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LT. GENERAL ODD BULL LEAVES UNTSO

The Secretary-General announces that Lt. General Odd Bull of Norway, for personal reasons and at his own request, will be leaving his post as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO) when his present tour of duty expires on 1 August 1970. General Bull has served as Chief of Staff of UNTSO since 20 May 1963.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to pay tribute to the distinguished service which General Bull has rendered to the United Nations. During the seven years that he has been Chief of Staff, UNTSO has undergone a number of serious crises, and, especially since the war of June 1967, has encountered great difficulties. The United Nations has been fortunate to have as Chief of Staff in Jerusalem during these years an experienced officer of high rank. In spite of the severe emotion, tension and controversy characterizing the situation in the Middle East, General Bull has been able to maintain excellent relations with all of the Governments concerned. He has fulfilled the duties of Chief of Staff with skill and devotion.

General Bull will be succeeded as Chief of Staff by Major-General E.P.H. Siilasvuo of Finland who has served with UNTSO since 15 October 1967, deputizing for General Bull whenever he was absent and, in the past three months, serving as Acting Chief of Staff.

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