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Vietnam

The Secretary General of U.N. requested Switzerland in October 1963 to put at the disposal of the U.N. Observers in South Vietnam telegraphic communications, services of couriers and safes of the Swiss Consulate General in Saigon, as well as the office of the Swiss Observer in New York.

Cyprus

Since 1964, Switzerland has contributed towards the cost of U.N. peace-keeping troops in Cyprus. The amount until recently totalled 895,000 dollars, to which may be added the 200,000 dollars (Fr.870,000.—) granted in October. U Thant expressed his thanks to the Federal Council and the Swiss people in a message.

Near East

In August, U Thant asked Switzerland to appoint a Swiss to be sent as the Secretary-General's personal representative to Jerusalem on a fact-finding mission. The Federal Council chose Ambassador Ernesto Thalmann, Swiss Observer with U.N. in New York.

The Federal Council agreed to the Secretary-General's request for a medical representative as supervisor of the armistice in Israel, and appointed Colonel F. Zuest, doctor at Frauenfeld, to the mission.

UNCTAD Council

Ambassador P. Jolles has been chosen President of U.N.'s Council for Trade and Development, of which 55 countries are members. According to Switzerland's policy, she did not put up any candidate for the office, but agreed to the unanimous wish of member States to have one of her nationals in this high office.

These examples show that a neutral Small State has an important part to play in international affairs, and they, and many others, demonstrate Switzerland's traditional willingness to co-operate in keeping the peace. Such actions, missions and appointments play their part in Switzerland's **presence** in the world.



Laugh a little . . .

Two lady friends are chatting. One makes the catty remark: "Your husband is really quite nice, but I think it is terrible the way he puts his feet upon the table".

Says the other friend: "It is just this I find so marvellous. You have no idea how much money tumbles out of his pocket when he does it!"

—Nebelspalter