UNYOM (United Nations Yemen Observation Mission)  
UNMOGIP (United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan)  
UNIPOM (United Nations India/Pakistan Observation Mission)  
UNFICYP (United Nations Force in Cyprus)

The Korea and UNEF ribbons are worn with the special Korea and UNEF medals respectively, while all other ribbons are worn with the UN standard medal.

Symbolism of Ribbon Colors

Korea  
Alternate blue and white narrow stripes—UN colours.

UNTSO—UNOGIL  
Blue background, two narrow white stripes—UN colours.

UNEF  
Wide UN blue band with yellow symbolizing the Sinai desert; the thin blue lines represent the Suez canal and a green stripe symbolizes the Nile Valley.

ONUC  
Originally, the United Nations medal awarded for service in the Congo was issued with a blue and white ribbon and Congo bar. This same ribbon was awarded for service with UNTSO. However, in 1963, it was decided that a distinctive ribbon for service with ONUC be issued and a blue and green ribbon with a narrow white stripe was decided upon. The addition of green, which is symbolic of hope, was thought appropriate for a young nation. It was also felt that ehr green would symbolize the Congo Basin. The white stripe indicates the peace-keeping mission of the UN in the Congo. In October 1963, lengths of the new ribbon were sent to the various governments for distribution.

UNTEA  
The background of this design is primarily UN blue. A thin dark green stripe represents the jungle and swampland and a pale green stripe is symbolic of the coral beaches. To indicate the snow-capped mountains, there is also a narrow white band.

NOTE: The manufacturers of the ribbon were unable to reproduce the required coloring for coral and we were obliged to accept a light shade of green instead.

UNYOM  
Varying shades of brown indicate the dry and rugged mountainous mass in Yemen, the lighter shades representing the desert. There is a UN blue stripe on either side of the motif.

UNMOGIP  
Varying shades of green indicate the Himalayan Range and Kashmir Valley with a white stripe to represent the snow-capped mountains. The UN is represented by a UN blue stripe on either side.

UNIPOM  
The design includes a thick white band with two dark blue bands symbolizing the Mediterranean. The United Nations is represented by a thick UN blue band on either side.
Note from UN Sources

The medals, insignia, shoulder patches, berets and other items issued to military personnel serving in United Nations peace-keeping operations, are not available for free distribution or as sales item. However, the firm of Moss Bros., Covent Garden, London, WC 2, England, is prepared to supply miniature United Nations medals and also provide retail quantities of the various regular width medal ribbons.

The above data was abstracted by official United Nations sources dated November 1967 and December 1966.

Below: Photographs of the reverses of the medals shown on Page 21.
AWARDS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

by Vaclav Mericka

Editor's Note:
Mr. Mericka has long served as President of the Czechoslovakian numismatic society, Drovna Plastika, possesses probably the finest private collection in his country, and is the author of the recent sumptuous book, Orders and Decorations, which was published in English, German and Czech. He is presently preparing a second volume. The first volume was reviewed in these pages and in numerous other specialized monographs, and in Dr. Klietmann's Ordenskunde series, as well as the first catalogue of the Czechoslovakian regimental medals referred to in the last portion of the present article, in conjunction with the Military Historical Museum of Prague as well as the Czech numismatic society. This is undoubtedly the finest brief account of Czechoslovakian decorations, past and present, ever to appear in English.

In the Medal Collector, Number 2 February, 1968, appeared an article "Awards of the Satellite Nations", submitted by George H. Kuchen, Jr. On pages 8 and 9 there is a brief resume of Czechoslovakian awards. Because this contains many errors and omissions, I shall try in a short survey to inform the American collector of the real situation.

On October 28, 1918, just fifty years ago, an independent Czechoslovakia has been proclaimed. During World War One, considerable contingents of Czechoslovakian military forces fought on different European fronts, especially in Russia, France and Italy. At the very close of the war, when an

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COLUMBIAN WOUND BADGES (for one and two wounds) - Mr. Ed. V. Hess has furnished us with this photograph of awards described in the December 1965 issue of THE MEDAL COLLECTOR.