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REPORT TO U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL

U THANT REFERS TO RELUCTANCY OF TURKS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE U. N. PEACE FORCE

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expressed the hope the such co-operation will be extended in future if the Force is to fulfil its task.

In his report to the Security Council, the U. N. Secretary General underlines that the Turkish Cypriot leadership has been reluctant to co-operate with the U. N. Peace Force in the island while the Cyprus Government has continued to co-operate. The U. N. Chief

In his Report, which covers the United Nations Operation in Cyprus from 20 May to 30 November 1971, U Thant states that the period under review has been marked by a deterioration of the general situation in Cyprus. Tension between the two communities of the Island has noticeably increased and there have been a number of intercommunal incidents, some of them serious.

He said :

"However, thanks largely to the presence of UNFICYP and its constant efforts to minimize incidents and defuse tense situations whenever they

occur, a relative, though superficial, calm has been maintained. The task of UNFICYP has become increasingly difficult. It has been able to achieve only limited progress in the normalization of conditions in the Island and none at all in the important fields of freedom of movement and deconfrontation.

"Despite UNFICYP's efforts, the Turkish Cypriot leadership has continued to deny freedom of movement in the area it controls to unarmed Greek Cypriot civilians. The leadership ascribes its negative attitude to security reasons, but the fact remains that some 80% of the population of Cyprus are deprived of their basic right to travel freely on the public roads of that area.

"Nor has UNFICYP been able to achieve any progress with regard to deconfrontation. The persistent confrontation between the Cyprus National Guard and the Turkish Cypriot Fighters has become more dangerous with the passage of time, as the two opposing forces have continued to improve their military efficiency and capability. An additional disturbing factor is that this increase in military efficiency and capability has led to a periodic tendency on the part of one or the other to attempt to alter to its advantage the very delicate balance of military and police dispositions and patterns of activity along the Green Line and in other sensitive areas. In each such case UNFICYP has endeavoured to maintain the *status quo*, or when possible to make new arrangements in agreement with both sides. In this connection, while the Cyprus Government has continued to co-operate with UNFICYP in most cases, the Turkish Cypriot leadership has been reluctant to extend to UNFICYP the same measure of co-operation as in the past. I wish to emphasize once again that UNFICYP can fulfil its responsibilities only if it has the co-operation of both sides. It is to be hoped that such co-operation will be extended to it in the future".

U Thant then refers to the failure of the local talks to achieve results and the dangers from the deadlock and adds :

"I remain convinced that the best way of achieving a solution to the Cyprus problem is through a negotiated agreement between the two communities on its constitutional aspects. On the other hand, I have come to the conclusion that the intercommunal talks in their present form have reached an impasse which cannot be overcome without some new impetus being given to them. Two considerations have led me to believe that it is possible to reactivate these talks. First, all the parties have agreed that the intercommunal talks should continue

LATIN PATRIARCH CALLS ON ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS



The President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, last Monday received the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Mr. James Joseph Beltritti.

Addressing His Beatitude, the Patriarch said that during his repeated visits to Cyprus during the last years, he noticed with satisfaction the steady development and increasing prosperity of the island. He said :

"Let me congratulate Your Beatitude, Your Government and all the people of Cyprus for

this rapid growth and progress of the country which is due to the co-ordinated efforts of all.

"During my visits I also noticed with pleasure another thing which I would like to underline : The religious freedom enjoyed by all the inhabitants of the island".

In reply the Archbishop thanked the Patriarch for his good words and assured him of the live interest of the Cyprus Government in the welfare of the Latin community in the island.

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