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AUSTRIAN XMAS CHEER



The Austrian Field Hospital personnel were busy last week distributing gifts to Cypriot orphans and sick children. The presents had been donated through the kind offices of the Austrian Government. The photograph shows Major A. Schwartz, the Hospital Adjutant, handing out candy to an eager hand.

S-G's CONDOLENCES OVER HOLT'S DEATH

On 18 December, the Secretary-General, U Thant, sent the following message to the Minister for External Affairs of Australia, Mr Paul Hasluck:

"I was deeply distressed to learn of the sad loss of Prime Minister Harold Holt under circumstances leading to presumption that he must have died by drowning on 17 December. I had appreciated recent meeting with him when we discussed questions of mutual interest and his passing comes to me with a sense of personal loss. Please accept, on behalf of the Government, and convey to Mrs Holt and other members of the bereaved family, my most sincere condolences."

OSORIO-TAFALL BACK

Mr B. F. Ossorio-Tafall, Special Representative in Cyprus of the Secretary-General, returned to Cyprus on Christmas Eve from New York where he spent ten days in consultations with the Secretary-General and other United Nations Officials at UN Headquarters.

UN ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES FIRST PART OF SESSION

The 123-nation General Assembly of the United Nations last week completed the main portion of its 22nd session which was held at UN Headquarters in New York since mid-September, leaving the issues of the Middle East, South West Africa and nuclear proliferation open for consideration at a resumed meeting on a date to be determined later.

As he adjourned the Assembly shortly after midnight on Tuesday, 19 December, the President — Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu of Romania, looked back over the work of the past three months. He said the session had faced many complex issues affecting world peace and security and economic and social progress, and had succeeded in some cases in reaching solutions going to the very heart of the problems.

These results had been achieved, said Mr Manescu, despite unfavourable international conditions arising from conflict and tensions in Viet-Nam and the Middle East.

He said the continued war in Viet-Nam and the intensified bombing of the North involved the greatest danger to peace at present. On the Middle East, he stressed the need for the countries

FORCE MANDATE EXTENDED THREE MONTHS

On Friday last, 22 December 1967, the 15-nation UN Security Council agreed on a further three-month extension of the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus, while stressing the need for a new and determined effort by the parties to arrive at a peaceful and permanent settlement of the Cyprus problem in line with the Council's objectives.

The Council invited Cyprus, Greece and Turkey to promptly avail themselves of the good offices proffered by the UN Secretary-General and further called on all parties concerned to continue to show utmost moderation and restraint and to refrain from any act which might aggravate the situation.

A resolution to this effect was unanimously approved by the Council after being presented by its President, Chief Adebo of Nigeria, as a product of two weeks of intensive consultations.

The Secretary-General, U Thant, told the Council he was immediately requesting contingents to the UN Force in Cyprus to continue to make them available for a new three-month period

ending 26 March 1968.

U Thant also assured the parties concerned he was immediately available to them, and would do everything to help them find a way to resolve their differences. He expressed the hope that they would respond to the Council's invitation without delay.

The Secretary-General added that he would have welcomed clear guidance by the Council on basic points which had been the

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subject of much negotiation while the resolution was being drafted, bearing in mind the sharply divergent views of some of the parties on the issues that might be raised in forthcoming discussions with him or his representatives. The weight of the Council's views would have been invaluable to him in exercising his good offices, he said, and in its absence, he felt he must warn of the difficulties that lay ahead. Therefore, said the Secretary-General, he regarded it as necessary to reiterate, "in the strongest possible terms" his call to the parties concerned "to display the statesmanship and goodwill which is essential to resolve this complex and long-standing question."

Ambassador Armand Berard of France told the Council he had no objection to the three-month extension of the UN Peace-keeping Force, but without broadening its functions. Stating that the only purpose of the Force was to meet an emergency situation, he stressed that a dangerous status quo must not be perpetuated and that efforts toward a durable settlement must be intensified following the recent crisis.

Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko of the Soviet Union said the people of Cyprus must be allowed to solve internal problems without outside interference and called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops and the elimination of (Continued on P. 6)

directly concerned to seek a negotiated solution which would lay the foundations for a lasting peace and ensure that the legitimate rights of all the peoples of the region were safeguarded through the renunciation of any claims to territorial annexation as a result of military operations.

The Assembly President pointed out that the Security Council had unanimously adopted a resolution designed to help lead the way out of the Middle East deadlock. Acting under the terms of that resolution the Secretary-General's special envoy, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, last week completed initial contacts with the Governments of Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic, and had returned to his headquarters in Cyprus.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



Sgt Brian Baker serves the cake during the Fort Garrys Christmas party for the children in the village of Ayia Irini.



Santa and his helpers get a rousing welcome from the children of Karmi village in Kyrenia District. In disguise, these are members of 1 Bn, The Black Watch, who give out bags of candy, ice cream and presents to each girl and boy. Also, along with the entertainment troupe were the pipes and drums — which sent the sheep and goat herders fleeing in a desperate effort to head off their stampeding flocks. Cpl George Genge of A Coy stands in for Santa.



Cpl Dave Coe of the Fort Garry Horse Reconnaissance Squadron passes out the refreshments to two blushing young girls in the school at Ayia Irini. The Fort Garrys also served cake, pop, candy and ice cream to the children of this village as part of the special Christmas party.

Two of Santa's helpers, Cpl Wilf Pettipas from Support Company and Cpl Doug Smith of C Company, pass out the ice cream at Karmi.

Representatives from Camp Maple Leaf's "Rock Island Inn" visited the Red Cross hospital for sick children in Kyrenia and distributed bags of candy to the children. The candy was purchased with donations received from the men's club. Here Cpls Lou Tattre, Dave Landry and "Spook" Gallant make the presentation.



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European Cup: HQ To Play In Semi-Finals

In the quarter-finals of the European Cup which was played on a 'two-leg' basis, the Sgts Mess of HQ UNFICYP beat the RE Sgts Mess Dhekelia by an aggregate score of 9 goals to Nil.

The first leg was played at RAF Nicosia on Sunday 10th Dec and resulted in a win for HQ UNFICYP by 7 goals to 2.

KOMENTAJA VAIHTUU

Vuoden vaihdetta ja taas tapahtuvaa pataljoonan rotaatiota odotellessa saimme saarelle koti-Suomen pakkasista etukomennuskunnan, joka on jo tarmokkaasti ehtinyt aloittaa perehtymisen tuleviin tehtäviinsä. Etujoukon mukana saapui pataljoonalle myös uusi komentaja eversti Jussi Jyrhämä. Nykyinen pataljoonan komentajamme eversti Veikko Rusanenhan palaa kotimaahan vuoden taitteessa kotiutuvien rauhanturvaajien kera.

Toimituksemme toivottaakin kaikkien poislähtevien puolesta niin uudelle komentajalle ja töitään jatkamaan jääville kuin niitä aloittaville uusille miehillekin työntöä ja työylpeyttä saarella suoritettavassa rauhanturvaamistehtävässä: olemmehan kuitenkin loppujen lopuksi oikeita suomalaisia!



Myös toimituksemme tiloihin kävi uusi komentaja kierroksellaan tutustumassa. Siitä ylläoleva kuvamme. - Miehät vaihtuvat myös toimituksessa ja samalla tiedotusrintamalla: entinen tiedotusmies varustelemassa uutta tiedottajaa kapt Esko Heikkistä. Samalla kiitos toimituksen poislähtevälle puurtajalle ylik Raimo Eräselälle!

FINCON NEWS



JUL UTE, JUL INNE JUL I VART SVENSKT FN-SINNE

Dåligt med snö, inte samma stjärnetindrande julhimmel och inte mors julbord precis - och för de flesta av oss en jul långt från nära och kära, men en svensk jul blev det i alla fall här nere på Cypern llngt från Sverige, med julgran, klappar, julmat, otta, m.m.

Signalisterna på Gold Fish Camp (fr.v.) Leif Andersson, Nils Ternestål och Tage Forsberg ger oss en glimt av svenska bataljonens cypernjul 1967.



SWEDCON NEWS



Bataljonschefens nyårshälsning

TACK FÖR GOTT ISAMRBETE 1967. 1968 KAN GE OSS SVÄRARE UPPGIFTER. LÖS DEM I SAMMA ANDA.

GOTT NYTT ÅR!

P.S. Wallin

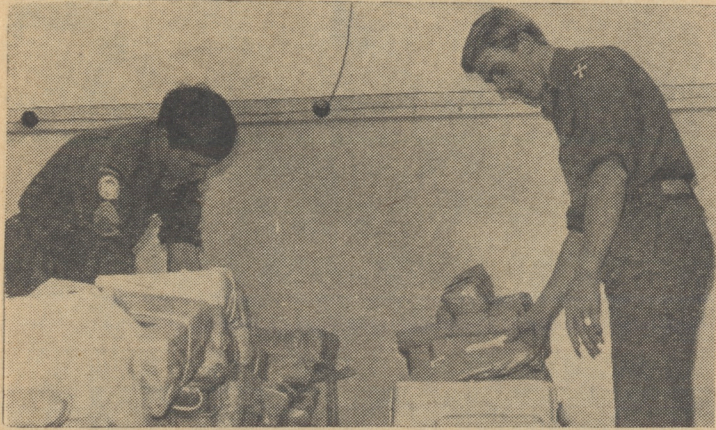


UPPSKATTAT BESÖK AV JERRING

Radioveteranen och alla FN-svenskars mångåriga vän Sven Jerring kom och för även i år. Och hann som vanligt göra en mängd inspelningar, på bilden med andrakompanisten Ingemar Johansson. Ett uppskattat besök till glädje för många!

JULEN ER OVER OS

DANCON - NYT

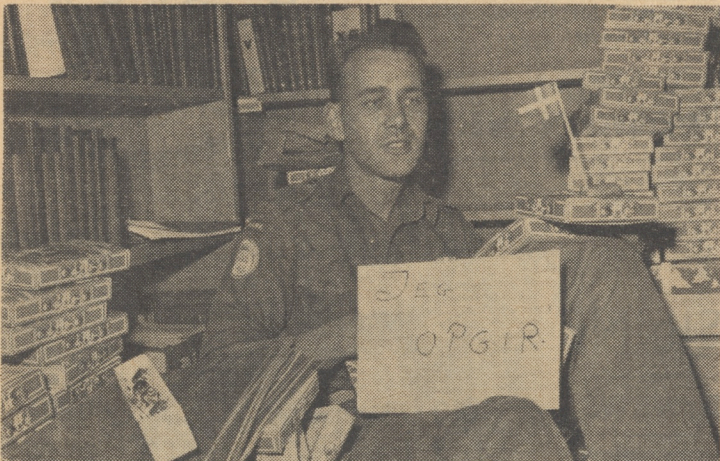


og så blev der travlhed udover det sædvanlige i DANCON. Juleposten slog alle hidtidige bestående rekorder, idet der med den sidste SCACYP inden jul blev afsendt 3½ t i pakkepost alene, og ren brevpost nåede på den mest hektiske dag op over 30 kg. Her skal nævnes, at brevposten normalt ligger på højst 4 kg.

Et andet sted i DANCON, hvor der også blev slidt med julearrangementer, var i velfærdstjenesten - orlovsky, juletræer, glimmer, Svikmøllen, julelys og meget meget andet blev administreret og fordelt fra velfærdskontoret.



"Stik mig lige smørret" lød det på jysk igennem "Central Catering" på Dhekelia basen - her var der nemlig også dansk juleaktivitet. I dagene 18., 19. og 20. DEC blev ca. 130 æg, 70 kg mel, 65 kg smør og margarine, 25 kg sukker samt en mængde danske krydderier omsat til ca. 22.000 småkager af 6 dygtige bagere. Disse 6 bagere (SG Pederesen, KS Jensen, KS Hansen alle STKMP, KS Christiansen C-COY og KS Johansen Lou), som alle er bager af civil uddannelse, lagde al deres kunnen i bagværket, for på denne måde at give julen et så dansk præg som overhovedet muligt.



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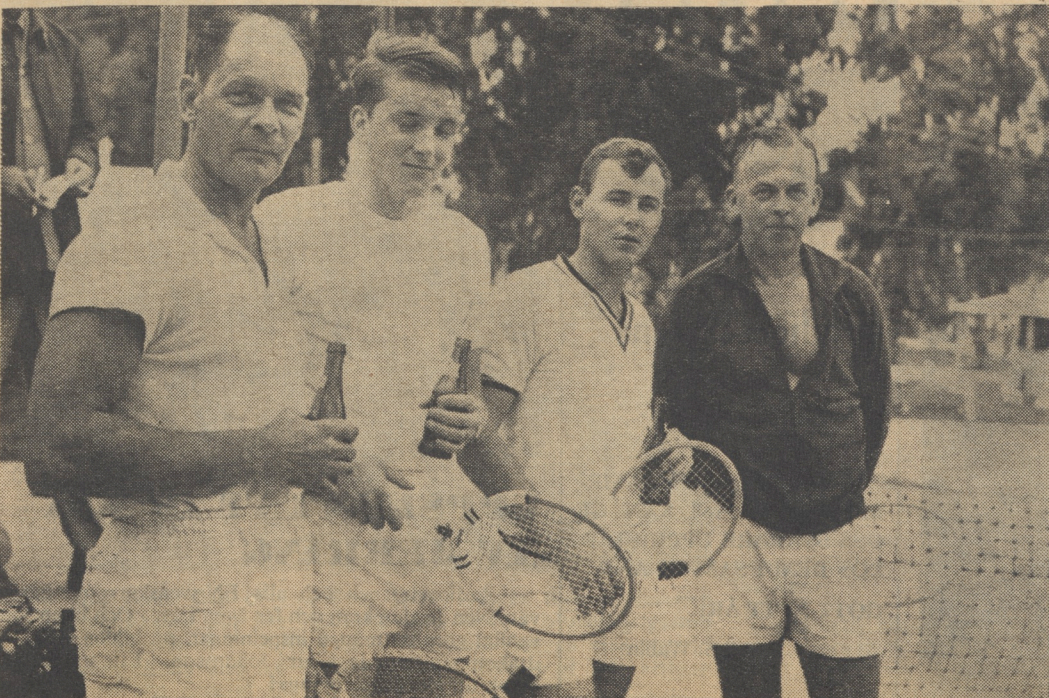
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SPANNANDE DUBBEL AVGJORDE STR:s TENNISMÄSTERSKAP

Lördagen den 16 denna månad avgjordes tennisdubbeln i STR:s kompanimästerskap på Carl Gustaf Camps bana. Och det blev en spännande match, som ändå slutade med vinst i två set, nämligen för bataljonschefen överste Per Sune Wallin och hans partner och stf överstelöjtnant Börje Wiktorsson.

Motståndare var två tennisspelare ur bataljonens personal vid HQ i Nicosia, korporal Kjell Gustavson och hundförare Christer Karlsson.

En trevlig dubbel, och därför publicerar vi denna bild, Gustavsson och Karlsson omgivna av öv Wiktorsson och Sune Wallin. P.S. Det har kommit till red:s kännedom, att HQ-spelarna har blodad tand för revansch i singelmästerskapen. D.S.



SON'S GREETINGS

UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL

the text of a message by the Secretary-General, the staff of the United Nations just before

ally the season good cheer. As approaches, we in the world in the cheer. In the I have seen greater inter- that I can recall the eleven spent at and Nations.

twelve months, mounting esca- in Viet-Nam and often for- human suffering summering situ- East erupted is summer and, Nations could in conflict, it was bring about a prospects for the area depend of co-operation es directly con-

cerned are willing to give to the efforts of the United Nations and to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. More recently the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean rose to new levels of tension, but fortunately an armed conflict was averted by the diplomatic efforts that the crisis evoked and the consensus adopted by the Security Council.

While the record of the United Nations in regard to the maintenance of international peace and security has fallen short of our expectations and those of an anxious world, nevertheless, it has been proved again in several delicate instances how vital a role the United Nations can play in reducing dangerous tensions and in affording Member States the instrumentalities to emerge from critical situations and work towards their peaceful solution.

The efforts of the United Nations and its family of agencies and institutions to promote economic and social progress also give grounds for encouragement, although the targets may not have yet been fully reached.

I take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all those working in this field, including those in remote and distant places.

I have referred earlier this year to the 'crisis of confidence' that the United Nations seems to be facing at the present time. I feel that this crisis can and must be overcome and that the Member States will have to make the effort required to give a fresh impetus to the work of the Organization and to strengthen its capacity to serve the cause of peace and progress. There is no other alternative to the ever looming danger of a nuclear catastrophe. I hope my colleagues in the United Nations and in the field offices, as well as those devoted men and women who are engaged in various peacekeeping missions, will never falter in their confidence in the United Nations and their faith in its ultimate success.

As the New Year approaches, let us dedicate ourselves anew to the great tasks ahead, both in the field of peacekeeping and in the work of peace-building.

I wish you and every member of your family a very happy holiday and a rewarding New Year."

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 B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Lt Gen A.E. Martola: I extend to you and to all the personnel of UNFICYP warm greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the approaching New Year. I take this opportunity to express to you my deep appreciation of the most effective, devoted and courageous manner in which the personnel of UNFICYP have carried out their extremely difficult task in the past year, in trying and at times hazardous circumstances. Your effort has meant very much to the United Nations, as it has to the people of Cyprus.

U Thant, Secretary-General"

"Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Lt Gen A.E. Martola we extend to you, and to all the personnel of UNFICYP our personal greeting for the Christmas Season and our best wishes for 1968. In the year just ending, UNFICYP has been carrying out its task with its usual effectiveness despite many obstacles. We know that we can count on you to carry on.

Ralph J. Bunche, Jose Rolz-Bennett"

UNFICYP SGT'S MESS

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good for the Sappers beating them 2-0, both goals coming in the second half. Heavy rain had compelled the referee to hold up play for some 10 minutes during the game, and this made conditions more difficult. Scorers were Scott and Curran.

The semi-final is to be held in January against the Ordnance Depot, Dhekelia.

Members of the Armoured Car Group enjoying their Christmas Dinner at Xeros (L to R) Cpl Des Hogan, Cpl Joe O'Neill, Tpr James Cowman, Cpl Robert Deegan, Sgt D. Evans, Tpr Sean Maher, Cpl George Hayes and Cpl John Ginty.

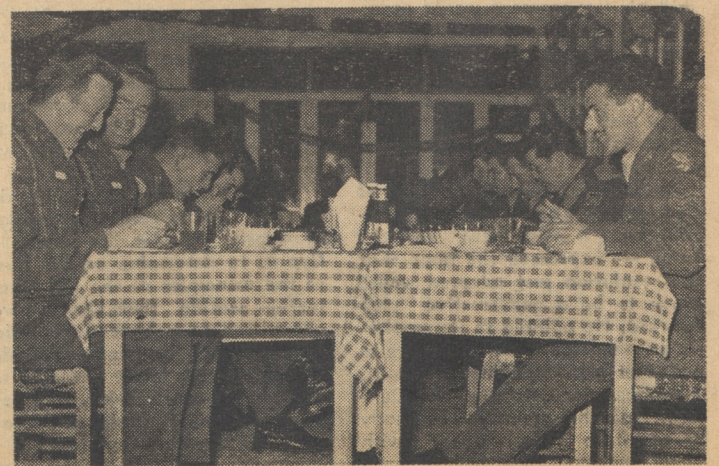
IRCON NEWS



"A piper in the making" 4 year old Chris Charalambos taking his first lesson at the pipes from Pte Christy Stevens.



The members of the Australian Police Lefka District made a presentation to Comdt Henry O'Shea MO IRCON on his departure for Ireland after serving one year in Cyprus. (L to R) Inspector Mike Raw, Comdt Henry O'Shea and Inspector Ron Lawlor.



TRADITIONAL DINNER

Traditional Christmas dinner was served throughout UNFICYP units though not all on the 25th December. (See photo, right)

As outposts still had to be manned on that day some, therefore, had it on either Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and even a day either side, such being the call of duty. The photograph shows Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, Officiating Force Commander, with his driver, Lcpl Ken Land, during Christmas Dinner which was served by the Officers, WOs and Sgts of HQ UNFICYP — a tradition fully supported by all contingents.



CHRISTMAS MAIL

Lcpl Ken Davies, RE, from Bangor, North Wales, is the postman attached to HQ UNFICYP at BFPO 667. He is seen (left) sorting some of the Christmas mail last week; a steady flow has been kept up throughout the pre-Christmas period, and everybody thanks the mail-man for his efforts though sometimes he gets (unjustly) blamed when someone is disappointed or the UK weather is not behaving!

NEW MIDDLE EAST TOUR FOR AMB. JARRING

Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, UN Secretary-General's Special Representative in the Middle East, left his headquarters in Nicosia yesterday for Jerusalem for a second round of meetings in the different Middle East capitals.

Ambassador Jarring last week completed an initial round of contacts with the Governments of Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic.

The new United Nations Middle East Mission was set up, with headquarters in Nicosia, following the adoption by the Security Council of a resolution designed to help lead a way out of the present Middle East deadlock following the June Arab-Israeli war.

1968 MEMBERSHIP OF SECURITY COUNCIL

Membership on the United Nations Security Council for the year of 1968 is as follows:

Algeria
Brazil
Canada
China
Denmark
Ethiopia
France
Hungary
India
Pakistan
Paraguay
Senegal
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom
United States.

CHRISTMAS AT UNFICYP HEADQUARTERS

UNFICYP CAROL SERVICE

There can be few occasions when a religious service is more unique because of its inter-denominational flavour than when Service contingents from various countries serving together, join in worship.

UNFICYP was no exception to this when a carol service was conducted by the Rev W.E. Vokes, RACHD, in St Columba's Church, Nicosia, last Friday. Each contingent forming the United Nations peace-keeping Force in Cyprus supplied a choir to sing a carol in its respective native tongue. Padre Vokes was assisted by a chaplain from each contingent. Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, Officiating Force Commander, opened the service with a short message to the congregation.

TEXT OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Following is the text of the resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Chief Adebo of Nigeria, adopted unanimously by the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Friday afternoon, 22 December 1967:

The Security Council,

Noting the appeals addressed by the Secretary-General to the Governments of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus on 22 November, 24 November and 3 December and the report of the Secretary-General of 8 December 1967,

Noting the replies of the three Governments concerned to the appeal of the Secretary-General of 3 December in which the Secretary-General proffered his good offices, and their replies to his previous appeals,

Noting from the said report of the Secretary-General that circumstances continue to require the presence of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus for a further period,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 December 1967,

1. Reaffirms its resolution of 4 March 1964 and its subsequent resolutions as well as its expressions of consensus on this question;

2. Extends the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force established under the Council's resolution 186, for a period of three months ending on 26 March 1968;

3. Invites the parties promptly to avail themselves of the good offices proffered by the Secretary-General and requests the Secretary-General to report on the results to the Council as appropriate;

4. Calls upon all the parties concerned to continue to show the utmost moderation and restraint and refrain from any act which might aggravate the situation;

5. Urges the parties concerned to undertake a new determined effort to achieve the objectives of the Security Council with a view, as requested in the Council's consensus of 24/25 November 1967, to keeping the peace and arriving at a permanent settlement in accordance with the resolution of the Security Council of 4 March 1964;

6. Decides to remain seized of this question and to reconvene for its further consideration as soon as circumstances and developments so require.

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foreign military bases on the island. He also spoke out against any increase in strength of the UN Force or expansion of its power. He said that, although the USSR did not regard an extended stay of the Force in Cyprus as being justified, it would not object, provided this met with the desires of the Cyprus Government and other interested parties, and provided it was kept to its present functions and financed on a voluntary basis, as before.

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States said that the US would continue to support the work of the UN Force both politically and financially. At the same time, he expressed the hope that early attention would be given to ways of arriving at a permanent solution.

Lord Caradon of Great Britain said his Government would maintain its contingent with the UN Force, meeting all its costs, and would contribute one million dollars. He expressed hope that those who had not so far contributed to the operation would reconsider.

Ambassador George Ignatieff of Canada — another country contributing a contingent to the Force — expressed the hope that the resolution just adopted would prove to be a constructive step forward. He pointed to its emphasis on need for renewed efforts to arrive at a permanent settlement.

Ambassador Otto Borch of Denmark said his country was ready to maintain its contingent with

the UN Force for an additional three months and also emphasized the need to arrive at a permanent solution.

Commenting on the statement by the Soviet Union that Greece wished to annex Cyprus, Ambassador Dimitri Bitsios of Greece said annexation entailed action against the will of the people, whereas Cypriots had always wanted to join Greece. Exercise of the fundamental right of self-determination had been denied to the Cypriot people, he said. He expressed the hope that the new resolution would have constructive results.

Ambassador Orhan Eralp of Turkey said it was obvious the people of Cyprus could do whatever it liked except alienate its sovereignty — especially when it was a question of two peoples sharing a sovereignty. Neither one community nor the other should be given the right to take the other by force and bring it under the rule of a foreign country, he declared. Mr Eralp said the resolution just adopted was constructive.

Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus said the problem of Cyprus was for the people of Cyprus to determine on the basis of the principles of the UN Charter — stating that Cyprus was committed to a peaceful solution based on UN principles. He also welcomed the latest Council resolution as constructive, and said his Government would co-operate with the Secretary-General.