minutter før halvlegens slutning misbrugte SG Dreissing en stor chance, og i slutningen af halvlegen fik vi atter overtaget i spillet, uden at det dog lykkedes os at score.

8 minutter ind i anden halvleg sendte olo Jensen boldet i det græske net ved at saxesparke et hjørnespark bag over sig selv. Vi overtager nu helt initiativet, og efter et kvarter øger SG Dreissing til 4-1 på en bold fra venstre. OS Sauer, der er kommet ind i anden halvleg, har 7-8 minutter senere et skud på træværket, men efterhånden tilkæmper grækerne sig mere af spillet. Efter en halv times spil har de tre-fire farlige skud i nederste venstre målhjørne, men det bliver LT Hansen, der kort efter scorer for DANCON i sit andet forsøg på et indlæg fra højre. Dette er tilsyneladende signalet til, at vi atter overtager ledelsen af kampen, og få minutter før tid dribler SG H.H. Larsen sig igennem forsvaret, men sender sit skud lige på den sidste back, der står på målstregen. Ojeblikket efter legede LT Hansen og SG Pedersen i venstre side, men bolden ville ikke i "kassen". I sidste minut sendte SG Pedersen bolden i mål tæt op ad den ene stolpe, og kampen sluttede 6-3 til DANCON.

EPA foreslog, at vi skulle spille 10 minutter længere, og vi indvilligede. LT Hansen øgede herunder til 7-3 på en bold fra SG Pedersen, og SG Møller sluttede scorin-

gen, således at kampen efter den forlængede spilletid aendte 9-3 til DANCON.

DANCON - NYT



På det ene billede ses de to hold efter kampen. DANCON-spillerne står med små dannebrogssflag med DANCON's mærke på i guld. Flagene er anskaffet af DANCON og er beregnet som gave til modstandere i betydningsfulde kampe. Det andet billede viser LT Hansen i færd med at score et af vore mål.

INSPEKTION I DANCON



DANCON's chef, oberstløjtnant J. Ladegaard-Mikkelsen, har netop afsluttet en detail-inspektion af samtlige enheder under kontingentet. Billedet er en situation fra A-KMP, hvor soldaterne viser deres færdigheder i at adskille og samle deres håndvåben i mørke, her markeret ved at det gøres med bind for øjnene.

NY VELFAERDSOFFICER VED DANCON



Med SCAYP'en, der ankom til Nicosia den 31. januar, kom også DANCON's nye velfærdsofficer. Det er major E. Lerche, der er hjemmehørende ved Bornholms Værn. Majoren har også på Bornholm virket som velfærdsofficer, og det er således en kyndig mand, der skal føre major Hammershois arbejde videre. Vi ønsker major Lerche velkommen til øen og håber, at han må finde glæde ved sit nye job.

På billedet ses den afgående (tv.) og den tiltrædende velfærdsofficer uden for velfærdskontoret ved Mermaid Bar.

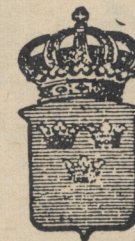
SVENSKNYTT

STOR MEDALJPARAD VID SVENSKA BATALJONEN

498 SVENSKA FN-SOLDATER FICK I LÖRDAGS SINA UNFICYP-MEDALJER EFTER TRE MÅNADERS prickfri tjänst på Cypern. Första medaljen erhöles som sig borde zonchefen, överste Bertil Stjernfelt, direkt ur Force Commanders händer. General A.E. Martola medaljerade därefter 14 utvalda representanter för bataljonen och inledde därmed den stora medaljdelningen.

Den stiliga medaljparaden på Carl Gustaf Camps uppställningsplats gynnades påtagligt av vådrets makter. Cypernsolen glimmade grant i alla de gula knapparna m/60, men en halvtimme efter ceremonin flödade ett lika intensivt cypernregn.

tjusig musik-föh bjöd på alla som gillar säckpipor.



Men medan medaljerna i tur och ordning fästes på de breda soldatbrösten värmdes solen skönt, vinden lekte med fanvakternas fanor och säckpipeblåsarnas kiltar. Två fanvakter pryddes nämligen paraden, en för vardera FN:s och Sveriges fanor. Och de trevliga blåsarna ur Black Watch flott exercis och

Och medan regnet en stund senare öste ner bjöd bataljonen generalen och musikkåren och sig själv på en bättre medaljlunch.

SVENSK-BRITTISKT I FAMAGUSTA



Bataljonschefen, överste Bertil Stjernfelt, lämnar av till Force Commander, general A.E. Martola, vid den pampiga medaljparaden på Carl Gustaf Camp. Närmast kameran två av de 28 säckpipeblåsare ur The Black Watch som gav extra feststämning åt ceremonin. Fanförare är fr v löjtnanterna Björn Stålhane och Ingvar Andersson.



Representanter för brittiska flottan och brittiska armén gästade Carl Gustaf Camp torsdagen den 9 februari. De bjöds på sedvanlig tordsdagsmeny, ärter och punsch, och dessutom sköts svensk lösen till gästernas ära med ett par miniatyrkanoner. Här samspråkar vid kaffet fr v Lieutenant Commander Patterson, batchefen överste B. Stjernfelt och chefen för styrka K major Leslie.



Fyra stolta nymedaljerade FN-soldater, fr v Birger Johansson, Linköping, 3 komp, Roine Ekman, Uppsala, 1 komp, Björn Svedborg, Göteborg, STR-komp och Lennart Bofjäll, Boliden, STR-komp.



"Det här är alltså bromsen...." Rustmästare Levin förklarar hästens funktioner för sina elever.

RIDNING SENASTE FLUGAN

Senaste flugan inom bat 36 C Sheter ridning. För tre veckor sedan började rustmästare Torsten Levin, Umeå, chef för hundgruppen vid STR-komp, att ge ridlektioner till sina hundförare. Idén spred sig snabbt-i dag har rustmästaren 100-tals anmälningar från ridintresserade FN-soldater. Han har inte en chans att ta emot alla, trots god hjälp i ridundervisningen av rättvårdsuoff, fanjunkare Carl-Åke Larsson, Stockholm.

Rustmästare Levin är remond-dressör hemma i Umeå och har ridit i 26 år. Hans elever får alltså sakkunskap handledning i den svåra konsten att hålla sig kvar i sadeln. Ridlektionerna är förlagda till

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

PRESENTATION OF UN MEDALS TO 7th INF. GROUP

THE FORCE COMMANDER LIEUT-GEN. A.E. MARTOLA FORMALLY PRESENTED UN SERVICE MEDALS to the 7th Infantry Group at a representative parade at Xeros on Thursday 9th February. The General landed by helicopter in Lefka and proceeded by road to HQ camp. The parade, which was commanded by the Group Commander Lt Col M.K. HANLEY, was formed up in hollow square formation and was made up of representatives from each of the contingent sub-units who were qualified to receive the medal. The unit pipe band under the direction of Sgt P. Tobin attended and played suitable airs during the presentation.

Before performing the ceremony of presenting the medal to each man on parade General Martola addressed the troops as follows:-

"It is a great pleasure for me to visit the Irish Contingent serving with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus. You are now half way through your tour here and I would like to express my most grateful and sincere thanks and appreciation, to all of you, for the excellent work you have done.

"Many times the work has been hard for you, serving as you do, under great pressure and in arduous circumstances, but showing patience and endurance of a high military standard you have at all times remained firm and steadfast. You have carried out your work in a really excellent manner. "It is a great honour for me to present you today with the United Nations Cyprus Medal."

After lunch in the Officer's Mess General Martola accepted a replica of the statue of Cu Chulainn which was presented to him by Lt-Col Hanley as a memento of the occasion. We have reproduced a photograph of this replica here. The original statue stands in the GPO Dublin and is the work of Irish sculptor Mr Oliver Sheppard. Cu Chulainn (The hound of Ulster) is a legendary hero of Gaelic mythology. His heroic exploits were legion in our ancient folklore stories.

According to legend he died after a single handed battle holding the ford of a river against invading hosts. So that he would not fall he lashed himself to a stone pillar and withstood each attempt by his enemies to force a crossing. Exhausted by loss of blood from his wounds the legend says that the river ran red with his blood. his sword and shield finally drooped into the stream. Not however, until his attackers saw a raven alight upon his shoulder were they sure he was dead and could fight no longer.



The replica of the Cu Chulainn statue which was presented to the Force Commander on behalf of the 7th Inf Group as a memento of the occasion.

This legend typifies so aptly the brave and defiant spirit which motivated the insurrection of 1916, that the figure of the dead Cu Chulainn, splendid in defeat, was used as a memorial to that event and erected in the GPO Dublin, the Headquarters of the 1916 insurrectionists.



The Force Commander shaking hands with Signalman Michael Hamill after presenting him with his UN medal.



General A.E. Martola congratulates the Contingent Commander Lt-Col M. K. Hanley after he had received his medal.



The Force Commander shakes hands with Sergeant Patrick Egan after presenting him with his UN service medal.

LIFE HAS PRINITY

PART VI

FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THESE ARTICLES, WE HAVE BEEN dealing with certain laws of nature. Foremost are the laws of momentum and inertia.

Inertia plays a major part when a vehicle is rounding a curve. This is because inertia not only works to keep a vehicle moving, but moving in the same direction.

When inertia is trying to make a vehicle go straight instead of curving it is given a different name — it is called centrifugal force. A driver is aware of centrifugal force when he goes around curves. But few drivers realize how powerful this force is, and how much greater the force becomes the faster the vehicle travels.

A 3,000-pound vehicle, making a turn of 500-foot radius, has to overcome a centrifugal force of only about 156 pounds at 20 miles an hour.

But at 30 miles an hour that force has increased to 350 pounds, and at 40 miles an hour it is 500 pounds. As at 20 miles an hour the vehicle is trying to push the vehicle off the road.

The centrifugal force gets between the force of the tyres and the road goes the wrong way.

That often a driver does not realize how fast he is going at a speed for a long time. The speed may be 40 miles an hour. Then, a few miles more. The speed is increasing. The vehicle is continuing to go forward; eventually the vehicle is lost. The vehicle is lost.

So, if a vehicle is lost, a sense of momentum and speed will follow.

THE BERET

COMMANDER FOR SQN, 5 INNIS DG



ANTHONY MILLEN, who recently arrived in to command 'A' Squadron, 5 INNIS DG, has vacated the very appointment which his predecessor — Major Mike Swindells — has assumed. Major Swindells has assumed the appointment of Brigade Major with 7 Armoured Brigade.

Cfn. Jim from Southend, Essex, and Cfn. 'Jock' Graham, from Aberdeen, are shown repairing the gearbox. Both are members of 1 Squadron Workshop.



Signalman Paul Lomax, from Wakefield, at UNFICYP's hard-worked telephone exchange.



The crew is shown in action on a recent casualty. On the Scammel Recovery Vehicle is the winch operator Craftsman Tony Workman, whilst Lance Corporal "Chalkie" White checks that the hook is secured in the lashings.

VEHICLE RECOVERY

UNFICYP AVERAGES MORE THAN ONE ACCIDENT PER DAY. It is the task of the Recovery Crew of UNFICYP Workshop REME to go to the scene of an acci-

dent and take away any military vehicle involved if found necessary. The duty crew is on stand-by 24 hrs every day.



Ready for the road the operator climbs down from the winch before the vehicles return to the workshop.



On Pohjolan hangissa meill' isänmää..... Yliuutnantti Seppä (oik) on kiivenyt huipulle ja seisoo tässä tutun tuntuissa ilmassa valmiina aloittamaan meikäläisen pujottelutaidon siirtämisen englantilaisiin monoihin

TROODOKSELLA HIIHDETAÄN SUOMALAISTENKIN JOHDOLLA

ENGLANTILAISTEN TROODOKSELLA SIAITSEVALLA LO-MALEIRILLA, JOSSA BRITTISOTILAITA KAIKKIALTA lähi-idästä käy virkistytymässä ja perehtymässä hiihtämisen salaisuuk- siin, pidetään kahden viikon mittaisia hiihto- ja pujottelukursseja, joiden yhtenä opettajana toimii upseeri suomalaisesta YK:n pataljoonasta. Blue Beretin edustajan vieraillessa siellä ylhäällä tätä tehtävää hoiti yliuut- nantti Seppä, ja nyt toimi on tiettävästi seuraavien kahden viikon ajaksi siirtynyt luutnantti Sartion huoleksi.

Edellisellä viikolla sää oli suo- sinut hiihdon harjoittelijoita, mutta sitten Troodos katosi pilvien sisään, mikä siellä ylhäällä merkitsee usvaa ja lumisateita. Pehmeät kinokset ja huurteiset petäjät tekevät hiihtomäen tienoot tutunomaisen nä- köisiksi, ja kun sumu estää näke- määstä maiseman avaruutta, voisi yhtä hyvin kuvitella olevansa Suo- messa. Voisi, toisin sanoen, ellei mäkiki kirjavan huojuvapoli- visia hiihtäjiä, jotka vähän väliä tuiskahtavat suuleen hanteen. Jou- kossa on toki aina muutamia taita- vampiakin-joko edistyneitä kurs- si laisia tai sellaisia, jotka ovat en- nenkin pitäneet suksia jaloissaan.

Mäki on huonollakin ilmalla vilkkaassa käytössä, sillä siellä eivät harjoittele ainoastaan brit- tisotilaiden kurssilaisryhmät, joista yksi on suomalaisupseerin ope- tuksessa, vaan myös hotellien turi- stivieraat omine opastajineen. Hei- kko liukuvuus voi lumisateella sitä paitsi olla monelle oppilaalle vain tervetullut, sillä vaikka har- joittelumäki ei suomalaisittain ole mitenkään järkyttävä, se on kun- nioitusta herättävän jyrkkä ja korkea kenelle tahansa, joka ensi kertaa ottaa sauvat käteensä..... Oheiset kuvat kertovat osaltaan aloittelijan ohdakkeisesta tiestä.



- kun taas Nikosian ympäristössä on kesaista, vaikka valilla on vain runsaan tunnin ajomatka. Kolmas komppania pitää taustalla sul- keista, ja tässä luutnantti Voutilainen ottaa vastaan ilmoitusta. "Herra... luutnantti, jääkäri Nevalainen, jos sopii". Miesten ovelat hymyt paljasta- vat, että koko kuva on pelkää poseerausta.

KORKEITA VIERAITA PATALJOONASSA

Tiistaina 14.2. saapui patal- joonalle korkea-arvoisia vieraita kotimaasta. Puolustus- ministeri Sulo Suortta ja hänen adjutanttinsa everstiluutnantti Aarnio viettävät täällä joitakin päiviä epäviraalisen luontoisella vierailulla ja tutustuvat patal- joonan toimintaan ja työympä- ristöön. Heidän tarkoituksessaan on myös käväistä Beirutissa ennen lähtöä takaisin ko- timaahan.

Puolustusministerin mukana saapuivat myös valtionvarain- ministeriön budjettipäällikkö Tuominen sekä johtaja Val- vanne Suomen Pankista.

Mainittakoon samalla, että korkean tason vierailut saavat jatkoa 22.2., jolloin saamme tänne pataljoonaan Pääesikun- nan kaksi kenraalia, koulutus- päällikön, kenraaliluutnantti Haltun sekä jalkavaen tarkasta- jan, kenraaliluutnantti Yli-Ris- kun, jotka viipyvät luonamme tiettävästi kolmen päivän ajan.



"Ei hyvältä näytä...." Pylvään kiertäminen tuottaa vaikeutta, kun suksukset kulkevat mieluummin suoraan. Taustalla ottaa joku jo lukua han- gessa. Seppä (taustalla oikealla) seuraa oppilaittensa edistymistä ja ja antaa neuvoja.



Luokka on taas välillä pantu riviin rinteeseen, ja oikeita menettely- tapoja kerrataan suullisesti. Lunta sataa pikku hiljaa lisää.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CONFEDERATION

THE CENTENNIAL OF 1967 CELEBRATES THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF CANADA SINCE CONFEDERATION. Today, Canada consists of over 20,000,000 people spread across the northern portion of North America, from the Atlantic to Pacific oceans, a distance of some 3,500 miles.

Today Canada has ten provinces in confede- ration, the last to join being Newfoundland, in 1947.

The first provinces that formed confederation

on 1 July 1867 were Canada (now known as Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The other five provinces, Prince Edward Is- land, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, joined confederation at various times between the two dates.

Military celebrations will be held wherever Canadian troops are stationed throughout the world, including Cyprus.

Next week we shall be giving something of the history of the Canadian Armed Forces.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ARMED FORCES TATTOO

The Canadian Armed Forces will play a large part in Canada's centennial celebra- tions, by taking one of the greatest road shows in Cana- da's history across the nati- on. From St. John's, Nfld., to Victoria, B.C., Canadians will have the opportunity of see- ing the Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo which will be the principal contribution of the Services to Canada's centen- nial celebrations. This co- lourful spectacle will provide the ultimate in military en- tertainment within the fra- mework of the development of Canada's Armed Forces from their French and British origins to our time. The Ta- too is scheduled to appear at 40 locations across Canada during 1967.

Throughout the perform- ance, authentic costumes or dress uniforms including the weapons, accoutrements, and the music, songs and drill for the era depicted will be used to portray key and in- teresting activities of Cana- da's Armed Forces during the last three hundred years.

The responsibility for put- ting such an elaborate and tradition-filled production on the road rests with Brigadier C. Arnold Peck and his staff and the DND Centennial Planning Staff.

Transportation arrange- ments for the performers call for two identical trains with a complement of approxi- mately 250 performers each that will depart from a main assembly point in the Tren- ton-Picton area in April. One train will proceed East to Sy- dney, N.S., for a performance at Glace Bay, N.S., and from there will commence its westward journey. The other will proceed West after a performance at Barrie, Ont.

Both trains are self-suffi- cient in that they include ac- commodation, messing and recreation facilities for the troops in addition to trans- porting stage requirements.

On reaching Vancouver, the trains will combine and with additional troops from the area, the larger-cast sta- dium shows will commence with appearances at Vancou- ver, Victoria, Ottawa, EXPO 67, the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, and Hamilton. Two historical sites shows, at Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and the

Citadel, Quebec City, will in- volve approximately 400 per- formers, and the two largest shows of the tour at EXPO 67 and the CNE are planned to feature close to 1,700 per- formers. On completion of the CNE, an arena-type show will be presented at Charlot- tetown, P.E.I., St. John's and Corner Brook, Nfld., complet- ing the Canadian tour.

HISTORY OF THE MILITARY TATTOO

IN SELECTING THE TATTOO AS THE VEHICLE BEST SUIT- ED TO PORTRAY THE Cana- dian Forces to the Canadian public, the Department of Na- tional Defence has selected a type of presentation steeped in mili- tary tradition and used extensively in celebrations of national signi- ficance.

by use, the changing of the pro- nunciation to "tattoo". "Taptoe" was used in official books for a long time but finally gave way to "tattoo".

As there were no barracks in Britain during this period, the troops were billeted in a similar manner to that observed on the continent and therefore the "tattoo" was also beaten in Bri- tain. Later, musicians joined the drummer, and eventually this led to bands playing concerts for the entertainment of garrisons as a whole, at the end of the day. Later, tattoos were performed for royalty and the general public.

A large number of tattoos were produced by Canadian servicemen prior to and since World War II. Perhaps the best known, are the tattoos produced as part of the Vancouver Festivals in 1958 and 1961 and the highly successful Canadian Tattoo staged at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962.

Hundreds of thousands — liter- ally millions — of people have been thrilled by these military spectacles and the Canadian Arm- ed Forces Tattoo of 1967 will be no less interesting to the public. Playing from coast to coast it is certain to bring to all Canadians a feeling of pride in, and a better understanding of their country's military heritage.



Lt. General A. E. Martola inspects a quarter guard during his visit last Wednesday to the 1st Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regi- ment, whose 610 officers and men form the bulk of the Canadian Contingent since October 1966. The RCR are based in the Kyre- nia Mountains and they are responsible for the 700 square mile Kyrenia district.

ZAMBIA AND RHODESIA

ZAMBIA WELCOMES UN MISSION

TO ASSIST WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM SANCTIONS

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THAT A GROUP OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS from the UN's Development Programme would be sent to Zambia to assist that country with problems arising from the application of certain mandatory sanctions against the illegal Smith regime in neighbouring Rhodesia.

In a note to Members of the Security Council, U Thant said that last month Zambia's Foreign and Finance Ministers had informed him of the serious difficulties faced by their country as a result of her compliance with last December's Security Council decision to impose selective economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

In particular, he said, the

difficulties related to transportation, communications, storage of fuel and alternative supplies for some commodities.

Zambia said it would welcome a technical mission to study the whole problem on the spot.

U Thant said the group should arrive in Zambia by 12 February for a stay of about ten days.

S. W. AFRICA COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

PAVING WAY FOR INDEPENDENCE

THE COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA LAST WEEK RECEIVED AN AFRICAN PROPOSAL for the establishment of a United Nations Council for South West Africa to take over administration of the territory from South Africa and pave the way for its independence.

Operating under the authority of the General Assembly, the Council would have the assistance of a UN Police Force to help maintain law and order.

A United Nations Commissioner, appointed by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General, would perform such executive and administrative tasks as would be entrusted to him by the Council, and the Council would report periodically to the Assembly.

The Assembly acted on the basis of its finding that South Africa had failed to fulfil her obligation to ensure the moral and material well-being of the people of the territory.

South Africa, which has defended her apartheid policies as being in the best interests of all inhabitants, has taken the position that she is not answerable to the UN for her administration of the territory, and has said she would resist with all her power any UN attempt at a take-over.

The Committee also heard Mexico suggest that March 15th — when the Committee is expected to finish its work — be set as the time to propose a declaration of independence for South West Africa.

Italy, also speaking before the Committee, recalled its earlier suggestion for a "short cut" by creating an embryo self-government in South West Africa, with an agreed timetable to bring about independence.



Lt. General A.E. Martola pins the UN Cyprus Medal on the tunic of Lt. Colonel P. A. Labelle, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment.

BUSY YEAR FOR SOVIET SCIENTISTS

OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE

ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT SOUGHT

THE SOVIET UNION LAST WEEK PROPOSED A ONE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT of the UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, scheduled to take place in Vienna next September.

The proposal was made known as the Chairman of the UN Committee on Outer Space, Kurt Waldheim of Austria, opened a preparatory meeting of a panel of experts at UN Headquarters, New York.

The Chairman said the Soviet Delegation had expressed to him the position that not enough time was available to prepare adequately for the conference.

Soviet Academician V.A. Kotelnikov, in reiterating the proposal, commented that

this year marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet State and said Soviet scientists were going to be busy.

Following consultations, the expert group agreed the Soviet proposal should be considered by the Outer Space Committee as a matter of urgency. Final action would have to be taken by the General Assembly at the forthcoming special session in April.

The proposed agenda includes a review of the results of space research during the ten years of the space age, with specific attention being given to such areas as space communications, meteorology, navigation, and biology and medicine.



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DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

MILLIONS STILL UNDER COLONIAL RULE

U THANT ADDRESS

AS the UN Committee on Decolonization met to organize work for the year, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, told the group that the progress made so far in this field served only to underline the anomaly of the fact that several million people were still subject to colonial rule.

U Thant noted that many of the problems facing the Committee had increased in difficulty and gravity over the past year. In this connection he mentioned the Security Council's decision on Southern Rhodesia, the resolutions of the General Assembly on South West Africa, and the lack of progress regarding the territories under Portuguese administration.

U Thant said the emphasis placed by the Assembly on the importance of sending a special mission to Aden reflected the widely-held conviction that the United Nations could play an increasingly useful role in bringing dependent territories to independence.

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VET-NAM

In a statement issued on 13 February, the UN Secretary-General welcomed the fact that the United States had not resumed bombing of North Viet-Nam following the end of the Lunar New Year's truce during the period 8 to 12 February. Stating that this was a wise move, U Thant added: "If it means the cessation of bombing, then I believe that meaningful talks will take place within a few weeks." Shortly after U Thant issued the statement, however, it was announced in Washington that bombing had been resumed. In answer to newsmen's questions, the Secretary-General had no further comment.