

Throughout the year, Canada played an active role, both within the NATO framework and bilaterally, in the consultations among governments of East and West on these important questions. The NATO Section of the Division, working with other units of the Department, co-ordinated the formulation of Canadian views, provided instructions and guidance to the Canadian Delegation to NATO in Brussels, and co-operated with other departments concerned with the political, economic and military aspects of NATO affairs.

Military Assistance and Peacekeeping Section

This Section is responsible for the co-ordination of Canada's military training assistance programs (an activity that is financed through the Department's appropriations) and Canada's contribution to current peacekeeping operations. In performing these functions, the Section works closely with other divisions within the Department and with the Department of National Defence. A number of other matters requiring intergovernmental or interdepartmental consultation are also handled by officers of the section.

Canada's military training assistance programs, initiated in response to requests from developing countries, have continued during 1971. One technical officer remains to assist the Tanzanian People's Defence Force transport air wing and one pilot has been provided to advise and assist in the Tanzanian pilot training program. A pilot adviser has also been provided to Malaysia in addition to two Defence Research Board scientists. The Canadian Armed Forces training team in Ghana, which was established in 1961, was reduced in strength to ten officers during the past year and is expected to continue at a further reduced strength for the time being. Under the program for training in Canada, some 54 officers, officer cadets, and non-commissioned officers from 12 developing countries attended military courses at various Canadian Forces training schools. Military training assistance will continue to be provided to developing countries during 1972.

Canadian military personnel continued to serve throughout 1971 with the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization in the Middle East (UNTSO), the United Nations Military Observer Group India-Pakistan (UNMOGIP) in Kashmir, and the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Canada's largest contribution to United Nations peacekeeping continues to be the 580-man contingent in Cyprus. In December 1971, the Security Council extended the mandate of the Force until June 1972 and Canada agreed to maintain its contingent for the same period. A number of disturbing developments have taken place in Cyprus during 1971 and the situation remains uncertain. UNFICYP's continued presence is considered necessary to assist in the maintenance of stability while the slow search for a political settlement through intercommunal talks continues.

The Section continues to be responsible for the co-ordination of diplomatic clearances for naval visits, and also for overflights and landings of Canadian military aircraft overseas and of foreign military aircraft in Canada.

Other functions include assistance to the National Defence College (the Department provides a senior officer on the Directing Staff) in arranging its overseas tours, diplomatic co-ordination of visits abroad by senior members of the Department of National Defence, and arrangements for certain military