

U.N. forces use patience — mainly

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EBEL ES SAKI, Lebanon — Patience is the main weapon of United Nations peacekeeping troops in south Lebanon.

Our negotiations with the two sides take much of our time," Maj. Arvid Gronning of the Norwegian UN battalion. "Patience is our main weapon."

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was deployed along the Litani River from the Mediterranean to the Syrian border last April as a buffer between Christian militias and Palestinian guerrillas when the Israeli army withdrew after its blitz invasion in March.

The 5,150 UNIFIL troops from Norway, Ireland, France, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal and Fiji were mandated to clear the area of gunmen and prepare its hand-over to Lebanese authorities.

North of the UNIFIL strip, some 5,000 to 6,000 Palestinian guerrillas plus radical Lebanese Moslem militiamen hold virtual control up to the Zaharani river south of Sidon.

Some 1,500 Israeli-backed Christian irregulars control the nine-mile area along the Israeli border, south of the U.N. buffer.

"We are neutral. We are under strict orders to use our weapons only if needed to save our own lives," said Capt. Ole Ostgaard.

"We have patrols with dogs who walk the area day and night," Gronning said.

"There are three kinds of dogs, tracers used for patrols, mine-sniffers used by pioneer troops who defuse mines, and explosive-sniffers used at checkpoints."

Gronning said fields and roads had been mined by both by the Palestinians, before they retreated during the Israeli invasion, and by the Israelis prior to their withdrawal in April.

"We find U.S. and Soviet mines side by side," he said.

Ostgaard said negotiations solve most problems between the U.N. units and the battling factions.

"Recently we went to Hasbaya, which is controlled by a radical Palestinian group, to buy propane gas for our cookers. Before, we got our supplies from Israel, but we have started to buy locally to support the Lebanese economy," Ostgaard said.

"But when we got to Hasbaya, the shop owner quickly locked his store and left. We were told the guerrillas believed we had been oversupplying and providing propane gas to the Christian militias."

He said he arranged a meeting with the guerrilla leaders and explained to them that UNIFIL was favoring neither side and that supplies were bought only for UNIFIL use.

"They saw our point and said we were welcome to shop at Hasbaya. We will meet once a week from now on, at their request," Ostgaard said.

Standing outside the bombed church of Ebel Es Saki, he motioned across a shallow valley to the village of Marjayoun on the opposite hilltop.

"That's the headquarters of Maj. Saad Haddad, and those are his artillery positions," he said, pointing

at six sandbagged cannon emplacements. Haddad commands a renegade unit of the Lebanese Army and the southern Christian militias.

"He maintains two observers at one of our checkpoints, where we search people and cars for weapons, in order to stop infiltration of armed elements," Ostgaard said. "One Sunday the two observers decided our checking was too slack. Haddad's people started shelling the

checkpoint with 120mm artillery, dropping shells as close as 70 yards (m) to show their displeasure."

Asked what it felt like, sitting with Israelis on Mount Hermon to the east, the PLO to the north and Lebanese Christians to the west and south, Gronning said:

"That's our job. We are here to try to decrease tensions, and we have to sit in the middle."

Developing oil resources in China to pay for entry into modern world

United Press International
SHENGLI, China — In just 14 years, the 200,000 people of Shengli have built China's second largest oil field, producing more than 128 million barrels of oil a year.

Shengli (Victory) near the mouth of the Yellow River ranks next in importance to the famous Taching oil field near the Soviet border.

Men and women work on the rigs and the women also grow 22,000 tons of rice annually in about 17,000 acres of reclaimed and irrigated land.

Shengli and other new oil fields like it are vital to China's modernization program aimed at making China an advanced industrial country by the end of this century.

Oil will have to pay for the transfusions of European, Japanese and American industrial knowhow needed to bring this about.

Shengli is a crude oil production center, not a petrochemical complex. Its reserves are secret. Officials say most of its production is for domestic use, although some is exported.

Three pipelines deliver Shengli oil to the outside world. One, completed in 1974, runs to the Huang Tao tanker port near the city of Taingtao at the tip of the Shantung peninsula. Another, built last year, links the oil field to Nanking in the south.

A third connects the field with Chipu City where a large refining complex is located. All pipelines carry both oil and natural gas. Shengli officials say the complex at Chipu can produce 300,000 tons of ammonia a year, the only statistic they furnished.

Shengli itself has only a small refinery that makes products for local use like ammonia and gasoline. This refinery is attached to the Eastern Petroleum Institute, Shengli's technical college, and is partly a training facility.

Shengli has used quite a bit of foreign equipment in its time. Its managers and working-level engineers say they are eager to acquire American equipment, especially for drilling and extracting.

A computer installed by France's C.I.I. processes results of seismic testing. Dresser Corp. of the United States installed logging facilities over a one-year period ending in 1978. Smith Drilling Bit Co., also a U.S. firm, has supplied bits and anti-corrosion pipe.

Some Soviet-made drilling rigs were used in Shengli's early days. Now all rigs are Chinese, officials of the field said, except for one from Romania, which is being used for Shengli's deepest test boring project.

Shengli officials say the deepest productive well at present is a 16,568-foot borehole completed in 1970. The shallowest wells are variously reported to be from 4,000 to 5,000 feet deep.

Shengli is an on-shore oil field and drilling stops at the coastline on the north shore of the Shantung Peninsula near the mouth of the Yellow River.

In recent years Taching has been believed to supply about half of China's crude. National production this year is guessed at around 700 million barrels.

American Indian News Network

Indian media to 'show the other side'

United Press International
PINE RIDGE, S.D. — South Dakota Indians, disenchanted with the news media, have decided to set up their own outlets, including a television station.

American Indians represent about 20 percent of the state's population. Yet only four of South Dakota's nine reservations have newspapers, and only one has a radio station.

"We'll alleviate some misconceptions," said Tim Giago, Oglala Sioux information officer. "This (office) is where it's all at right now."

Clarence Skye, executive director of the United Sioux Tribe, said a new service called the American Indian News Media Network is being established by the tribes.

"Indians are doing a lot of good things, but the media only focuses on the sensational," Skye said. "We're trying to show the other side."

Most of the state's Indians are concentrated on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations in western South Dakota and in Rapid City, the state's second largest city. One Pine Ridge City station is an NBC affiliate, the other, an ABC affiliate.

Giago said CBS officials seem receptive to making a proposed Indian HF station an affiliate. He said the tribe is seeking Federal Communi-

cations Commission approval.

Giago said, if all goes well, the station could be on the air this fall.

Once the facility is under construction, the tribe will apply for a license to operate a FM radio station.

Giago said. Broadcasting facilities should cost about \$400,000 to build, he said, but \$1.5 million will have to be spent on equipment and general operation.

Initially, the tribe has a \$100,000 grant through the Labor Department's Native American Economic

Stimulus Program to buy equipment, hire instructors and travel to see stations in operation. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has been asked to guarantee or to find a bank that will guarantee a \$2 million loan for the project.

Six students who are learning the mechanics and will be the staff nucleus are being paid through a Comprehensive Employment Training Act grant. The United Methodist Communications and United Church of Christ Communications

have been asked to help pay for workers' salaries once the station is on the air.

Like many other stations aimed at minority audiences, Giago said, newscasts will be offered in two languages.

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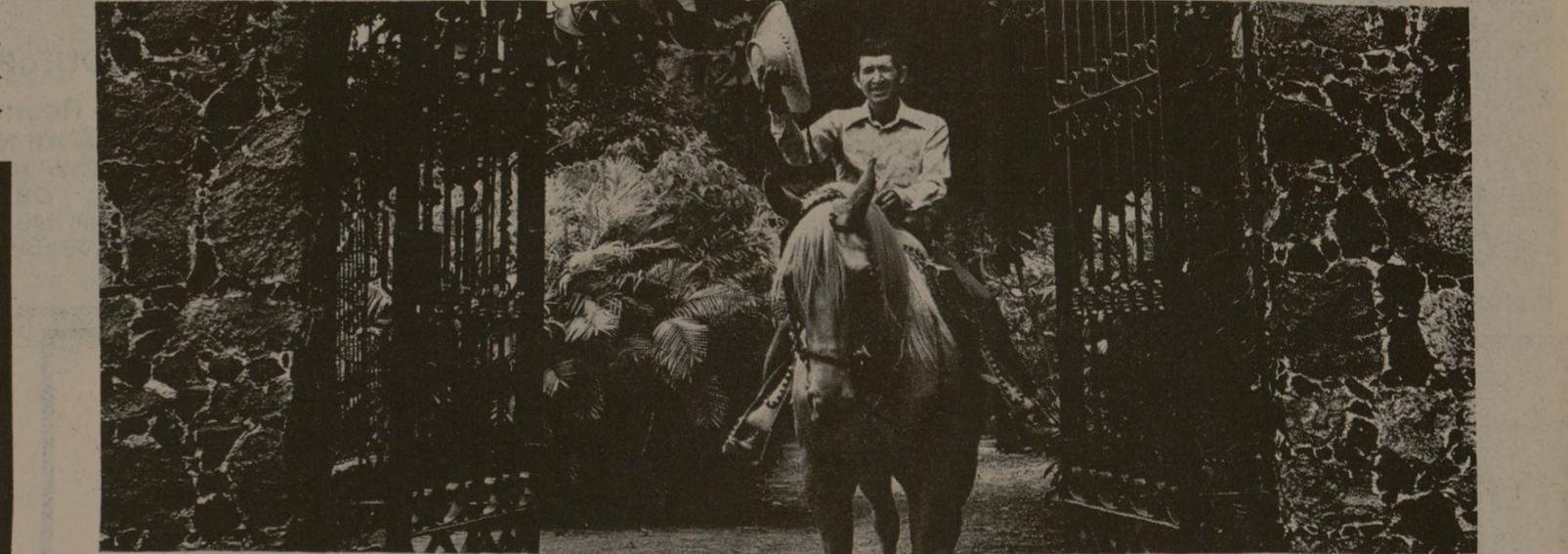
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