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UN CHIEF MILITARY OBSERVER MEETS WITH TWO DRUSE LEADERS IN LEBANON
Four Norwegian Pilots Arrive; Outpost Teams Cover Four Areas in Two Shifts

(The following was received from a UN Information Officer with the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon.)

Lieut. Colonel Maurice Brown, the Chief Military Observer of the UN Observation Group in Lebanon, yesterday visited the Chouf area by personal arrangement and met with two Druse leaders, Kamal Jumblatt and Emir Nouhd, it was confirmed today at the Observation Group's headquarters.

Colonel Brown had a friendly and personal conversation, lasting an hour and a half, with Druse Chieftain Jumblatt. The meeting took place in a friendly atmosphere and the Chief Military Observer was received with the usual Druse courtesy. It is anticipated that UN Observers will maintain contact with the Druse leaders.

Norwegian Pilots Arrive

Four Norwegian pilots arrived in Beirut this morning to operate two helicopters which will aid the UN Observation Group in Lebanon (UNOGIL) in its observation work. The two helicopters, which were supplied by the United States, have now been assembled and are standing at the Beirut airfield ready for use.

Meanwhile, four teams of UNOGIL outposts in the areas of Tripoli, Chtaura, Saïda and Marjayoun are continuing to patrol roads and pathways from early morning until late evening. Each team is operating in two shifts, the first from 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the second from 11:30 a.m. to about 8 p.m. The patrols are covering as much territory as possible within each area in order to familiarize the local population with white UN jeeps and to establish confidence. The four outposts report back to Beirut headquarters by radio every hour.

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