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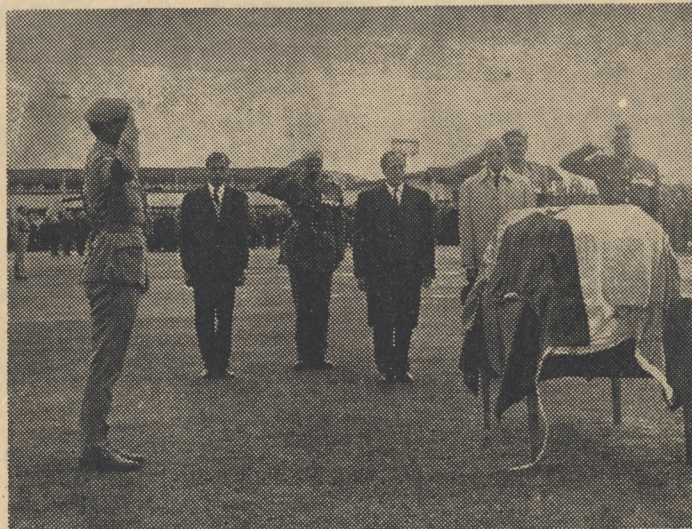
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## THIMAYYA MOURNED

### Tributes to late Commander from all over world



A piper of the Royal Highland Fusiliers plays a lament while the body of the late Force Commander was in state at Wolseley Barracks on Sunday morning. The Commander had served with the Highland Light Infantry after he was first commissioned as an officer.



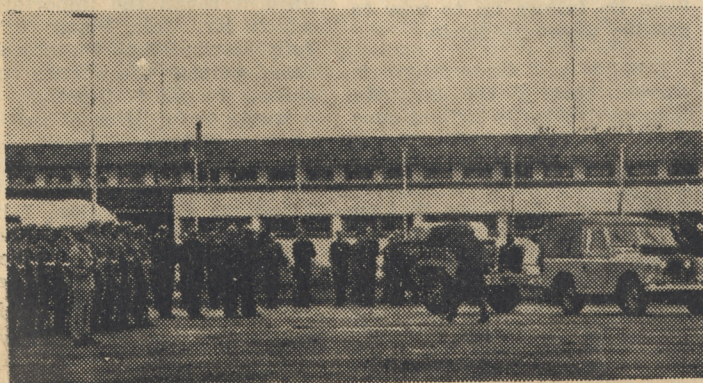
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**FAREWELL.** The cortege escorting the late Commander's body arrives at the airport (BELOW) and stops after filing through representative detachments of contingents serving with UNFICYP. At RIGHT, pallbearers from the Canadian Contingent, with Capt. Fateh Singh, the Commander's ADC, walk slowly past Guards of Honour provided by the 2 Bn The Canadian Guards and the Cyprus National Guard to the aircraft that took General Thimayya's body from Cyprus. ABOVE, final tribute by (left to right), Capt. Singh; Mr. S. Sen, Indian High Commissioner; Col. Arvind M. Jatar, MVC, Commander, Indian Contingent, UNEF; Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the Secretary-General; Col. J. L. Drewry, DSO, CD, Deputy COS; and Brig. A. J. Wilson, MBE, MC, Force COS.



# MANDATE EXTENDED

## Security Council agrees extension for 3 months

The United Nations Security Council late last week unanimously approved a three-month extension of the U.N. peace-keeping force in Cyprus. It took this action after noting that a report by the Secretary-General, U Thant, stated that an extension was necessary to prevent renewed fighting between Greek and Turkish Cypriots and which might perhaps lead to international war.

The resolution also noted that the Government of Cyprus had agreed that an extension was necessary.

The Secretary-General had suggested a six-month extension of the Force. He had also underscored the need for assurances of necessary financial support for the operation, which has been relying on a voluntary system of financing, and which currently faces a deficit of over seven million dollars.

The Council simply reaffirmed past resolutions which have governed the operation of the peace-keeping force since it was first set up in March of 1964.

The new resolution extending the Force was sponsored by the six non-permanent members of the Council. The sponsors deleted an additional provision in their draft which would have called upon the parties directly concerned to make an earnest, persistent and intensified effort to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem. The provision was dropped after its wording aroused controversy.

(The General Assembly also concluded its consideration of the Question of Cyprus. See P.11).

Following is the text of the resolution adopted unanimously by the U.N. Security Council on 17 December:

*The Security Council; Noting that the report of the Secretary-General (S/7001) dated 10 December 1965 states that the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force is needed in Cyprus,*

*Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the Island the continuation of the United Nations Force is necessary beyond 26 December 1965,*

*1. Reaffirms its resolutions of 4 March, 13 March, 20 June, 9 August (S/5868), 25 September and 18 December 1964, the consensus expressed by the then President on 11 August 1964 and the further resolutions of 19 March, 10 June and 10 August 1965;*

*2. Extends once again the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force established under Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964, for an additional period of three months, ending 26 March 1966.*

## U Thant statement to Council

# Force must continue - further call for funds

Following is the text of a statement made by the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, at the meeting of the Security Council held at U.N. Headquarters on Friday, 18 December:

"I wish to make only a brief comment on the question before the Council as a supplement to the observations set forth in my report to the Council of 10 December (S/7001). (See BLUE BERET, 15th December, P.4).

As I indicated in that report, I am firmly of the view that the United Nations operation in Cyprus should be extended after 26 December. Quite frankly, I would be happier if the situation in Cyprus would permit me to advise the Council that UNFICYP would no longer be needed or that this would soon be the case, for I regard United Nations peace-keeping efforts as emergency actions which ought to have terminal dates within reasonable time spans. Unfortunately, time for this has not come in Cyprus. If UNFICYP were not now to be extended, I do not doubt that results might well be extremely serious — probably even disastrous. I would hope that the extension, if decided,

will be for a six-month period. This, in my view, would be only realistic and it would certainly make for better planning, management and economy — in the conduct of the operation.

Members of the Council will recall that in paragraph 218 of my last report, I urged that there should be assurances of necessary financial support for the Force in Cyprus in advance of a decision to extend it. It is clearly necessary for me to underscore that view now. This is because, as members will have surmised from my comments in previous reports, I have grave doubts about the propriety and efficacy of the method of financing devised for UNFICYP which derive from its failure up to now to provide adequate funds.

I believe my assumption is correct that if the Security Council decides to extend once again the United Nations operation in Cyprus, this will be done in the light of the expectation of the Members that in the course of this ensuing period, the parties directly concerned will make an earnest, persistent and intensified effort to achieve a peaceful settlement of the problem of Cyprus. This would be in the interest of the long-suffering

people of Cyprus, of all the parties concerned with this dispute, of the peace of the area and, indeed, of the world. In exerting a serious effort towards a pacific settlement, the parties may count on the goodwill and encouragement of the United Nations and of all the assistance which it can render.

Mediation is one of the most important forms of assistance that the United Nations can provide and I am strongly of the view that the mediation function in Cyprus must be resumed at an early date. In the existing circumstances, I know of no better basis on which to place our hope for settlement of the basic problems of Cyprus. In this regard, I recall the importance which Mr. Galo Plaza rightfully attributed to the objective of getting the parties concerned to meet together, as a whole or in different groups and at different levels, at mutually suitable places and at the earliest possible date. I endorse this position. I believe that at this juncture every effort should be bent towards that end and I appeal most fervently to the parties themselves to find the will and the way to this course of action."

## More contributions for UNFICYP costs

The Netherlands and Turkey have decided to make further voluntary contributions to the costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Ireland has also informed the United Nations that it would contribute to these costs.

In a letter to the Secretary-General, U Thant, dated 10 December, the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations, Mr. J.G. de Beus, said his Government had decided to make a voluntary contribution of \$218,000 to the costs of UNFICYP.

On 15 December, the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations, Mr. Orhan Eralp, informed the Secretary-General that his Government had decided to make

a further contribution of \$50,000 towards the financing of UNFICYP.

In a letter dated 10 December, received by the Secretary-General from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, Mr. Cornelius C. Cremin, the Government of Ireland informed U Thant that it had decided to pledge, subject to parliamentary approval, a sum of \$50,000 towards the cost of this operation. This pledge, the letter says, is made on the understanding that the payment will be set against the extra and extraordinary expenses incurred by the Government of Ireland in the provision of contingents for service the UNFICYP subsequent to 26 June 1965.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# ACTION OF VARIETY OF PROBLEMS

Closure scheduled yesterday

The United Nations General Assembly and its Committees acted on a wide variety of international problems last week as they pressed ahead to complete their business by the 21 December closing deadline.

In one action, the Assembly gave a three-year extension to the United Nations agency caring for more than one million Palestine refugees. A resolution, adopted by 91 votes in favour, one against (Israel), and 7 abstentions, also noted the financial crisis faced by the agency and asked all governments to make urgent and generous efforts to overcome it. The agency, the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, is financed by voluntary contributions.

The Assembly last week also requested the 33-nation Group set up early this year to complete as soon as possible its study on peacekeeping operations and their financing. (See BLUE BERET, 15 November, P.1). It also called on all member States to make voluntary contributions to help the U.N. out of its present financial difficulties. In a second resolution, the Assembly referred to the Committee of 33 a specific Irish proposal on peace-keeping. This would reassert the right of the Assembly to recommend establishment of a peace-keeping operation when the Security Council was unable to act. It would also set forth an interim scale for peace-keeping assessments which would place the main financial burden on those of the five permanent members of the Security Council who voted for a peace-

keeping operation. On the problem of South Africa's racial policies, the Assembly urged the Security Council to call for mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa as essential to solving the problem of apartheid. The Assembly said that universally applied economic sanctions were the only means of achieving a peaceful solution. It deplored actions of those States who, it said, were encouraging South Africa to persist in its racial policies through their political, economic and military collaboration with her.

The draft convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination was approved by the Assembly's Social Committee, which was the first to complete its work for the session. The document is designed to give practical effect to the principles spelled out in an earlier declaration against racial discrimination by binding the ratifying States to undertake certain actions.

The Special Political Committee recommended that further consideration of the item on the peaceful settlement of disputes be postponed till next year. By a vote of 48 in favour, 27 against and 8 abstentions, the Committee approved a motion by Ghana to cut off the debate in the Committee. The question had been brought before the Assembly by Great Britain, who, along with 16 other nations, proposed the establishment of a committee to conduct an extensive study of the issue, giving particular attention to improved procedures for fact-finding, mediation and conciliation, and an increased recourse to international arbitration and judicial settlement.

## UNIPOM should be extended

In a report released at U.N. Headquarters last week, the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, recommended that the U.N. Observer Missions on the cease-fire line in Kashmir and on the border

Major policy speech  
by U.K. Premier

"Give us  
time" Wilson  
asks UN

In a major policy address to the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Harold Wilson, called for all-out support of the country's economic and financial sanctions against the rebellious regime of Mr. Ian Smith of Rhodesia.

At the same time, he "beseeched" the Assembly to give Great Britain time to deal with the crisis, and reaffirmed that military force was not the way to suppress the rebellion. He said he understood the passionate feeling of many nations who criticized Britain for not resorting to force, but that the British Government was not going to be deflected from the course it was convinced was right.

Britain, Mr. Wilson declared, would not let up until Rhodesia has returned to constitutional rule — given time and patience, she would effectively assert her authority in consultation with those who can claim to speak representatively on behalf of the Rhodesian people as a whole.

Mr. Wilson said Britain carried the responsibility for dealing with the Rhodesian crisis, but it was also a world problem. If passions took control, he said, the "mad action" of Mr. Ian Smith could lead across Africa, to a "new and more dangerous conflict which, unlike any in world history, would be a conflict of race, a conflict based on colour."

The British Prime Minister said the future of Rhodesia — where power is now centered in the hands of a white minority representing less than 10 per cent of the population — must be multi-racial harmony leading to a democratic majority rule. This, he said, would take time.

Close to 30 African delegations who have been urging Britain to take stronger measures in Rhodesia walked out during Mr. Wilson's speech.



## Ayub Khan speaks at UN

President Mohammad Ayub Khan of Pakistan, speaking before the U.N. General Assembly at U.N. Headquarters last week, urged India to honour an agreement to allow the people of Kashmir to exercise their right to self-determination, agree to negotiate a solution of the other outstanding differences with Pakistan, and to sign a no-war pledge.

In making this three-point proposal, President Ayub said that Pakistan was ready to undertake these commitments in the interest of lessening tensions between the two countries and removing a threat to peace in Asia.

Recalling that the United Nations itself had resolved that the people of Kashmir should decide their future through a free plebiscite, President Ayub urged the world Organization to stand behind its own resolutions.

## UNEF Costs

### Streamline plans

In a report made public last week at United Nations Headquarters in New York, the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, said he would try to streamline the United Nations Force in the Middle-East to cut 3.5 million dollars off the current annual costs of approximately 18 million dollars.

The strength of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF)

set up during the 1965 Suez crisis would be reduced by 600 men to a level slightly below 4,000.

U Thant's decision was based on the recommendations of a team set up to review the Force's operations in the light of the "acute and uncertain" financial situation confronting it.

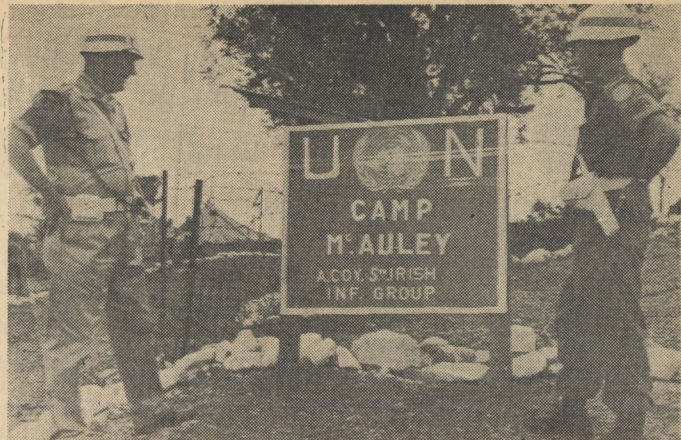
A number of countries, among them the Soviet Union and other East European na-

tions, have declined to help defray the Force's costs on the grounds that the Security Council did not approve them and that if any one is to foot the bill it should be the nations responsible for the 1956 crisis.

U Thant said the planned reorganization and reduction would increase the efficiency of the Force, whose mandate would remain unchanged.



Mail-call at Lefka. Sergeant John Barnes of Dublin, distributing the mail, is watched by hopeful members of 'A' Coy.



In 1964, Sgt Wallace McAuley of Kilkenny died while serving with 41st Infantry Battalion in Cyprus.

Last week, in a simple but moving ceremony, the camp of A Coy, 5th Infantry Group, at Lefka was renamed — Camp McAuley, as a tribute to the memory of this fine soldier from many of his former comrades, now serving there.

ABOVE: Sgt James Barron, M. P. Corps, a former Colleague of Sgt McAuley and Cpl Denis Mahoney (right) at the entrance to the camp. The new sign was painted by Sergeant Barron.



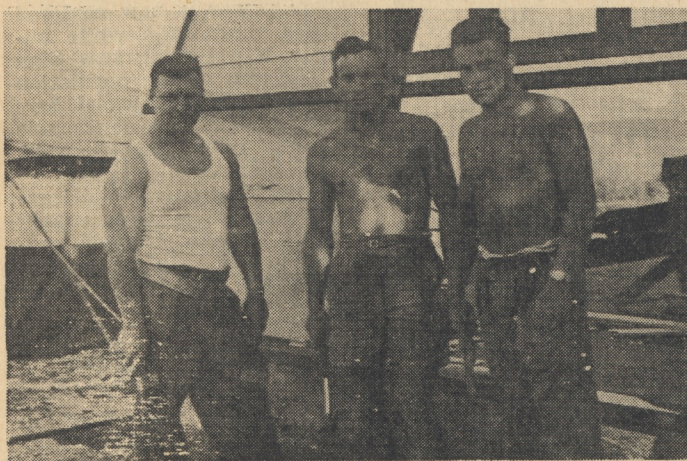
Coy Sgt Dan Sheehan looks on critically as Company barber, Private Eddie Reilly, gives Lieutenant Shay Duffy a short "back and sides."



A solemn moment at noon in the Lefka Camp of 'A' Coy as the company bugler, Trooper Eugene Keenen sounds the Angelus.



"If it stays still, point it" — Pte Liam Daly (left) and Pte Peter Lawlor, both of the Medical Corps, find out about another type of 'operation'.



Putting the finishing touches to the newly built cookhouse at Lefka are, left to right, Pte John Vickers, Dublin, Cpl John McLoughlin, Athlone and Pte Larry Flanagan, Cork.



IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

# Irish Christmas

For the Irish Troops serving in Cyprus, Christmas will be a time of separation from family, comrades and friends in Ireland. Undoubtedly, feelings of loneliness and longing will be experienced, particularly by those small groups of men who must still man the lonely and well nigh inaccessible observation posts, high in the Troodos Mountains, in the sensitive Lefka District which is the operational responsibility of 5th Irish Infantry Group. For these men there will be no question of the usual Christmas Way festivities. To relieve many of these observation posts would necessitate a round trip of 5 hours by land-rover from the base camp. Rather must they wait until St. Stephen's Day when the personnel of those posts will be rotated. Then, in the comparative comfort of the base camp, Christmas festivities, even if a day late, will be observed.

At the base camps of Xeros, Lefka, Limnitis and Kato Pyrgos however, preparations are already under way to make this the best ever "away from home" Christmas. Christmas trees are being erected, decorations, where they cannot be bought, are being improvised, and choirs are now approaching concert pitch!

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Chefen for de Forenede Nationers styrke paa Cypren, general K.S. Thimayya doede pludselig af et hjerteslag loerdag morgen. I tirsdags inspicerede generalen DANCON IV, og generalen var da rask og roerig. Generalen havde oensket at se dagligt arbejde ved kontingentet, og under rundgangen ved de faglige enheder pa Nicosia Club blev der ogsaa aflagt besog ved motorvaerkstedet. Her ses generalen i samtale med vaerkstedslederen, fenrik H.W. Joergensen og kontingentchefen, oberstloejtnant E. Lorenzen.

Ved C-kompagniet var den vagtfri styrke opmarcheret foran kommandostationen, da general K.S. Thimayya kom paa besog. Styken blev afleveret til generalen af loejtnant I.T. Ravn, og generalen gik fronten af.

# I Fredens Tjeneste

Dagen foer sin doed udsendte chefen for de Forenede Nationers styrke paa Cypren, general K.S. Thimayya foelgende budskab i anledning af julen.

men med familie og venner. Trods afstanden til deres hjemlande oensker jeg dem alle en glaedelig jul og et godt nyttaar. Gud bevare dem og lykken foelge dem.

Igennem de sidste to aar har de Forenede Nationers styrke paa Cypren fortsat sit arbejde med at bevare freden og med at genindfoere normale tilstande paa oeen. Takket vaeret disse bestraelser har situationen forbedret sig betydeligt, og der kan ikke herske tvivl om at der i dag er stoerre grund for haab end der var for et aar siden.

De Forenede Nationers generalsekretaer har i flere rapporter fremhaevet UNFICYP's arbejde og disse anerkendelser er blevet gentaget af Cyperns praesident, Cyperns regering, lederne af det tyrkiske befolkningselement og repraesentanter for mange andre nationer.

Disse udtalelser genspejler det mod, den takt og den upartiskhed som er blevet udvist af styrken og den civile stab og jeg benytter denne lejlighed til at til at takke alle for deres loyalitet, deres pligtstroekab og deres samarbejdsvilje gennem det forloebne aar. Hvad end fremtiden gemmer i sit skod har de grund til at vaere stolte over deres bidrag i fredens tjeneste som medlemmer af denne styrke.

Ved juletid ville de fleste af os helst vaere hjemme sam-

## Julehilsen fra chefen for DANCON

JEG oensker alt personel tjenstgoerende ved det danske kontingent paa Cypren en rigtig glaedelig jul.

Det er mit haab at de maa faa nogle glade og hyggelige timer juleaften i stoerst mudig overensstemmelse med dansk tradition og dansk vaesen. Glaedelig Jul.

## Brand i Messen

TORS DAG aften udbroed der ild i HQ DANCON's officersmesse. Paa grund af en fejlkonstruktion ved en kamin paa 1. sal havde ilden i kaminen forplantet sig til gulvet.

Ved resolut indgriben fra saavel messedeltagere som messemænd blev ilden dog hurtigt slukket.



Vores keorettoejssituation er alvorlig. Der har vaeret mange, for mange, ulykker og de fleste af vognene er nedslidte. Motorreparationsvaerkstedet foerer en tapper kamp for at holde vognparken i koerekklar stand, men hver eneste motorvognsfoerer i kontingentet burde vaere med i denne kamp ved at koere fornuftigt og ved passe og pleje sin vogn. Menig 352 T. Knudsen fra Haerens tekniske Korps ses her paa DANCON's manende bilkirkegaard.

NEWS IN DANISH



For en sikkerheds skyld blev brandvaesenet tilkaldt, men det kunne dog snart efter returnere til brandsationen ved Paphos Gate.

Tilbage staar nu at faa repareret hullet i gulvet som gaar helt igennem loftet i en af opholdsstuerne i stueetagen.



The President of the Republic, H. B. Archbishop Makarios, accompanied by the President of the House of Representatives, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, and Ministers of the Government, places a wreath on the coffin of General K. S. Thimayya.



HUNDREDS of signatures were entered into the two books of condolences which were opened at Wolsey Barracks and the Saray Hotel as a testimony of respect to the late Force Commander. ABOVE, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, the Secretary-General's Special Representative, signing.



# LAST MESSAGE TO THE FORCE

Following is the Christmas message which General K.S. Thimayya had written on Dec. 17, 1957, the day before he suffered his fatal attack.

"During the past two years the United Nations Force in Cyprus has continued to work hard to keep the peace and to do its best towards the restoration of normal conditions on the island. Thanks in no small measure to these efforts, the situation has improved very considerably and the general atmosphere is undoubtedly better and more hopeful than a year ago. The Secretary General, in successive reports to the Security Council, has warmly praised the work of UNFICYP, and these tributes have been echoed by the President and Government of Cyprus, the leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community, and representatives of many other nations. All this fairly reflects the courage, tact, and impartiality shown by all members of the Force and members of the civilian staff, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your loyalty, devotion to duty, and co-operation during the past year. Whatever the future may hold in store, you have every right to be proud of your service. In the Christmas season, I wish to express my warmest wishes to all members of the Force and their families. May God bless you all."



Capt. Fateh Singh, General Thimayya's ADC, carrying the Commander's medals, cane and his blue beret.



GRIEF. (ABOVE) The UN Security Officer, Mr. K. Hager, who was assigned to the Commander and who drove his UN-1, grieves as he watches over the body of General.

← DIPLOMATS representing the different Governments that maintain missions in Nicosia also paid tribute to the late General. LEFT, H. E. Thomas B. B. Wainman - Wood, Canadian High Commissioner, deposits a wreath on behalf of his Government. (RIGHT) Brig. A. J. Wilsford, Staff Officer in Cyprus, signs a book of condolences which at Wolsey Barracks a collective message of sympathy to the late Force Commander was also opened by the High Commissioner on his arrival in Nicosia from London.



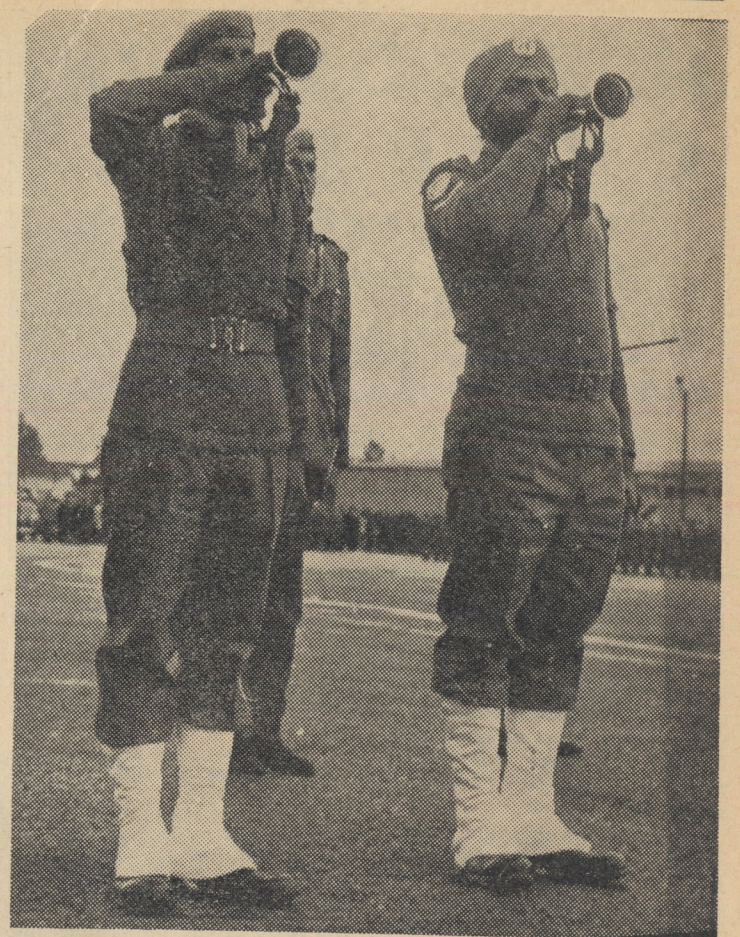
JAWANS. A representative detachment of the Indian Contingent serving with the UN peace-keeping force in the Middle East was flown from Gaza to be present at the ceremonies honouring General Thimayya. ABOVE, Indian soldiers watch over the body of the General at Wolsey Barracks.



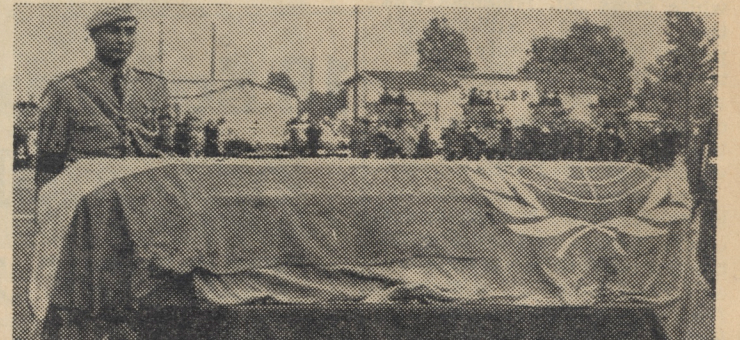
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TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. A deputation, representing the Vice President, Dr. F. Kuchuck, and the Turkish Cypriot Community, consisting of Dr. Niazi Manyera, Dr. Fazil Plumer, Mr. Bjemal Muftizade, Mr. Umit Suleiman and Mr. A. M. Berberoglu, pay their respects to the late Commander.



LAST POST. Buglers from the Indian Contingent serving with the United Nations peace-keeping force in the Middle East, play "Last Post" as part of the final tribute paid to General Thimayya at the Nicosia airport.



SALUTE. Silent respect is paid by Capt. Fateh Singh to his late Commander whom he served faithfully as ADC.



LAST FLIGHT. Pall-bearers of the Canadian Contingent with UNFICYP move up the steps to the aircraft that took General Thimayya's body to Beirut from where it was later flown to India. Ambassador Sen, Indian High Commissioner, Col. Arvind M. Jatar, Commander of the Indian Contingent with UNEF, and Capt. Singh accompanied the body on its last flight home to Bangalore.

# HERALDRY IN CYPRUS

By Major O. H. M. Haxthausen



## The Bedestan

Bedestan is merely a Turkish word meaning a market but in this connection it is the name of the ruins of a church, or rather two churches, which are situated to the south west of the Great Mosque in Nicosia from which they are separated by only the width of a street.

*A lion rampant holding a flower in one paw; possibly Pisani of Venice.*

*A right hand holding a flower; possibly Verdizotti of Venice.*

Number six is defaced.

I am afraid I can offer no explanation as to why six Venetian families are represented above the door to an orthodox church. It only strikes me that the style of the panel does not go too well with the imitation gothic style of the rest of the doorway.

A misapprehension has grown up round the Bedestan that it is the Church of St. Nicholas belonging to the Order of St. Thomas the Martyr, founded in memory of the martyred English Archbishop, Thomas-a-Becket. Its distinguishing badge was a red and white cross. St. Nicholas was the murdered Archbishop's patron Saint. The only connection could be the figure of a saint in the centre of the panel of the great north door and the shield under the saint which is charged with a cross.

The saint may or may not be St. Nicholas, but the Order of St. Thomas had left Cyprus before the Venetian occupation and the panel is definitely from the Venetian period. From other sources we know that the building was the Orthodox Cathedral of the Venetian period in Nicosia built side by side with an older church.

On either side of the saint on the panel there are three coats of arms. Reading from left to right the arms are:

*A Venetian canal bridge surmounted by a cross; probably for the Venetian family Da Ponte.*

*A Venetian canal bridge surmounted by a lion of St. Mark; probably for the same family or for the family Canali of Venice.*

*Three pairs of rib-bones, on a chief a lion passant; probably for the Costanzo family. This family was important in Cyprus and a bastion of Nicosia fortress is named after it. The family Basegio bore similar arms. It should be noticed that the lion is 'walking' in the opposite direction of that normal for lions in a shield. In this case it is probably to let the lion face the saint in the centre.*

## 18 Squadron carry out night-time mercy mission

18 Squadron detachment RAF recently carried out a difficult "CASEVAC" sortie in total darkness. It was flown by the following crew — Flt D.E.A. Rees, RAF, (Captain), Lt N.C.H. James, RN (Second Pilot), and crewman Sgt T.W. Fyson, RAF.

The crew took off on their night emergency mission at 8.30 pm to pick up two men of The Royal Highland Fusiliers, seriously injured in a Landrover accident near the village of Anadhiou in Paphos.

On this sortie they took the direct route and flew straight over the top of Mount Olympus at 9000 feet dropping quickly on the other side to locate Anadhiou tucked in the western foothills of the Troodos range.

A combination of first class navigation by the air crew and the very efficient manner in which a Troop of the 14/20 Hussars had lit the Helicopter Pad with the cross beams from

# Christmas in BRITCON



This Christmas greeting showing the UN Badge was made by Corporal Pollock of 644 Signal Troop, HQ UNFICYP using a teleprinter keyboard. BRITCON would like to wish all members of the Force a Happy Christmas and New Year.

## Fusiliers trade Christmas duties for Hogmanay

The Royal Highland Fusiliers will continue normal peace-keeping duties over the Christmas period but will celebrate the passing of the Old Year and the arrival of the New in traditional Scottish style.

By mutual arrangement between units the Fusiliers will be taking on duties normally carried out by "A" Squadron, 14/20 Hussars, to enable as many of the 14/20th as possible to celebrate Christmas. "A" Squadron will then reciprocate by taking over as many of the Fusilier's tasks as they can, over the New Year celebration period.

As part of their Christmas celebration, "A" Squadron of the 14/20th have already given a most enjoyable children's Christmas party, with films and lots of "goodies", on Sunday 19th December. The Squadron Christmas Dinner will be served by the officers and Senior NCO's on the evening of December the 23rd. Dinner will be followed by a Squadron Smoker.

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the headlights of two of their Ferret scout cars enabled the pilot immediately to recognise his target from a height of 5,000 feet.

Later, the pilot gave a generous word of praise for the excellent co-operation of the men on the ground which had so considerably assisted his task in making a speedy and perfect landing in difficulties even in daylight.

The injured Fusiliers were taken to the RAF Hospital at Akrotiri, from which one has since been evacuated to Britain.

The RN member of the crew, Lt James recently joined 18 Squadron at Gutersloh in Germany on normal exchange from the Royal Navy. He came from service with 845 Squadron, Royal Navy, flying helicopters from HMS Bulwark in the Borneo operations.

## Kenr. Thimayya vainajan viimeinen tervehdys joukoilleen

Juuri ennen yllättäen tapahtunutta poismenoaan enti Turvajoukkojen komentaja, kenr. K. S. Thimayya antaa joukoilleen seuraavan sisältöisen joulun ja uuden vuoden tervehdyksen.

"Menneen kahden vuoden aikana ovat Yhtyneitten Kansakuntien Kyproksen Rauhanturvajoukot saaneet ponnistaa parhaansa riitaosapuolten välillä tapahtuvien aseellisten välienselvitysten estämiseksi ja normaaliolosuhteitten palauttamiseksi. Näiden ponnistelujen tuloksena tilanne on nyt parantunut hyvin huomattavalla tavalla, saarella vallitseva poliittinen ilmapiiri on kehittynyt edulli-

Myös Blue Beretin toimitus yhtyy näihin Turvajoukkojen komentajan suomalaiselle kontingentille osoittamiin kiitoksen sanoihin ja hyvän onnen toivotuksiin sekä toivottaa samalla kohta kotiutuville onnea ja menestystä sekä tervetuloa uusille tulokkaille.

## Held i Uheld



Brigadier Marambio with UN Secretary-General U Thant.

## Marambio in Lahore

BRIGADIER - GENERAL Tulio Marambio of Chile, the U.N. Secretary - General's Representative on the question of the withdrawal of troops in the India - Pakistan situation, left United Nations Headquarters last week for Lahore.

General Marambio will meet with representatives of India and Pakistan for the purpose of formulating an agreed plan and schedule for the withdrawal of troops as envisaged in the resolution of the Security Council, dated 5 November.

The General left accompanied by Mr. Miguel Marin, of the U.N. Security Council Department, who is Principal Secretary of the mission.



## NEWS IN FINNISH

seen suuntaan ja kaikki muutkin asiat ovat tällä hetkellä huomattavasti paremmalla tolalla kuin esim. vuosi sitten.

Yhdistyneitten Kansakuntien paasiteeri U Thant on Turvallisuusneuvostolle osoittamissaan toimintakertomuksissa ylistänyt Turvajoukkojen suorittamaa työpäntä ja samaa ovat sanoneet myös Kyproksen presidentti, hallitus, kyproksenturkkilaiset johto miehet ja ne lukuisat ulkomaiset edustajat, jotka ovat vierailleet saarella.

Nänä kaikki edellämaintut lausunnot heijastavat sitä Turvajoukkoihin kuuluvien sotilas- ja siviilihenkilöitten osiottamaa rohkeutta, hienotunteisuutta ja puoluettomuutta kuin myös esimerkillistä kuuliaisuutta, vastuuntuntoa ja yhteistyöhalua, joka ansaitsee osakseen mitä suurimman tunnustuksen ja kiitoksen sanat. Mitä tahansa tulevaisuus sitten tuokaa mukanaan, UNFICYP:iin kuuluvilla on mitä suurin syy olla ylpeitä rauhan hyväksi suorittamastaan työpäntä.

Vaikka joulun tavallisesti onkin aikaa, jolloin useimmat meistä haluaavat olla kotona omaisten ja ystävien parissa ja vaikka Teistä useimmat joutuvatkin viettämään joulunsa kaukana näistä 'pyhiksi muodostuneista arvoista', haluan toivottaa kaikille mahdollisimman rauhallista ja hyvää joulua sekä onnellista uutta vuotta, "mainitsi kenr. Thimayya lopuksi.



Der er blod paa maskinpistolens rem og han har en bandage om hovedet. Det er konstabel 779 Joergen Olesen fra Kongens Fodregiment, der patruljerer i C-kompagniets omraade som han gjorde det forrige tirsdag da han pludselig faldt ned i en 10 meter dyb broend. At ulykken ikke fik alvorligere foelger maa vist siges at have vaeret held i uheld.

## Lucky escape for Dane

Private Joergen Olesen of C Coy DANCON had a lucky escape recently whilst on patrol in the Danish C Company area in the Old City of Nicosia. He 'discovered' a hidden well — unused and unmapped, by falling down it — some 35 feet. Fortunately the picture above shows his injuries were not serious, just a cut on the head.

## IRCON News

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All camps are organising at least one Christmas party for the local children at which Santa Claus will make his traditional appearance, together with such other items of amusement as band recitals, carol singing, films and refreshments.

Christmas Day will commence with Holy Mass at all camps, while at Xeros and Limnitis the traditional Midnight Mass will also be celebrated. Christmas trees and camp illuminations will be switched on at a special ceremony on Christmas Eve at which camp choirs will sing those beautiful carols which carry such memories of home. Also on Christmas Day, the

traditional turkey, ham and plum pudding, will be served, officers waiting on table in the mens' dining halls as is customary. Later, all ranks will take part in games and competitions which will allow for never a dull moment, while suitable seasonal and national music will be played over the camp's public address systems. At Kato Pyrgos, surely the most unusual of all Christmas activities will take place — a swimming gala!

Irish officers and men serving with UN Headquarters, Nicosia, are availing of a cordial invitation to spend the Christmas period at Xeros Camp with their comrades of 5th Infantry Group.



Till Sven Jerrings egen stora överraskning och glädje kom Lucia Madeleine Båge på ett morgontidigt besök på hotellrummet. Både "Farbror Sven" och Helge Jonsson var påtagligt förtjusta. Stjärngossarna är fr.v. överfurir Börje Henriksson, Östersund, [rustmästare Bror Nestlander, Karlskoga, överste Iwan Hörnquist, och överfurir Bengt-Åke Jennebo, Örebro.

## Lucia basta Cypern-minnet for FN-veteranen Jerring

Vi har material för ett år framåt, sa Sven Jerring, när han och Helge Jonsson från Sveriges Radios centralredaktion i måndags flög tillbaka till Sverige efter sina reportagebesök hos Ghaza- och Cypern-bataljonen.

Och nog gjordes det inspelningar på den medförda "Nagran"-morgon, middag och kväll. Sven Jerring intervjuade zonchefen, överste Iwan Hörnquist, chefen för civila polisen, kommissarie Hans Lagerhorn, och åtskilliga andra, och Helge Jonsson, som också var med i fjol, spelade in julkhälsningar från olika bataljonsmedlemmar. Närmare 70-talet Cypern-svenskar fick på så sätt tillfälle att "hälsa hem" och också berätta lite om sin verksamhet här nere.

Resultatet kommer dels på julafton kl.13.40-14.20, "Julkhälsningar från FN - bataljonerna", dels på nyårsafton kl.13.00-13.30, "Nyår i Ghaza och på Cypern". Dessutom kommer dagen före julafton kl.17.10 också "FN - barnens brevlåda" - det är "Farbror Svens" 1.538:e "brevlåda". Ett världsrekord så gott som något!

Utöver radiojobbet hann Sven Jerring och Helge Jonsson också med en del turistanter under sin Cypern-vecka. Jerring, nybliven 70-åring, klättrade omkring uppe i Kantara Castle, så att hans betydligt yngre medresenärer lämnades efter - "tur att man är tennispelare", sa "Farbror Sven" - och Salamis hann man också med.

Men Sven Jerrings kanske livligaste minne från sitt andra Cypern-besök - Ghaza gästade han i år för nionde gången - var nog i alla fall Lucia-besöket. Eftersom han till följd av förkyllning missade Lucia-firandet i Ghaza ordnades ett improviserat "lus-sande" på rum 213 på Hotel Grecian där Madeleine Båge var Lucia och överste Hörnquist gick i spetsen för de sjungande stjärngossarna. Det fick bli Cypern-bataljonens 70-årspresent till hela Sveriges "Farbror Sven" - och det uppskattade Sven Jerring verkligen.

Svenska Cypern - bataljonen tackar för en veckas trevlig och trivsamt samvaro och önskar de två radioreportörarna välkomna tillbaka!

## General Thimayya's Julbudskap

Dagen före general Thimayyas oväntade bortgång utgavs följande julbudskap till UNFICYP från Force Commander:

"Under de två senaste åren har FN-styrkan på Cypern arbetat för att upprätthålla freden och också gjort sitt bästa för att försöka skapa normala förhållanden igen på ön. Situationen har också utan tvekan påtagligt förbättrats, och atmosfären nu är i allmänhet bättre och mera hoppfull än för ett år sedan.

Generalsekreterare Thant har i sina fortlöpande rapporter till Säkerhetsrådet givit mycket beröm åt UNFICYP:s arbete, och det samma har också president Makarios gjort, liksom Cyperns regering, de turkcypriska ledarna och representanter för andra nationer.

Detta beröm är motiverat - med hänsyn till det mod, den hänsyn och den opartiskhet som alla medkontingents medlemmar och alla lemningar av den civila staben visat. Jag vill gärna passa på tillfället att tacka er alla för er lojalitet, er pliktänksla och ert samarbete under det gångna året. Vad framtiden än må bära i sitt sköte kan ni med all rätt vara stolta över ert bidrag till fredsarbetet.

Julen är ju vanligtvis en tid då de flesta av oss ser fram emot att tillbringa dagarna tillsammans



### NEWS IN SWEDISH

med familjen eller vännerna därhemma. Flertalet av UNFICYP:s medlemmar tillbringar jul - och nyårshelgen i fredstjänst på Cypern, långt borta från hemlandet.

Jag önskar er alla EN GOD JUL och ETT GOTT NYTT ÅR!



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# TRIBUTES TO THIMAYYA

## General Assembly stands in silence in memory of "soldier of peace"

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, announced the death of General K.S. Thimayya to the United Nations General Assembly just as this U.N. body moved towards adoption of a resolution on the question of Cyprus on Saturday morning, 18 December.

The Assembly stood for a minute in silence and warm tributes were then paid by the heads of the delegations of Cyprus, Great Britain, Greece, Turkey and India.

In his statement, U Thant said: "His death comes as a great shock. His passing is a most serious loss to the United Nations peace effort in Cyprus, for General Thimayya has rendered distinguished and dedicated service to the United Nations and to Cyprus in his tour of duty in that Island.

"He was highly regarded by all for his military ability, his

wisdom, his integrity and above all his warm human qualities," stated the Secretary-General. "He was a splendid example of those soldiers of peace which the United Nations has uniquely inspired and employed."

In Nicosia, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, said the sudden death of General Thimayya "has come as a deep shock to all of us who worked with him in the United Nations peace-keeping operation here. To me it is particularly saddening as I personally had known him perhaps more intimately and admired and respected him for his keen professional abilities and his warm personal understanding."

On behalf of all military members of UNFICYP "deeply shocked at the tragic news"

of the General's death, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, MBE, MC, UNFICYP Chief of Staff, said: "Those of us who have been fortunate enough to serve with him in Cyprus have come to admire him not only for his professional ability as one of the greatest soldiers his country has produced, but also for his deep insight into political affairs and warm understanding of his fellow men."

The President of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, issued a statement in which he said that the death of General Thimayya "has grieved profoundly the Government and the people of Cyprus. His unexpected death constitutes a grave loss for the United Nations, for his own country and for Cyprus... In Cyprus he offered very valuable services to the United Nations efforts to restore and maintain peace in the island. The work of the peace-keeping

Force relied to a great extent, upon the strong personality of General Thimayya, a personality which radiated sincerity, kindness and goodwill... His name has been linked with the history of Cyprus and his memory will always remain in Cyprus."

Dr. Fazil Kuchuck, Vice President of the Republic, said that he was sure that he expressed the feelings of the entire Turkish Cypriot community in stating that the death of General Thimayya "has shocked us all very deeply indeed... We had come to know him as a man of great integrity and wisdom, of justice and equanimity, enlivened by an excellent sense of humour with which he endeared himself to everyone he knew... The United Nations, and mankind at large, have lost a very devoted servant of the cause of peace."

## BRITCON Christmas

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24th to 26th December will be observed as holidays to allow the Hussars to spend as much time as possible with friends and relations on the Island.

British troops at H.Q. UNFICYP will have a very full programme over the Christmas period. For many of them, it will be their first opportunity to enjoy a Christmas amidst new-made friends from so many different nations and this should considerably add to the flavour and interest of their celebrations. With members of other contingents many are attending Christmas Concerts in the Ledra Palace Hotel on 22nd and 23rd December.

The H.Q. Sub-Unit Smoker will be held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Dinner for H.Q. personnel of all contingents will be served at 1330hrs on Christmas Day.

Soccer, hockey, basket-ball and badminton tournaments have been arranged for the 26th and 27th. Arrangements are also being made for trips to places of interest on the Island over the Christmas period.

## Assembly approves Cyprus resolution

THE United Nations General Assembly on Saturday, 18 December, approved a 31-nation resolution on the question of Cyprus.

The resolution calls on all States to respect the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus, and to avoid any intervention against it. The resolution also recommends to the Security Council continuation of United Nations mediation work in conformity with its resolution of 4 March 1965.

The resolution received 47 votes in favour, five against, with 54 abstentions. Two delegations, Saudi Arabia and Malta did not participate in the vote. The United States voted against the resolution, and France, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union abstained.

Turkey opposed the resolution, claiming that it was weighted in favour of Cyprus and Greece. A number of States voting against or abstaining supported the Turkish view.

In a statement after the vote, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. I. S. Caglayangil, said his country had no desire to intervene in the independence of Cyprus but when that independence was threatened and the Turkish Cypriot community was in danger then his Government reserved the right to act on their behalf.

The Foreign Minister of Cyprus, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, said the resolution was entirely compatible with that adopted on Friday in the Security Council which extended the mandate of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for three months. (See story P.2)

Mr. Kyprianou said the statement of the Turkish Foreign Minister was a clear indication that there could be no mediation because Turkey maintained the right to intervene. However, Mr. Kyprianou said that his Government would use the resolution as a guideline and would strive for a lasting and peaceful solution.

### RHODESIA

## UK imposes oil embargo

The United Kingdom informed the U.N. Security Council last week that it has imposed an embargo on oil and oil products against Rhodesia and that British nationals were being prohibited from supplying or carrying these commodities to that territory.

Lord Caradon, the British Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said in a letter to the Council that orders have been made to give effect to these prohibitions and that these provide a fully adequate

legal cover for all other countries to take similar action.

The letter said that in order to safeguard essential supplies to Zambia, Britain was organizing an air lift of oil products to Zambia without delay.

# FORCE COMMANDER DIES



**AT AIRPORT.** The coffin bearing the body of General Thimayya, carried by a detachment from the Canadian Contingent, with Capt. Fateh Singh, ADC to the General walking alongside, is taken to the dais at the foot of the aircraft that took it to India.



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**UN TRIBUTE.** The United Nations pays tribute to General K. S. Thimayya as Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes places a floral wreath, on behalf of the Secretary-General, U Thant, on the late General's coffin.

## OF HEART ATTACK

General K.S. Thimayya, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, died in Nicosia early Saturday morning of a heart attack. He collapsed in his home and was rushed by his ADC, Captain Fateh Singh, to the Nicosia General Hospital where efforts to revive him failed.

## Last tributes paid at airport ceremony

The Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, and the Force Chief-of-Staff, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, and other officers of the Force, went immediately to the hospital.

The President of the Republic, H.B. Archbishop Makarios, accompanied by the President of the House of Representatives, Mr. Glafcos Clerides, and the Minister of Justice and Health, Mrs. Stella Souliotou, also went to the hospital.

The body of the Force Commander remained in the hospital until Sunday morning, when — at 0930 hours — it was taken to Wolseley Barracks escorted by four armoured cars of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

The coffin was received at Wolseley Barracks by a Guard of Honour and band and pipes of The Royal Highland Fusiliers. (General Thimayya served with the Highland Light Infantry after he received his first commission).

Heavy rain was falling at this time and the rain persisted until just before the arrival of the cortege at the airport later in the day.

The body of the late Commander remained in state at Wolseley Barracks until close to 1300 hours.

At 1020, Mr. Bernardes placed a floral wreath, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, on the late General's coffin which was draped with the Indian and United Nations flags. This private ceremony was attended by senior military and civilian officers representing all national contingents and branches of the Force.

A few minutes later, the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. S. Sen, who had flown to Nicosia from Beirut on Saturday afternoon, placed a wreath on behalf of the Government of India. This was followed by Captain Singh placing on the coffin the General's medals, his blue beret and cane.

At 1030 hours, the President of the Republic arrived at Wolseley Barracks to pay his respects to the late Commander and place a wreath on his coffin. The ceremony was also attended by a number of Ministers of the Government, of the Cyprus Armed Forces,

General G. Grivas, Commander and other high officials, as well as members of the diplomatic corps in Nicosia who also paid tribute and placed floral wreaths on behalf of their Governments.

Twenty minutes later, a deputation representing Vice-President Fazil Kuchuck and the Turkish Cypriot community, consisting of Dr. Niazi Manyera, Mr. Fazil Plumer, Mr. Bjernal Muftizade, Mr. Umit Suleiman and Mr. A.M. Berberoglu, also paid their respects and deposited a wreath.

From 1100 to 1240 hours, the general public and officers and men of all the contingents serving with UNFICYP filed past the coffin in silent tribute to the memory of the late Force Commander.

At 1250 hours, a cortege was formed to escort General Thimayya's body from Wolseley Barracks to the airport.

At the approach to the landing field, the route leading to the aircraft was lined by representative detachments of all national contingents serving with UNFICYP. The gun-car-

riage, on which the General's body was carried to the airport, filed past the detachments who presented arms. At the end of the approach, it stopped and the coffin was then carried slowly by ten members of the Canadian Contingent between the ranks of two Guards of Honour provided by the 2nd Bn The Canadian Guards and the Cyprus National Guard, and placed on a dais at the foot of the aircraft steps.

Indian buglers, members of the Indian Contingent with the United Nations peace-keeping force in the Middle East (UNEF) who arrived from Gaza on Saturday, sounded "Last Post" as Mr. Bernardes, Brigadier Wilson, the Acting Foreign Minister of Cyprus, Mr. Andreas Araouzos, and Ambassador Sen, paid their last respects to General Thimayya.

A few minutes later, the pall-bearers carried the coffin up the steps of the aircraft which left for Beirut at 1345 hours on the first leg of the former Commander's final trip to Bangalore, India, his homeland.