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FORCE COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENT EXTENDED

BERNARDES RESIGNS

P.P. SPINELLI TO
BE TEMPORARY
REPRESENTATIVE

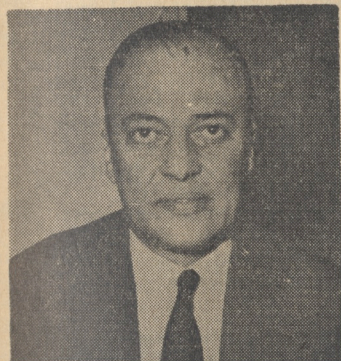
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT ANNOUNCED — WITH "PLEASURE" — THE EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LT.-GENERAL I.A.E. MARTOLA as Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Lt. General Martola has commanded the Force since 17 May 1966 and will continue in his post for the duration of the present mandate of the Force which expires on 26 June 1967.

At the same time, the Secretary-General also announced "with regret" the resignation, effective 5 January 1967, for "pressing personal reasons", of Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes as his Special Representative in Cyprus. Mr. Bernardes has served with "great distinction", said the Secretary-General, as his Special Representative since his appointment on 26 September 1964. In announcing his resignation, U Thant paid tribute to the "outstanding skill and devotion" with which Mr. Bernardes has carried out his task.

The Secretary-General said that Mr. P.P. Spinelli, UN Under-Secretary, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, had agreed to act temporarily as his Special Representative after the departure of Mr. Bernardes.



MARTOLA: Extended



BERNARDES: Resigning



SPINELLI: Arriving

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

PIER PASQUALE SPINELLI, UNDER-SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA, was born in Lanciano, Italy, in 1902. He entered the Italian Foreign Service in 1927 and served in diplomatic and consular posts in the United States,

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ASSEMBLY SESSION CLOSES

VIET-NAM PEACE APPEAL BY PRESIDENT

THE TWENTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDED LAST TUESDAY EVENING FOLLOWING THIRTEEN WEEKS OF DEBATE AND ACTION ON A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF MANKIND. Describing the session as "more positive" in mood than any previous one, the Assembly's President, Ambassador Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Afghanistan, closed with a personal appeal for peace in Viet-Nam.

Mr. Pazhwak called for all those engaged in the Viet-Name war to declare that they sought only a peaceful solution and to make contacts for peace negotiations. He urged that formal public commitments to this effect be made during the Christmas and New Year truce periods.

The Assembly President said that his appeal should

not be linked with other proposals on the Viet-Name conflict and that the peace statements he asked for should come before all other steps except the two truces already agreed on.

He declared that the Uni-

A statement issued by the United States delegation to the UN on Wednesday of last week affirmed the "unconditional willingness to seek a peaceful solution to the Viet-Nam conflict" of the United States and "to engage in discussions to this end".

ted Nations could obviously not intervene formally — but it was equally clear, he said, that most nations could not remain unconcerned at the tragedy and the danger that it might involve the whole planet.

He also made it clear that the contacts he urged

between the warring parties would only be preliminary — to discuss terms of negotiation. But this, he said, would be "the beginning of a beginning for an honourable understanding." Mr. Pazhwak also spoke warmly

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the US had asked the Secretary-General to do whatever he thought necessary to bring about discussions that could lead to an extended ceasefire with a view to a peace settlement.

of the Secretary-General's expressed hope that the year-end truce in Viet-Nam might be extended and lead to peace, so that in the words of the President, "a tragic, destructive, pointless and dangerous war" might be ended.

In reviewing highlights of

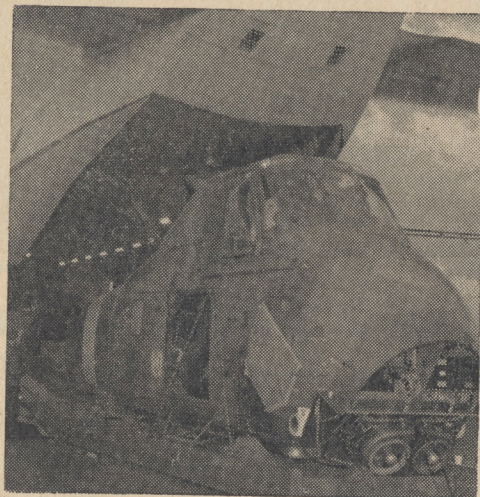
the Assembly session, the President hailed U Thant's re-election for a five-year term and noted the Secretary-General's confidence that progress could be made towards an agreement on peace-keeping principles and restoring UN finances.

Mr Pazhwak described the outer-space-for-peace treaty approved by the Assembly as "a milestone in man's newest venture" adding that "what is good for the moon is surely good for our own planet."

The Assembly President considered that the final stages of the colonial era were in sight and that the Assembly had taken an historic step in declaring South Africa's mandate over South-West Africa ended and moving to bring independence to that territory. Mr Pazhwak also stressed the importance of the Human Rights Covenants approved by the Assembly and steps calling for greater aid to poor nations.



ABOVE: 72 Squadrons' three Wessex fly over the Belfast aircraft which took 18 Squadron Detachment's machines back to Germany. RIGHT: The complete fuselage of one of the helicopters is winched into the massive transport plane.



RAF Detachment settles down

EQUIPPED WITH THREE OF THE LATEST VERSION of the Wessex tactical support helicopter, the UNFICYP Detachment of 72 Squadron RAF became operational on December 10 when it took over all tasking from 18 Squadron. In its first fourteen days of operation, the Detachment carried some three hundred personnel and some 70,000 lbs of equipment.

The Squadron is normally based at Odiham in Hampshire, but in its task of tactical support for

Britain's Strategic Reserve, has already this year served in France, Holland, Italy, Malta and Libya. The role of the UNFICYP Detachment is mainly re-supply of isolated outposts — some in places almost inaccessible from the ground — with rations and mail and the rotation of personnel. Casualty evacuation is the other main duty of the unit.

The Detachment, commanded by Flight Lieutenant Peter Faid, has a complement of six aircrew and fifteen technicians.

NOT SO UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

MEMBERS OF NUMBER TWO SECTION OF 13 PLATOON, 'D' Company, the First Battalion, The Black Watch were luckier than most people this year. Although on duty at the isolated Stavrokomo outpost in UNFICYP's Limassol Zone, under the command of Corporal John Kelly, they were able to enjoy two Christmas dinners within ten days.

The first — on the 15th December — was eaten during the visit of Mr Robert Gibb, News Editor of Gramscian Television, who was preparing a film on the Battalion for transmission in Scotland over the Christmas period. The second, naturally enough, came on Christmas Day itself. Who says thirteen is an unlucky number?



Private Carl Neve keeps a watchful eye on the outpost's Christmas pudding.



Private Bob O'Brien gets his teeth into a chicken wing at Stavrokomo during one of his two Christmas dinners.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Christmas Day, Officers and Senior NCOs served the traditional Christmas dinner to the men of HQ UNFICYP. RIGHT: Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, flanked by the Senior Member of the Sergeants' Club, WO 1 Tom Horn, RAOC, addresses the men before lunch.



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COMMISSION
FOR
SQUADRON
SERGEANT
MAJOR

At a copy in the "Wheel" Club at HQ UNFICYP on December, WO1 Tom Horn — for eighteen months the Squadron Sergeant Major of 42 Squadron — was presented with a silver salver by the Squadron Commander, Major Beacon, RCT. The salver was inscribed:



bed with the Corps Badge and the words: "Presented to WO1 N.H. Horn by the Officers and Men of 42 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, on the occasion of his commissioning — 3rd January, 1967."

Norman Smith left Cyprus on 21 December to take up his first official appointment as MTO, 19th Ambulance RAMC, at Chester in the New Year. Members of HQ UNFICYP wish him well for the future.

SEASONS' GREETINGS

TO UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL

Following is the text of United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant's Christmas message to all who serve in the United Nations:

"On the eve of starting a new five-year term as Secretary-General, it is natural that my first thoughts should be directed to all those who are serving the United Nations in New York, Geneva and other parts of the world. Following the final decision which I reached after many months of searching and reflection, I am sure members of the staff will understand my personal desire to express to them, indeed to associate them with my reasoned hopes for the Organization we are all privileged to serve.

It is my considered view that a new chapter in the life of the Organization is about to be written. To those who have already devoted so many years of their lives to the United Nations, I wish I could give an assurance that the next five years will demonstrate such advances in international co-operation and such progress towards peace as will reward our expectations. This, however, I am not in a position to do. At the same time, I am convinced that, however difficult, the period ahead will be a crucial one for the Organization. Be it in Asia, or in Africa, or in the Middle East, the challenges to peace are formidable. Only the coming years can tell whether the international community will be capable of rising to meet these challenges. Inasmuch as the Secretariat has an essential contribution to make to the success of the United Nations, I am sure every member of the staff will continue to give high priority on his personal agenda to those qualities of

competence, integrity and initiative which have always been in times of crisis the distinctive mark of the international civil servant.

As I have already indicated, my attention will be turned in the coming months to those "organizational and other administrative improvements" to which I referred in my acceptance speech before the General Assembly on 2 December. In particular, I shall have constantly in mind the interest of the staff in the outstanding issues concerning their conditions of service. While I count on your skill, your good will and your enthusiasm, you may rest assured that for my part I will make every effort to solve these issues with all the fairness and consideration for your legitimate hopes that you may expect from the Secretary-General.

On this occasion, I extend to all of you my sincere good wishes for a new period of common dedication to the higher purposes of the Organization. Let me include also in my wishes all members of your families, for they share in our frustrations and our hopes. Let us be proud that, by continuing to serve an Organization which aims at representing and thereby improving the state of the world, we join in the corps of privileged men and women who, throughout history, have devoted their lives to the noble and unceasing task of making this world a better place in which to live.

May the New Year bring you all much happiness!

U THANT."

AND TO ALL FORCE MEMBERS . . .

Following is the text of two signals received from United Nations Headquarters in New York bearing Seasonal greetings to all members of the United Nations Force in Cyprus from the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, and UN Under-Secretaries, for Special Political Affairs, Mr Ralph Bunche and Mr Jose Rolz-Bennett.

"Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes; Lt. General I.A.E. Martola:- I extend to you and to all personnel of UNFICYP my greetings for the Season and my warmest good wishes for the New Year. I am glad also to have the opportunity to express to all of you my appreciation for the excellent work which you have done in the past year in keeping the peace in Cyprus.

U Thant, Secretary-General"

"Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes; Lt. General I.A.E. Martola:- We extend to you and to all personnel of UNFICYP our personal greetings for the Season and warm good wishes for the coming year. We are very happy to have this opportunity to thank you for the excellent work you are doing in Cyprus and for your co-operation and understanding.

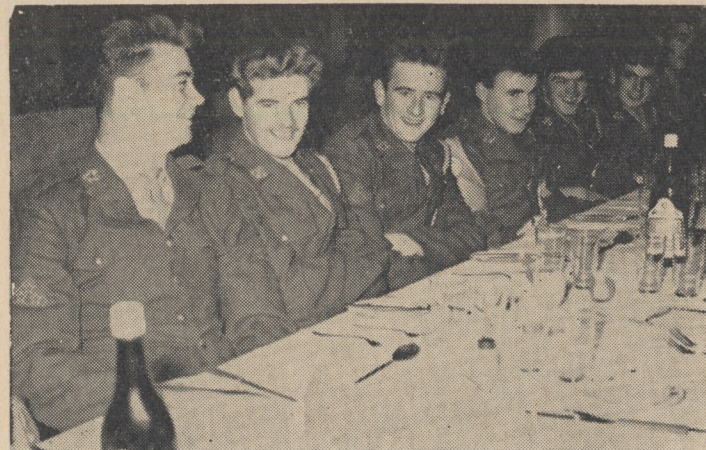
Ralph J. Bunche, Jose Rolz - Bennett"

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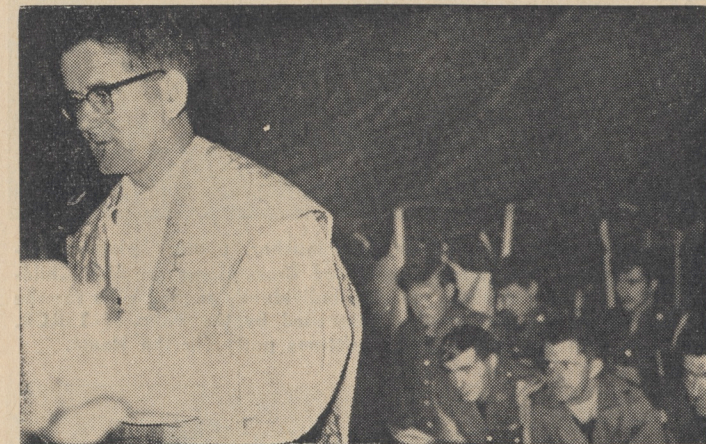
Tugadh an teachtaireacht seo leanas don Ceann Foirne, an Left-Gin Sean Mac Eoin, cúpla lá roimh an Nollag. Oirthir. Nollaig shona shiochánta go raibh acu go léir faoi bhuan choimrri Dé.

"Ba mhaith liom da gcuirfeá mo ó Eamon de Valera, Uachtarán na h-Éireann"

Craobhscaoileadh an teachtaireacht seo do gach ball de'n Fórsa Eireannach san Cipir tré ordaithe gnáthach laéithiúl, tré clair fógra complachtaí agus leigheadh é ar paráid. the sa Chipir agus an Meadhon



Good company and good cheer-picture taken at a Christmas party at Xeros.



Midnight Mass at Xeros Camp — the celebrant was Rev. Fr. T. Kelly, CF.



Privates Christy Reidy, George Curran and John Ahern admire their selection of Christmas cards. In this tent, shared by six men, there were on display more than two hundred greeting cards.



CHRISTMAS TREE GIFT — Mrs. Thomas Wainman-Wood, wife of the Canadian High Commissioner, prepared no less than three dozen table Christmas trees for outposts and messes of the Canadian Contingent. This is the second year she has done so. At Fort Worthington, she looked in on the men's quarters to see the decorations and, above, chats with, left to right, Tpr Deon Allen, FGH, Pte Eldon Kelly, 1 RCR and Cpl. Michael Griffin, FGH.



Santa Claus (Sgt. Victor Rettenbacher, pioneer platoon sergeant), makes his entrance to the Red Cross Home for Sick Children, Kyrenia, on a donkey, carrying individually tagged gifts for the Home's thirty-one patients, and preceded by the Band of 1 RCR. The occasion was the 1 RCR Christmas party for the Home.



Private John Griffin entices a school-boy of Ayios Ermolaos to try Canadian style picnic treats — pop, hot dogs and hamburgers — during regimental anniversary children's parties in two Cypriot villages — Ayios Ermolaos and Temblo — by the 1st Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment last week. The Royal Canadians were celebrating the 83rd anniversary of their formation.

HURRY SANTA!

Santa Claus (Sgt. Victor Rettenbacher, pioneer platoon sergeant) digs for the gift of Eleftherakis Monayi, aged 5, who got a little impatient for his own gift during the 1 RCR Christmas party on Dec. 23 at the Red Cross Home for Sick Children, Kyrenia. The thirty-one patients were given entertainment, treats and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings by the Battalion.



ACCIDENT FIGURES FALL

LOWEST TOTAL FOR FIVE MONTHS

FORCE ACCIDENT FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER WERE THE LOWEST FOR FIVE MONTHS according to figures recently made available at the Force Headquarters in Nicosia. During the month, UNFICYP vehicles covered a total of almost one and a quarter million miles and were involved in twenty-three accidents.

Once again the Swedish and Irish Contingents led the way covering a total of 129,170 and 90,111 miles respectively without an acci-

dent. **BRITCON's** major unit, the First Battalion, The Black Watch, returned the best unit record with only one accident in a total mileage of nearly 108,000.

The British and Canadian Contingents, whose vehicles accounted for over half the total Force mileage, were involved in seven and five accidents respectively.

Injury figures remained the same — at seven — with three cases requiring hospitalization, one less than the previous month.

SPINELLI BIOGRAPHY

Latin America and the Far East. In 1950, Mr. Spinelli was sent to Mogadiscio as Executive Assistant to the Italian Administrator of the United Nations Trust Territory of Somaliland. He also served as Special Representative for the Trust Territory at meetings of the United Nations Trusteeship Council. Subsequently, he was named Secretary-General of Somaliland's Trusteeship Administration and, in 1955, he became alternate Director-General for Emigration in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

In November 1957, Mr. Spinelli was appointed Director of the United Nations Office (at the time of the appointment, the European Office of the United Nations) at Geneva.

The following year the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed Mr. Spinelli his Special Representative in Jordan, and in November 1963 his Special Representative and head of the Yemen Observation Mission.

Mr. Spinelli's other United Nations assignments include his appointment as Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the former Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration.

Following the resignation, effective 5 January 1967, of Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes of Brazil, Mr. Spinelli has been temporarily appointed the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus. Mr. Spinelli already served as the Secretary-General's Personal Representative in Cyprus in March 1964, and as the United Nations Acting Mediator for Cyprus, following the illness of the then UN Mediator, Ambassador Sakari Tuomioja, in August 1964.

Mr. Spinelli acted as the Secretary-General's Special Representative during the negotiations and arrangements which preceded the visit of Pope Paul VI to the United Nations Headquarters in October 1965, and accompanied His Holiness on the flight to and from New York.

JULDANS PAA BEACHEN



Till de svenska cyprenbataljonernas jultraditioner hör ofrånkomligt jul doppet i Medelhavet. Här går årets långdans på Famagusta beach vid Neon Faliron runt spelemannen batass Martin Westin. Samtliga julbada-re erhöill som belöning ett fint diplom och medlemskap i The Polar Bear Swim Club. Och visst var det kallt i vattnet - så där en 18 plusgrader.....



Batpastorn Erik Fransson tillbringade sin julafton med att besöka posteringar och detachment inom 1:a och 3:e kompanierna, en bilresa på sammanlagt 38 mil. Här uppvaktar han grabbarna i Ayios Theodoros med tårta på julnatten. Fr. v: Göran Svensson, Västervik och (i sängen) Ove Jansson, Malung. Bakom tomtemasken döljer sig fanjunkare Olle Persson, Borås.

SUOMALAISTEN KOLMAS JOULU KYPROKSESSA

SUOMALAINEN PATAL-SJOONA VIETTI NYT KOLMATT KERTAA JOULUA KAUKANA kotimaastaan. Jos monien, ja erityisesti äskettäin saapuneiden, olikin aurinkoisena aattoaamuna katsottava almanakkaa uskoakseen, että päivä todellakin oli joulukuun 24:s, olivat kaikki illalla joulupöytään istuttaessa jo joutuneet juhlan tunnelman valtaan.

Kontingentin komentajaeversti Nuutilainen nousi aamulla helikopteriin toivottaakseen henkilökohtaisesti hyvää ja rauhallista joulua niille miehille, joiden tehtävät pitävät heidät ulkona maastossa, poissa pataljoonan pää-

osan yhteydestä. Ensiksi hän vieraili releasemalla Pentadakylo-sissa, minkä jälkeen helikopteri jatkoi Vounoon, Koutsovendikseen ja Mia Mileaan. Tehtyään vielä lyhyet käynnit kompanioissa komentaja päätyi esikuntaan jouluillalliselle. Tilaisuutta upseerimessissä kunniotti läsnäolollaan muos UK:n rauhanturvajoukkojen komentaja kenraali A.E. Martola.

Suomesta juhlaa varten lennätetty kinkku ja olut kruunasivat mainion aterian, ja sittenpä olikin pukin aika saapua säkkeineen. Sotilaallinen pukki lienee aluksi simpauttanut hidastelevia aputont-

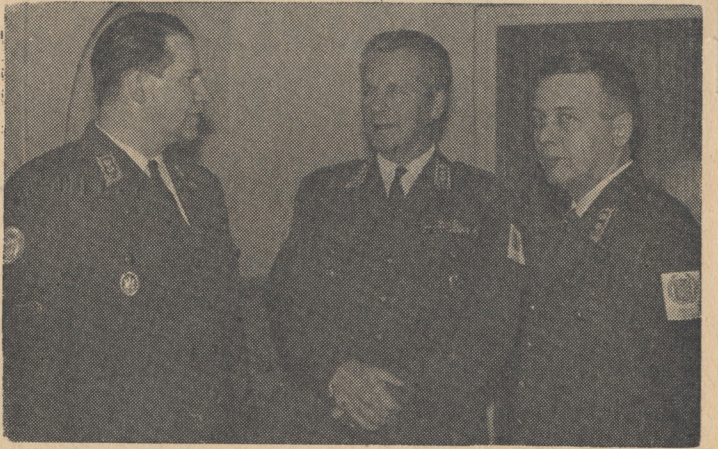
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Svenska och kanadensiska FN-trupper samarbetade under den svenske bataljonschefens befäl i Arsos fjärde söndagen i advent. Här rådslår överste Bertil Stjernfelt med chefen för den kanadensiska pansarstyrkan major Garth Hitchen (t v), medan stabschefen major David Hermansson (t h) tar emot en radiorapport.



FN visar tänderna.... Eddy Christmansson, Sundsvall (t v) och Ulf Lundqvist, Åsarna i eldställning under bataljonschefens inspektion av STR-komp.



Uusia miehiä korkeille paikoille. -Etukomennuskunta saapui Suomesta 21. 12 aamuyöstä. Seuraavana iltana oli kontingentin komentaja kutsunut vastatulleet sekä pian pois lähtevät upseerit asuntoonsa. Kuvassa komentaja keskustelelee henkilöasaston uuden päällikön evl. A.K.Kuuselan (vas) ja uuden huoltopäällikön evl L. Kuosmasen (oik) kanssa.



JULEAFTEN....

BLEV FEJRET PÅ TRADITIONEL, HYGGELIG DANSK VIS BRUNDT OMKRING I KVARTERER OG MESSER, men forinden havde velfærdskontoret arrangeret den traditionelle julebadning, der giver ret til modtagelse af en særlig "Cyprus Christmas-bath" attest. Vejret var ikke det bedste, idet der var høj søgang og stærk understrøm, og der opstod da også flere særdeles farlige situationer, der dog alle fik en lykkelig udgang.

At heller ikke befalingsmændene holdt sig tilbage, ses af billedet, som viser KN N. ørnstrup og SG Fenneberg på vej ind efter julebadet i Middelhavets bølger.

Selve juleaften holdt DANCIVPOL, der som bekendt har hovedkvarter på Saraj Hotel i Nicosia, dansk juletræsfest for hotelpersonalets børn. Alle politifolkene deltog som legeonkler, og festen blev en stor succes, som bærer lønnen i sig selv. På billedet ses overbetjent Axel Hansen, der denne aften forrettede tjeneste som en fremragende julenisse, og kriminal-overbetjent Kværndrup omgivet af glade børn med strålende øjne.

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tujaan, mutta kun kaikki sentään suurin piirtein olivat olleet kilttejä ja joululaulujen laulaminen sujui reippaasti, hänet saatiin heltymaan ja tyhjentämään pussinsa.

Jouluillan käydessä myöhäiseksi siirryttiin pöydästä jatkamaan hiljaisesti rauhan juhlaa tarinoiden ja muistaen jouluaan kaukana kylmemmissä saïssä viettäviä sukulaisia ja ystäviä.



NORWAY MAKES TWO FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORCE FINANCES

NORWAY HAS INFORMED THE UNITED NATIONS THAT IT WILL MAKE TWO FURTHER VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to the cost of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter, dated 12 December 1966, the Norwegian Permanent Representative to the UN, Mr. Edward Hambro, told U Thant that Norway would contribute the amount of 100,000 dollars to the cost of the UN Force in Cyprus for the period between 26 June and 26 December 1966.

Furthermore, Mr. Hambro said that "in view of the critical financial situation of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus", Norway had also decided to make a further contribution of approximately 20,000 dollars towards meeting the deficit in the account of UNFICYP.

COVENANTS SIGNED

THE TWO COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, one on economic, social and cultural rights and the other on civil and political rights, and an optional protocol to the latter — which were approved by the UN General Assembly before it concluded its work this month — were opened for signature last week at UN Headquarters.

The Covenant on Civil and Political Rights was signed by Costa Rica, Cyprus, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica and the Philippines.

The Covenants will come into force after 35 States have become parties to it by depositing instruments of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General.



MANDATE EXTENDED — The UN Security Council is shown above as it unanimously decided — on 15 December 1966 — to extend the stationing of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for a further period of six months, until 26 June 1967, "in the expectation that sufficient progress towards a solution by then will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force". The action in extending the stationing of UNFICYP was taken in adopting a draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Japan, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda and Uruguay.

(UN Photo)



Tiernapojat esiintyvät EK:n pihassa. Kuvassa kuningas Herodes (Paavilainen) on juuri masentanut murjaanien kuninkaan (Kinnunen) polvilleen.