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Lucky man! Ssgt Erwin Steiner of Linz on guard outside the Austrian Field Hospital has his day brightened by a visit from the Engels sisters, part of the Austrian entertainment troupe.

Cyprus Government issue statement on Plaza report

ON Thursday last, 8 April, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus issued the following statement on the report recently submitted by the United Nations Mediator on Cyprus, Mr. Galo Plaza, to Secretary-General U Thant.

"At to-day's (8April) meeting of the Council of Ministers, presided over by His Beatitude the President of the Republic Archbishop Makarios, there was a further exchange of views on the report of the Mediator of the United Nations Dr. Galo Plaza. The Council of Ministers was also briefed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Spyros Kyprianou on his recent talks in Athens and especially on the views of the

Greek Government concerning the report of the Mediator.

1. The Cyprus Government arrived at the conclusion that most of the observations and conclusions in the report of the Mediator constitute a constructive approach to the Cyprus problem and especially the part dealing with the criteria on which the solution of the problem should be based.

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U THANT WELCOMES U.S. "READY TO TALK" OFFER

\$Billion Development Fund for SE Asia weighed at UN HQ

U N. Secretary-General, U Thant, last week welcomed President Johnson's announcement of the United States' readiness to enter unconditional discussions of settlement in Viet-Nam and commit one billion dollars to a programme of intensified development for Southeast Asia.

U Thant conveyed his reaction in a personal note to the U.S. President in which he paid tribute to Mr. Johnson's appeal for a greatly expanded cooperative effort for the development in Southeast Asia with particular reference to the Mekong River basin. He said the appeal was positive, forward-looking and generous.

The Secretary-General also expressed his view that the announcement of U.S. readi-

ness to enter into unconditional discussions on Viet-Nam was both constructive and statesman like.

U Thant recalled that he had been advocating such talks for some time and also welcomed the President's declaration as a favorable response to the recent appeal issued by 17 non-aligned States meeting at a Belgrade summit conference. The appeal, which called for unconditional negotiations to seek a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Viet-Nam, also called for a halt to all foreign interference in the Indo-Chinese peninsula.

Swedish due for rotation

THE following statement on the rotation of the Swedish battalion was issued in Nicosia by an UNFICYP spokesman on Friday.

The rotation of the Swedish battalion of UNFICYP will take place in the near future. An advance party of 70 officers and men arrived in Nicosia Civil Airport about 2010 hours on 8 April.

Battalion 28 C, which is at present serving with UNFICYP in Famagusta Zone, will be replaced by Battalion 30 C and the rotation of the main body is expected to commence on 21 April and should be completed 28 April.

Colonel Sten Geijer, Commander of the Swedish Battalion 30 C, is expected to arrive on 14 April and will take over from the present Commander, Colonel Carl-Gustaf Stahl, who will leave Cyprus at the end of the month.

President Johnson declared that the United States wanted nothing for itself — only that the people of South Viet-Nam be allowed to guide their own country in their own way. But until that objective were achieved, he said, the United States would not withdraw "either openly under the lock of a meaningless agreement".

Later in the week, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, conferred with Secretary-General U Thant on the President's proposals. A United States spokesman told reporters afterwards that Mr. Stevenson had a most informative preliminary talk on the issue of economic development for the region.

Meanwhile, a United Nations spokesman said there was so far no specific plan for South-East Asia, although there was a programme for the integrated development of the lower Mekong basin being carried out by four riparian States — Cambodia, Laos,

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NEWS IN SWEDISH



Rotationen Paborjad Fortrupp fran 30C

Rotationen av den svenska bataljonen börjar den 21 april och kommer att vara avslutad den 28 april.

En förtrupp på 70 man, officerare och övriga kom till Nicosia Airport på torsdagskvällen med flygplanets nya transportplan Hercules. Det var en "blek" skara som debarkerade i kvällsmörkret men det tog



Angenäm sysselsättning! Utkvittering av förskott tills avlöningsdagen!



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Kompanicheferna i bat. 30 C. Fr.v. majorerna Larsson, Swartengren, Wäppling och Noring vid ankomsten till Nicosia.



Klart för urlastning. I bakgrunden syns bataljonschefens nya Volvo Amazon stationsvagn.

Inte lång stund förrän resp. kompanichefer hade samlat sitt folk.

Motsvarande befattningshavare i bat. 28 C hade mött upp och tog väl hand om nykomlingarna. Efter diverse kontroller och utbetalning av det första förskottet i cypriotiska pund (populärt!) transporterades kontingenten till sina resp. platser inom Famagusta-zonen.

I truppen ingick bl.a. majorerna

Swartengren, Wäppling, Noring och Larsson, kompanichefer för resp stab-och tross, 1. 2. och 3. kompanierna samt den nye stabsredaktören kapten Ström.

Vi hälsar förtruppen i bataljon 30 C välkommen till Cypern och hoppas att den tillsammans med huvudstyrkan skall framgångsrikt representera de svenska färgerna på Afrodites ö.

VAPAA - AJAN VIETOSTA

Miesten vapaa-ajan viettoa ajatellen on valistus-, viihdytys- ja virkistystoiminnasta pyritty mahdollisuuksien mukaan huolehtimaan YKSP 3:ssa.

Pataljoonalle tilatut päivälehdet saapuvat perille ilmestymispäivän iltana ja ovat kaikkien luettavissa viimeistään seuraavana aamuna. Päivälehtien lisäksi on tilattu myös suosituimpia aikakauslehtiä, jotka toivon mukaan saapuvat myös mahdollisimman nopeasti. Jonkinlaisesta lehdestä, ehkäpä kaikkein kiintoisimmastakin, käy myös pataljoonan oma tiedotusmoniste, joka ilmestyy kaksi kertaa kuukaudessa.

Toivoisimme kaikkien kirjoitustaitoisten avustavan parhaan kykynsä mukaan tiedotuslehden toimitusta, ja varsinkin tiedotusupseerin yhdysupseereita kehoitetaan olemaan toiminnassaan aktiivisia, sillä juuri heidän innostuksestaan ja vapaaehtoisesta työstään riippuu lehden monipuolisuus suuresti.

NEWS IN FINNISH



Myös kirjasto asetetaan miesten käyttöön ja elokuvia tullaan pyörittämään. Kiertävän kirjaston käyntiajat samoin kuin elokuvaesitysten ajat, kunkin yksikön kohdalta, selviävät parhaiten henkisen huollon käskystä.

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The new Chief of Personnel at HQ UNFICYP, Lt Col A. Purhonen of Finland (left), meets another newcomer to UNFICYP, Maj J.J. Barret, the new Brigade Major of Nicosia Zone.