
Resumption of Cyprus talks urged

Ambassador W.R. Barton, Permanent Representative of Canada made the following statement to the United Nations in the Security Council on September 2:

Scarcely ten weeks ago this Council adopted Resolution 410, and in doing so reaffirmed its direction to the parties regarding the framework for achieving a just and equitable solution to the problem of Cyprus. It also urged, not for the first time, that the parties concerned should act with the utmost restraint to refrain from any unilateral or other action likely to affect adversely the prospects for a just and peaceful solution and to continue and accelerate determined co-operative efforts to achieve the objectives of the Security Council.

The events of the past two months, and the fact that the Council once again is faced with the Cyprus issue, is proof, if proof were needed of the wisdom of the cautionary advice contained in our resolution of last June.

In the statements of Mr. Christophedes, the Foreign Minister of Cyprus, and Mr. Celik, we have heard widely differing interpretations of recent developments in Famagusta, but without prejudice to the views of either side it is obvious that what has happened is an example of the way in which any unilateral action, no matter how limited it may be, or how justified in the eyes of one party or another, can stimulate apprehensions which impede the resumption of the intercommunal talks, which we are all agreed, constitute the only possible route to a peaceful settlement.

We believe that in light of the situation which now exists, this debate has been useful. We have heard the assurances given that the recent Turkish Cypriot actions in New Famagusta do not constitute any kind of colonization or resettlement. In our view this undertaking is important, because there can be no question that any such development would pose a grave threat to the prospects for peace in Cyprus. It would certainly be a matter of very serious concern to the Council.

We believe this debate is useful also, because it gives us an opportunity to express our dismay at the statements made by both sides about the conditions under which they will, or will not, resume the intercommunal negotiations. In our view

the Council at this time should reiterate its cautionary words about the danger of unilateral actions and at the same time press for the urgent resumption of the intercommunal talks at which both sides should be encouraged to make practical proposals for moving forward in accordance with the agreed guidelines at the high-level meeting of last February. It would be our hope that by the time the question of Cyprus comes before the Council again in December, there should be substantial progress to report.

From boys to men — the old-fashioned way

Forty-eight pupils of St. John's School of Ontario, a new institution promoting old school regimen, have just completed a rigorous portion of their curriculum — two weeks of battling the elements of Northern Ontario and Manitoba. Miserable weather, a torturous itinerary, and few of the comforts now considered necessary for camping and canoeing expeditions characterized the outing, which tested the boys' ingenuity, perseverance and commitment.

The boys, aged from 11 to 15, canoed 350 miles from Ear Falls, Ontario to Selkirk, Manitoba, in less than two weeks. They paddled eight hours a day and were proud to speak of surviving the hardships of the trip — no tents, just ground sheets, portages with 250-pound canoes, 30-pound backpacks and "porridge you could cut with an axe".

"The worst thing was paddling at night," said one of the boys. If the stroke fell asleep, then everybody else started falling asleep too." Another said the worst thing was being "windbound", and a third thought the worst part was when "one of the teachers put powdered potatoes in the tea instead of powdered milk".

Principal principles

The school stresses "old fashioned values" — honesty, perseverance and achievement. Assistant headmaster Michael Maunder said "the feeling these days is when it stops feeling good, chuck it.... You can't do that on a canoe trip.... This generation lives in luxury, and that's good, except that by facing the difficult they learn fortitude, determination and commitment. They learn you have to experience pain to develop 'compassion.'"

Many of the students are described by

their parents as potential failures or "drop-outs" of the public school system. With the help of schoolmasters Frank Felletti and Maunder, both formerly with a St. John's campus in Alberta, the boys are discovering the joys of achievement under stern but sympathetic social and academic discipline. The curriculum is highly structured and stresses the classics, basic arithmetic and writing skills. Grades Seven through Ten are offered, after which the students re-enter the regular school system.

Until a permanent location is secured, the school operates from an old nursing home in Claremont, near Toronto. Without provincial funding, the institution, loosely associated with the Anglican church, relies on modest tuition fees, corporate and private donations, and revenue from honey sales raised by the boys. The students attend classes all day, clean and maintain the school and grounds themselves, wash dishes and do their own laundry. True to the spartan existence espoused by the program, teachers are unsalaried. Enrolment is limited to 120 students a year.

Colourful aerogram



The Post Office has issued a new 25-cent aerogram for overseas mail featuring the Tom Thomson painting, Summer Day. This year is the hundredth anniversary of the artist's birthday. The issue of the colourful stationery marks the second time in the last seven months that the Post Office has issued an aerogram. The first became available last December.