

MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS, SINAI

The Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty of March 1979 included detailed security arrangements which would be verified through the stationing of a UN peacekeeping force in the treaty area. The security-measures specified limitations on personnel, armament, and equipment which may be stationed in each of four zones established by the treaty.

In May 1981, the UN Security Council President indicated that the UN was not able to provide a peacekeeping force. Consequently, Egypt and Israel agreed to create a separate organization.

On 3 August, 1981, the two Governments signed a Protocol establishing the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO).

Present Situation:

The protocol provides for an independent international organization headed by a Director General, who is appointed by the two parties for a four year term.

Responsibilities within the MFO are shared among four units: MFO Headquarters in Rome, Force Headquarters in the Sinai, and the offices of the Director General's representatives in Cairo and Tel Aviv. Countries contributing to the MFO are: Canada, Columbia, Fiji, France, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.

National contingents range in size from 3 to 549 men and women. The total military strength of the Force is about 2,300. The civilian component consists of approximately 230 expatriates and 500 locally hired civilians. The United States, Fiji, Columbia, and Italy provide units that perform the actual observer/verification mission. Canada, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Uruguay provide support units and staff personnel to the MFO.

Under the protocol, the MFO must employ its best efforts to prevent any vio-

lation of the security measures set forth in the Treaty of Peace. The specific functions of the MFO are listed as follows in the Treaty of Peace and the Protocol:

- a) Operation of checkpoints, reconnaissance patrols, and observation posts.
- b) Periodic verification is carried out not less than twice a month unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.
- c) Additional verification is to be conducted within 48 hours after the receipt of a request from either Party.
- d) Ensuring the freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran.

Sources: MFO Press Office, and National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa

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Working Session 6: National Experience in Military and Civilian Personnel Training for the UN Operations.

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It is hoped that a follow-on meeting will be able to be held in Canada in the spring or early summer of 1991. It is envisaged that the conference will result in the publication of a book and a video film. Please pass the word about this planned activity. If you have suggestions for topics and speakers, please send them to Alex Morrison at the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies, 1 St. Clair Avenue West, Suite 1202, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4V 1K6. Telephone (416) 964-6632, Fax (416) 964-5833.

► BOOKS

1. 'The Blue Helmets: A Review of United Nations Peacekeeping', New York, UNHQ, 1990 Second Edition. ISBN 92-1-100444-6, UN Sales # E.90.I.18. This excellent, maturely written work has 470pp including organization charts of all UN peacekeeping forces and maps of deployment areas. A basic reference.

2. 'The United Nations and Peacekeeping: Results, Limitations and Prospects', Edited by Indar Jit Rikhye and Kjell Skjelsbaek, London, 1990. Published by MacMillan in association with the International Peace Academy, ISBN 0-333-52456-X. Rikhye was the founding President of the International Peace Academy (IPA) and had been Chief of Staff UNEF I and Commander UNEF II. Skjelsbaek was for many years the Acting Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) where he is now a Research Fellow. The IPA and NUPI co-sponsored a workshop in Norway 12-14 December 1988 and the book bears the title of the workshop. Included are an introduction and eleven chapters.

3. 'Peacekeeping: The Annotated Bibliography' by Peter Jones, Kingston, Ontario, 1989. Published by Ronald P. Frye & Company. ISBN # 0-919742-150. Peter Jones now works with the Department of External Affairs Ottawa and is a PhD Candidate at Kings College, London, England. The bibliography emphasizes works on the Canadian experience in peacekeeping.

4. 'Nordic UN Stand-by Forces', published by NORSTEDTS Tryckeri Stockholm. Identification # M 7749-103011. The aim of this book, as confirmed by the Ministers of Defence and Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, is 'to give basic facts and information concerning Nordic UN Stand-by Forces and the Nordic military UN co-operation, to be a handbook for the training of officers appointed to UN duty or when preparing for participation in a UN mission. The handbook describes within the framework of a fictitious mission the process of launching a peacekeeping mission, maintaining it and closing it up.'

5. 'A Life in Peace and War' by Brian Urquhart, New York, Harper & Row, 1987. ISBN 0-06-015840-9. The autobiography of the long-time former UN Under-

Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs responsible for the conduct of peacekeeping operations.

6. 'Ralph Bunche: The Man and His Times', Edited by Benjamin Rivlin, New York, Holms & Meier, 1990. ISBN # 0-8419-1145-2. A collection in honour of the former UN Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

► PERIODICALS

1. 'Canadian Defence Quarterly', Vol 19, No 1, Summer 1989, Toronto, Ontario. This issue of the CDQ is devoted to peacekeeping.

2. 'Towards Peace in Cambodia', Part of United Nations Forcus series. UN reference # DPI/1091 - September 1990. A good outline of the Cambodian situation.

3. 'International Organizations and Law' A Program Paper of the Ford Foundation, New York, 1990, ISBN # 0-916584-43-7. 'After reviewing the Foundation's longstanding interest in strengthening international organizations and international law, the paper describes three areas of future grant making: promoting research and policy analysis; helping institutions improve their capacity to provide research and training in international organizations and law; and encouraging the general public, particularly in the United States, to take a greater interest in international organizations and public international law.'

► COMMERCIAL VENTURES

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LRS TRIMARK has produced a large number of video and print programs for

the Canadian Department of National Defence on the subject of peacekeeping. These include cross-cultural orientation packages designed specifically for Canadian Forces on the Golan Heights, in Cyprus, and in the Sinai. A series of five more general videos for use by all peacekeeping personnel, regardless of the region in which they are serving, is currently in production. Areas covered by the series are: Cross-cultural/United Nations information; Staff Officer training; Military Observer training; the UNDOF force; and the UN-FICYP force. LRS has also produced training packages for DND's Civilian Employment Equity program, as well as a recruitment program.

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2. STORNOWAY PRODUCTIONS, created in 1983 to continue the Canadian tradition of documentary production by covering key social and political issues around the world. Stornoway Productions has acquired a unique international reputation.

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A current production on the growing importance of UN peacekeeping forces, *Caught in the Crossfire*, has been pre-sold to Japan, Canada, Austria, the US, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Finland.

This two-hour series, being produced by Stornoway Productions with CBC, PBS, Fukisankei and ORF, investigates the history and techniques of peacekeeping, the U.N.'s global authority while exploring policy options for the future.

The programs are intended to raise many interesting and important questions concerning: i) International consensus and the enforcement of collective security. ii) The present U.N. structure. iii) Sub-national combatants including minorities, liberation armies, and terrorists. iv) A standing, elite U.N. Peacekeeping force. v) Conducting relief or humanitarian aid operations.