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GOVERNOR O'DAY AT CANCON



Pictured above is the Honourable Fabian O'Day, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland during his brief visit to Camp Maple Leaf on Saturday. He is speaking with, left, Lieutenant Michael Sinnott of Clarenville Newfoundland, a member of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada and centre, Colonel Hale, Commander CANCON.

BRING PROBLEMS TO THE U.N.

SECRETARY-GENERAL SPEAKS TO UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IN LONDON

IN an address delivered last week to the United Nations Association of the United Kingdom in London, U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, said it was an important step in the right direction for Governments to feel able to bring problems and disputes to the United Nations, no matter how painful and embarrassing they might sometimes seem to be. Great Britain, he said, had an excellent record in this respect.

U Thant spoke of the need felt by new countries to assert their national identities and aspirations, and of the necessity for patience and understanding of their points of view during this crucial phase of their development. He said that an important function of the U.N. was to help new nations find their place in the world.

The Secretary-General said it was sometimes forgotten that almost all peace-keeping operations of the United Nations had been made necessary

by the aftermath of European colonialism, and that all current peace-keeping operations — in the Middle East, in Kashmir and in Cyprus — pertained to problems which arose from the process of British decolonization. In fact, said U Thant, one of the most useful achievements of the United Nations had been to stand watch over power vacuums created by the lapse of European influence and the subsequent process of decolonization in areas such as the Middle East or the Congo and, thus, diminish the risks of an East-West power confrontation in these areas.

The Secretary-General said that the world Organization had also been of considerable assistance to many countries in providing the means through which they could reconcile their various world commitments. He cited the conflict between India and Pakistan as a recent example.

Referring to the problem of

CLEAR VIET-NAM OBJECTIVES

SECRETARY-GENERAL TELLS U.K. PRESS — CONFERENCE OF 'MORE COMPLEX' VIET-NAM SITUATION; COMMENTS ON DISARMAMENT DEADLOCK AND PROBLEM IN RHODESIA

U N Secretary-General, U Thant, last week urged the countries directly involved in the Viet-Nameese conflict to come out with clearer objectives and define them. This, he said, was the basic issue.

There were many cases of missed opportunities in the past and the Viet-nameese problem was getting more difficult and more complex as time went on.

The Secretary-General made this statement at a press conference at the London headquarters of the International Maritime Consultative Organization.

Asked about the situation in Rhodesia, the Secretary-General

said "more courageous action" was required of Britain in the context of resolutions already adopted by the Security Council. In saying this, he added, he was reflecting the views of the majority of the United Nations Members.

On the prospect of peace in Viet-Nam, the Secretary-General said that he has been involved privately in bringing about a settlement for some three years, so far without success.

He explained why the Security Council could not be usefully involved in this context, inasmuch as of all the parties principally concerned, only one is a member of the United Nations. Furthermore, he said, the People's Republic of China feels rightly or wrongly that there

Cyprus, he said that although no long-term solution was yet in

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Bernardes meets S-G

ORAL REPORT ON CYPRUS TO U THANT, THEN TALKS IN ANKARA AND ATHENS

MR. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, met U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, in Paris last Saturday to report to him orally on developments concerning the Cyprus problem.

Mr. Bernardes is scheduled to meet the Secretary-General again today, 4 May, in Geneva where U Thant is to address the World Health Assembly.

After today's meeting with the Secretary-General, Mr. Bernardes plans to undertake a series of discussions with the Government of Turkey, in Ankara, and the Government of Greece, in Athens, on matters pertaining to the Cyprus

question.

His plan of visit to Ankara and Athens is as follows:

8 May — Arrival in Ankara.

9-11 May — Discussions with the Government of Turkey in Ankara.

12 May — Departure for Athens.

12-14 May — Discussions with the Government of Greece in Athens.

15 May — Return to Nicosia.

Prior to his departure from Nicosia on 27 April, Mr. Bernardes had meetings with Archbishop Makarios, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, and with Dr. Fazil Kuchuk, the Vice-President.

DANCON — DRESSMEN



Den indiske oberstløjtnant M.M.L. Ghai, der er operationsofficer ved UNEF i Gaza, har været paa en uges besøg ved UNFICYP. I tirsdags var han paa rundvisning i DANCON's omraade, og ved en stilling i B-kompagniets afsnit blev dette billede taget. Fra venstre ses den danske major K.L. Hansen, der gør tjeneste i staben ved UNFICYP; oberstløjtnant Ghai; chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant E. Lorenzen; chefen for Bravo, kaptajn C.N. Bech og premierløjtnant K.N. Ikast fra DANCON's stab.

DIPLOMER FOR KOERSEL



For at fremme færdselssikkerheden blandt UNFICYP's motorvognsførere indstiftedes ved nytår et diplom, der tildeles faste motorvognsførere som har haft tre måneders fejlfri kørsel paa Cypern. Af DANCON's 118 chauffører har 66 gjort sig fortjente til diplom pr. 1 April. Kontingentets motorsagkyndige, kaptajn S.E. Nielsen ses her sammen med konstabel H. Jørgensen fra stabskompagniets motorpulje, som netop har fået udleveret det efteriragtede dokument.



Klar til Rotation

DANCON V's FORKOMMANDO ANKOMMET

Omsider foreligger den af mange med spænding og forventning imødesete plan for udskiftningen af det danske kontingent. Flyvningerne udføres af det svenske charterselskab TRANSAIR, der anvender DC 7 B fly til at danne luftbroen mellem Kastrup og Nicosia.

I onsdags ankom DANCON V's forkommando på ialt 88 mand. I denne styrke indgår en række officerer til den nye stab, en del nøglepersonel til stabskompagniet og de tre lette kompagnier samt 24 mand, der skal danne det nye militær-politikommando. Flyet satte

samme dag kursen mod Danmark lastet med 88 rekaptulanter, eller gengangere, som de normalt kaldes, der mod at give afkald på to måneders gengangertilæg får fem dages orlov i Danmark.

Fortsættes side tre . . .

CANADISKE JOURNALISTER



I lørdags var der atter pressefolk paa den grønne linie, denne gang fra Canada. Det drejede sig om to journalister og fotografer, Dirk Aberson fra Brandon Sun og Fred Ross fra Kingston Whig-Standard. Rundvisningen blev forestaaet af premierløjtnant P. Ditlefsen, der her udpeger Balcony House. Tirsdag morgen var canadierne atter paa den grønne linie, denne gang med filmcameraer. Optagelserne var til canadisk TV.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

Black Watch
con inue CANCON
tradition

PIPE BAND VISITS CHILDREN'S HOME

ON Friday last members of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada visited the Red Cross Hospital for sick children at Kyrenia. The Battalion Pipes and Drums provided musical entertainment while other members of the unit distributed their own individual forms of goodwill.

It has been customary for

the units of CANCON to support this hospital through purchase of specialized hospital equipment and self-help projects. A large number of individuals, not satisfied with the unit efforts can be seen on almost any day during their off-duty hours, visiting the children and distributing gifts.



Lance Corporal Doug Moulton, a piper with the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada lends a helping hand to one of the children of the Red Cross Hospital for Sick Children in Kyrenia.

Company Sergeant Major, John MacNeil, of the 2nd Bn The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, shares a joke with a crippled child at the Red Cross Hospital.

Newfoundland Governor
pays visit to CANCON

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THE Honourable Fabian O'Day Lieutenant Governor of the province of Newfoundland, paid a short visit to CANCON on Saturday. He was met at Nicosia Airport by his Excellency, Thomas Wainman-Wood the Canadian High-Commissioner for Cyprus, and escorted to Camp Maple Leaf where he met and spoke with some of the 120 Newfoundland soldiers serving with CANCON. He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many soldiers from his home province and praised them for the part they were playing in their peace-keeping task on the Island.

DANCON — NYT

KLAR TIL ROTATION

Hovedstyrken udskiftes i perioden 10 - 18 Maj. Den 10 Maj kommer det første hold gengangere tilbage fra orlov, og samme dag returnerer maskinen med 50 mand fra statskompagniet, 20 MP'ere og 6 mand fra hvert af de lette kompagnier. Næste dag flyver 44 gengangere på orlov, og resten af pladserne i maskinen optages af 8 mand fra stabskompagniet og 36 mand fra C-kompagniet. Den 12 Maj forlader resten af det gamle C-kompagni Cypern, og dagen efter afgår 55 mand fra stabskompagniet sammen med henholdsvis 15 og 18 fra Alfa og Bravo.

Efter nogle dages pause fortsætter flyvningerne den 17 Maj, og med dette fly afgår resten af B-kompagniet samt 10 mand fra stabskompagniet. Den 18 Maj flyves den sidste personeltransport mod Danmark, og dagen efter kommer de sidste DANCON V folk, flyet returnerer, men kun lastet med gods.

DANCON V bliver ialt på cirka 650 mand. I dette tal indgår omtrent 150 gengangere fra DANCON IV.

Den nye chef bliver oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal fra Falsterske Fodregiment. Endnu vides det ikke med hvilken transport oberstløjtnanten kommer til Cypern.



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It is difficult to believe that it is still only spring with the average daily temperature in the eighties. Water for the camp comes by road from a nearby town and the picture (above) shows three members of B Coy at the water truck (from left): Tpr Thomas Cannon of Fermoy, Co Cork; Pte Phillip Bennet of Kildare and Tpr John Clifford of New Inn, Co Tipperary.

Pictures taken on 24th April at Kokkina Camp where B Company, 6th Inf Gp took over from the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. Picture (above) shows Lieut Brian Poett (left) who handed over the Camp, Lieut John ('Junior') Cummins, the well known athlete, and Comdt. A. McMahon, Coy Comdr.



Guitarists Ptes Anthony Attridge and James McCarthy, both of Cork City, surrounded by a happy group at Kokkina Camp.

Brigadier Wilson visits 6th Infantry Group Headquarters

THE Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A. J. Wilson, CBE, MC, will visit Headquarters, 6th Infantry Group, at Xeros Camp, today Wednesday, 4th May.

The news items received for the past week were mainly related to the games programme in the different camps. Three basket-

ball matches were played in Xeros. On Tuesday, a selection from Signals and Transport had a 36 point to 30 point victory over Engineers and Band and on the following day, the Adm Coy lost to A Coy (attached) by 20 points to 27 points. At Camp McAuley, A Coy Volleyball team beat Lefka Sports on 24th April and on the following two Sundays teams will play the local Club in basketball and soccer.



LAST
DETAILS
FOR
UNFICYP
TRANSPORT
NCO

Corporal Peter Pestall, OC HQ UNFICYP Transport, returned to the United Kingdom on Monday, 1st May, after a period of 65 Squadron's tour of service with

ROTATION BRINGS BACK 18 SQN PERSONNEL

—Some for fourth time

THE present 18 Squadron Detachment RAF in support of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force is commanded by Flight-Lieutenant Jock Young, who is now on his second tour with the Force. Of the remaining seventeen officers, NCOs and men in the Detachment, the large majority are now on their third and fourth tours.

The Squadron is stationed at Bielefeld in Germany, from where personnel are seconded for two months at a time for service with UNFICYP. All but a few members of the Squadron now wear the United Nations medal for service in Cyprus.

Flying the three Wessex helicopters with which the Detachment is equipped is Jock Young himself, Flight Lieutenant Harry Marment and Master Pilot Taff Walker one of the Squadron's qualified helicopter instructors who, in addition to his normal duties as a pilot, is responsible for carrying out three-monthly and half-yearly checks on pilots. Flight Sergeants Ray Pearson, Dave Petyt and Ron Greenaway complete the aircrew element and Flight Sergeant Bernie Bernard is the Detachment's NCO i/c groundcrew.

The Detachment continues to be responsible for resupply of the Canadian Contingent posts at Hilltop and Karmi atop the Kyrenia mountain range every second day. Change round of troops in the Limassol Zone and also in Lefka District remains one of their recurring tasks.

The usual high state of serviceability of the Squadron's Detachments has reached a new peak during the current period and it is this that has enabled the present Detachment to carry out the extra work involved in the recent redeployments.

Casualty evacuation remains a task of the highest priority and it is mainly for this that the Detachment maintains a twenty-four hour a day stand-by service including Sundays and public holidays.

The present Detachment has carried out two CASEVACS since its arrival. One which entailed the recovery of a badly injured soldier from Kokkina to the Austrian Field Hospital, was completed in a record one hour and five minutes from start to finish. This flight included picking up a medical officer and orderly from the Austrian Field Hospital on the way to recover the injured man and fifty-five minutes flying time. The other CASEVAC was carried out at night in total darkness.

During normal working hours, aircraft are usually airborne within five minutes of the receipt of an emergency call. Outside working hours, when the aircrew are at rea-

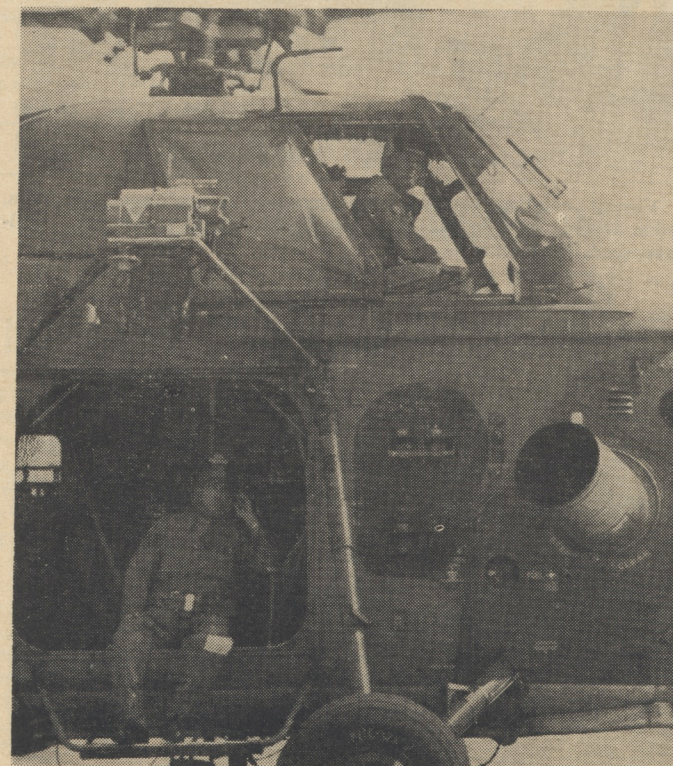
Flight-Lieutenant Jock Young (left), the Detachment Commander, is seen here with the NCO i/c groundcrew, Flight Sergeant Bernie Bernard.



Sgt. refuels one of the Detachment's Wessex helicopters.



Sergeant Alan Clare on maintenance work on one of the Wessexes.



At the controls of the Wessex, Flight-Lieutenant Harry Marment, with Flight Sergeant Dave Petyt as aircrew.



VIERAILIJOITA NÄYTTÄÄ RIITTÄVÄN

VIHREALLA LINJALLA



Porkshop-hillillä tutustuttiin tilanteeseen. Kuvassa 'hakapää' Hemmi Kurki selotamassa ev Koskenpalolle, maj Sinivuorelle ja suurlähettiläs-parille kukkulan erikoisuuksia.



Vieraat nauttivat 'keyven kenttalounaan' Neapoliksen klinikalla. Pöydän ääressä suurlähettiläs Vahervuori, ev Lehti, evl evp Ahola ja pataljoonapääseeri, evl-Lehtovirta.



Huoltopäällikkö, evl Koskinen kuljetustoimiston puolella selvittämässä 'ralli-miehille' näkemyksiään.

Kesän kynnysellä meillä on käynyt paljon vieraita. Edellisen numeron suomankielinen palsta oli omistettu Brigadier Wilsonin vierailulle. Hänen jälkeen suomalaisen valvontajoukko-osastoon ovat tutustuneet mm. Rooman suurlähettiläs ja rouva Oskari Vahervuori, Pääesikunnan koulutusosaston päällikkö, ev T.O. Lehti, saman esikunnan järjestelytoimiston pääll., evl Korpikoski sekä evl evp Arvo Ahola ja maisteri T Ijäs Puolustusministeriöstä.

Vierailujen lukuisuus osoittaa selvästi, että meitä ei ole unohdettu ja että meihin halutaan tutustua. Toivottavasti vain olemme tehneet hyvän vaikutuksen, sillä vieraat ovat olleet arvovaltaisia. Lisäksi he ovat tottuneita havainnoitsijoita ja heidän sanoillaan on painoa niin ulkomailla kuin kotona.

Kokemuksesta kuitenkin tiedämme, että pelkkä auringonpalvonta ja Väliimeressä pulikointi ei riitä täyttämään viihtyvyytemme asettamia tarpeita. Paras keino pitkästyneisyyden tunteen voittamiseksi on erilaisten omatoimisten viihde-, valistus-, harrastus- ja urheilutalouksien järjestämisessä.



Eversti T O Lehti käväisi myös turvajoukkojen esikunnan kaikkein pyhimmissä, jossa hän tutustui tilanteeseen evl Rajaksen, kapt Yuillin ja maj Lopmeren opastuksella.

LISAA VIERAITA ODOTETTAVISSA.

Edellainnuttujen ns. virallisten vierailujen lisäksi pataljoonan alueeseen on käynyt tutustumassa kaksi televisiokuvausryhmää Ruotsista ja Italiasta. Lisäksi meitä ovat käyneet vilkaisemassa sveitsiläisen lehtiyhtymän edustaja ja pari kansainvälisen uutistoimiston toimittajaa. Vain tärkeimmät mainitaksimme.

Kaikki tämä on rutiininomaista ja meidän on jatkuvasti pystyttävä tasapaiseen kilpailuun muihin kontingentteihin kuuluvien kaartinjoukko-osastojen kanssa. Olemme tähän edustamassa suomalaisen sotaväen valtiota.

Eivätkä nämä vierailut tähän lopu, sillä ulkomaisten havainnoitsijoiden lisäksi meillä ennakkotietojen mukaan ehkä kohtaan odotettavissa kenraalivieraita aina Suomesta asti. Sietää siis pitää paikat kunnossa.

PELKKÄ AURINGONOTTO JA UIMINEN EI RIITÄ

Kesähelteitten koittaessa meitä saattaa alkaa laiskoittaa. Palvelustehtävien ohessa monella tuskin enää riittää voimia muuhun kuin auringonottoon ja uimiseen.

Sen vuoksi lienee parasta, että kukin yksikkö jo nyt ryhtyy kokemaan kesäkuudestaan urheilumiehien ja joukkueiden kesän palloilusarjoja ja muita koitoksia varten. Poimittakoon samalla esiin taiteilijakyyä aseveli-iltoja, radio- ja tv-esiintymisiä varten. Kyllä näinkin suuresta miesjoukosta löytyy.

LIELENOPISELUSTA HYVÄ KAAKE

Pitkät iltapuhteet saa myös mainiosti kulumaan opiskelun merkeissä. Nimenomaan englannin kielen opiskelua varten on pataljoonasta saatavissa hyviä kursseja.

Illalla opittua voi näppärästi soveltaa päivittäisessä rauhanturvaamistehtävässämme. Keskustelussa paikkakuntalaisten ja muihin kontingentteihin kuuluvien asetoverien kanssa. Keskustelussa taito hioutuu ja rohkeus lisääntyy.

Täällä on moni oppinut englantia eikä tästä taidosta ole hyötyä yksinomaan Kyproksella vaan maailmassa, kotona ja työpaikalla.

SVENSK SKOLE-TV.....
SWEDISH TV TEAM HERE.....
SVENSK TV PAA CYPERN.....



Forrige mandag var der filmsoptagelser paa den grønne linie. Det var et hold fra svensk skole-TV, der havde hørt rygter om C-kompagniets fremragende skuespillere, og TV-folkene blev ikke skuffede. Fra venstre ses lydtekniker Stig Maurin, fotografen Leif Kristiansson, chefen for C-kompagniet, major og chefinstruktør J. Højland Christensen og produceren Bo Lundberg.

SWEDISH EDUCATIONAL TV TEAM HERE: Last week a team from the Swedish Educational Television Section visited Cyprus to make a short film for Schools' viewing on the duties and life of UNFICYP. Pictured above on the 'Green Line' in Nicosia with Major J. Højland Christensen, second from right, the commander of 'C' Company, DANCON, are left to right, Stig Maurin, sound technician, Leif Kristiansson, photographer, and Bo Lundberg, the producer.

Ett Svenskt TV — team har den sista veckan varit verksamt paa Cypern. Man har bl. a. filmat 'Green Line' i Nicosia. Fr. v. syns tekniker Stig Maurin, fotograf Leif Kristiansson, Maj Højland Christensen och producent Bo Lundberg.

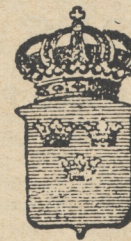
Hektiska dagar för svenska TV

Det svenska TV-teamet - Bo Lundberg, Leif Kristiansson och Stig Maurin - har sannerligen inte legat på latsidan under den gångna veckan! Zonpressofficeren har guidat och besökt otaliga inrättningar för erhållande av tillstånd att filma osv.

Facit ser ut så här: Kyreniakonvojens start i Nicosia samt bilder under dess färd. Ett bejublat besök i en ny turkypriotisk skola, där det var fara värt att utrustningen skulle trampas ned! Vidare ett heldagsbesök på fästningen S:t Hilarion, som verkligen gav utplånliga skönhetsintryck.

Man har vidare avverkat Kyrenia, Troodos och givetvis Famagusta, där Ferretvagnarna tilldrog sig det största intresset. Ett otal intervjuer har gjorts med bl.a. Representanthusets talman mr Cleides och med vicepresidenten dr. Kutchuk.

På onsdagen lämnade Sveriges Radios representanter Afrodites fagra ö och styrde kosan norrut. Fredagen den 13 kommer programmet att sändas i skol-TV, varför producenten Bo Lundberg får bråda dagar vid hemkomsten att redigera det digra materialet från Cypern.



Den varma och vackra Medelhavet tilldrar sig tydligen stort intresse just nu. Samtidigt har nämligen två andra TV-team varit verksamma här jämsides med det svenska. Ett sexmanna-lag från Kanada och grupp på fem från Italien.

ELDPROV FÖR BAT 34C— TACKELEGRAM FRÅN A.F.C.

Rotationen av den svenska bataljonen är nu genomförd. Trots en försening i början av transporter kunde hela operationen genomföras utan missöden.

Övriga kontingenter som rotat den sista tiden är den engelska, kanadensiska, irländska och finska. Den totala styrkan på Cypern är nu 4.957 inklusive civilpolis och civil stab på HQ i Nicosia.

En vanlig tendens i rotationstider är ökad aktivitet av skildaslag inom olika områden. Det har kommit som ett brev på posten vid varje tidigare byte av bataljon. Så också nu när 34 C succesivt avlöste sin föregångare.

En ökad upptrappning av situationen i Larnaca-området har kulminerat under den sista veckan. Det har bl.a. inneburit att bataljonschefen, överste Lavén, staben, och 3. komp har haft jäkliga dagar. Man har dock genom skicklighet och tålmod klarat krisen och överste Lavén fick den 1 maj ett telegram från AFC brigadör Wilson så lydande: "Ytterst tack-sam för Edert utmärkta handlande avseende Larnaca-operationen. Edra åtgärder har visat sig vara synnerligen effektiva i ett tänkbart farligt läge".

SE UPP i trafiken....

Enligt statistiken svarar UNFICYP för 10% av trafikolyckorna på Cypern. Under 1965 inträffade 400 olyckor, där FN-fordon var inblandade. Mer än 99% av dessa berodde på föraren och icke på brister i fordon eller på vägbanan.

Sedan april 1964 då FN-kom till Cypern har 18 döds och över 300 skadats.

Tänk på dessa siffror Du som nyligen kommit från ett relativt "lätt-kört" Sverige. Här är visserligen vänstertrafik - men högertrafik - det är stor skillnad!

Det är absolut nödvändigt att inte överskrida gällande hastighetsbegränsningar. Och överhuvud taget uppträda hänsynsfullt och försiktigt i den förhållandevis stora trafiken på ön.

Speed kills - kill speed!

LATE NEWS FROM U.N. HEADQUARTERS:

'ISRAELI AGGRESSION' CHARGE BY JORDAN

IN a letter to the United Nations Security Council, Jordan has charged Israel with carrying out unprovoked acts of "naked aggression" against her territory and people on the night of 29/30th April, resulting in eight civilian deaths, the wounding of four civilians and two soldiers and demolition of twenty-three houses.

Ambassador Muhammed El-Farra of Jordan said in a letter that units of the Israeli regular armed forces had penetrated into Jordan to attack innocent civilians, and that these actions constituted grave violations of the General Armistice Agreement and of the UN Charter, and threatened peace and security.

Mr El-Farra said Jordan had asked for an urgent meeting of the mined Jordan-Israel Armistice Commission to consider these "acts of lawless-

ness" and that she reserved the right to request a meeting of the Security Council to adopt adequate measures. The letter said that the aggression on Jordan had been admitted by Israeli authorities, who had tried to justify it as an act of reprisal for alleged activities directed against them from Jordan. However, said Mr. El-Farra the Armistice Commission had already examined one of these Israeli charges and found no evidence to substantiate it.

S-G SPEAKS ON ROLE OF U.N.

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sight, fighting had been largely stopped and some of the tensions reduced as a result of the U.N. peace-keeping operation. The Secretary-General gave much of the credit for this success to Britain's "ready and generous co-operation".

U Thant added that he felt bound to state that the prospects for making the peace-keeping role of the United Nations more effective and reliable for the future were "extremely uncertain" because of political and constitutional reasons.

While welcoming efforts of a number of Governments to earmark contingents for future U.N. use, U Thant said he nevertheless feared that in the near future the "United Nations may be less able to respond effectively to threats to peace than hitherto". He commented in this connection that he regarded the present method of voluntary and optional financing for the Cyprus operation "as a retrograde step" in the general development of the U.N. peace-keeping capacity.

The Secretary-General emphasized the importance of the less publicized activities in the economic and social fields to which the United Nations devotes something like 85 per cent of its total effort, in terms of men and money. He said the consolidated development programmes, the recent establishment of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, and the intensified work in industrialization were at least a good beginning in facing the dangerous challenge posed by the growing gulf between the rich and the poor.

U Thant noted that Britain had been the second largest contributor to the U.N. Development Programme and had provided more skilled persons for advisory and training services than any other country in the world.

The Secretary-General stressed the need for idealism, realism, and perseverance in efforts to strengthen the present system of international order.

The Secretary-General addressed the London meeting in the course of a ten-day trip to Europe with a schedule including talks with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, meetings in Paris with the French President, General Charles de Gaulle, and a meeting in Strasbourg with the Committee of the Ministerial Council of Europe.

RHODESIA

PORTUGUESE REPLY TO U.N.

Will consider Security-Council
resolution as recommendation
and not as mandatory

PORTUGAL has informed the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, that she must consider as a simple recommendation, and not as mandatory, the Security Council resolution of 9th April calling on Portugal and Great Britain to take measures to prevent oil from reaching Rhodesia via the port of Beira in the Portuguese territory of Mozambique.

Specifically, that resolution called on Britain to use force, if necessary, to prevent vessels carrying oil presumably destined for Rhodesia from arriving at the port of Beira, and it called on Portugal not to permit oil to be pumped through the pipeline from Beira to Rhodesia, and not to receive at Beira oil destined for Rhodesia.

In his letter to the Secretary-General, the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Mr. Franco Nogueira, advances two arguments which he considers lead to the necessary conclusion that the 9th April resolution was not mandatory but simply a recommendation.

In the first place, the Portuguese Foreign Minister argues that the resolution addresses itself only to assumptions not to facts — the possibility that oil may reach Rhodesia and may be pumped by the pipeline through Mozambique. These assumptions, he says, were not established, much less proved and therefore constitute no proper basis for the operative clauses calling for action with serious implications which could have a meaning only if based on facts.

Secondly, Foreign Minister Nogueira draws attention to the article of the U.N. Charter which provides that decisions of the Security Council on all other than procedural matters shall be made with the concurring votes of the

permanent members — Great Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States. He argues that implicit in this text is the meaning that a negative vote or abstention of a permanent member prevents the Council from taking a positive decision. And he notes that both France and the Soviet Union abstained from the vote on the Council resolution of 9th April.

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is someone on the Council who should not be there.

On several questions put to the Secretary-General regarding Rhodesia, U Thant said he had to be guided by the resolutions already adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council in this regard.

Asked if he would take a personal initiative to break the deadlock prevailing at the Disarmament Commission in Geneva, the Secretary-General said he did not plan any initiative at this time and was convinced that all members of the Committee are seriously trying to make some progress in the direction of preventing a further proliferation of nuclear arms and the banning of

DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE TO MEET IN AFRICA

THE U.N. General Assembly's Decolonization Committee decided last week to hold a series of meetings in Africa in May.

The Committee will visit successively, Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia, the United Arab Republic and Algeria.

A wide range of African issues is on the agenda along with several Middle Eastern problems.

STOP PRESS

United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, continuing his European tour, is today (Wednesday) scheduled to address the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Yesterday, after arriving from Paris on Monday, the Secretary-General had private meetings with Ministers of the Council.

further nuclear tests.

The Secretary-General is spending ten days — from 25th April to 5th May — visiting London, Paris, Strasbourg and Geneva.



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GUINEA SUPPORTS DEPOSED PRESIDENT NKRUMAH

IN a letter to the UN Security Council last week, Ghana charged that President Sekou Toure of Guinea had resorted to military threats and subversion in support of Mr. Kwame Nkrumah, deposed Ghanaian President.

Ambassador F.S. Arkhurst of Ghana said in his letter that Mr. Sekou Toure had publicly declared on 10 March that he was preparing to send troops to Ghana to put down those who had overthrown Mr. Nkrumah. Besides threatening military action, he said, Mr. Sekou Toure had made available to Mr. Nkrumah broadcasting facilities for inflammatory

broadcasts against the new Government of Ghana.

He said Ghana had no objection to Mr. Nkrumah being granted political asylum in Guinea, but protested strongly against his using that country as a base for subversion against Ghana. Even more serious, he added, was Mr. Sekou Toure's so — described "declaration of war".

Ambassador Achkar-Marof of Guinea said in a letter of reply that charges of "a declaration of war" were "pure figments of the imagination" which deserved "to be ignored by any responsible person".

Mr. Achkar added that his Government did not think it owed "any explanation to the unlawful Accra regime" for any broadcast which "President Kwame Nkrumah, head of the Ghanaian State" may have made over the Guinean National Broadcasting Station.

He also said that African States should "take to heart" the provision of the UN Charter which calls on parties to regional arrangements to make every effort to achieve a peaceful settlement of local disputes through those arrangements before taking them to the Security Council.