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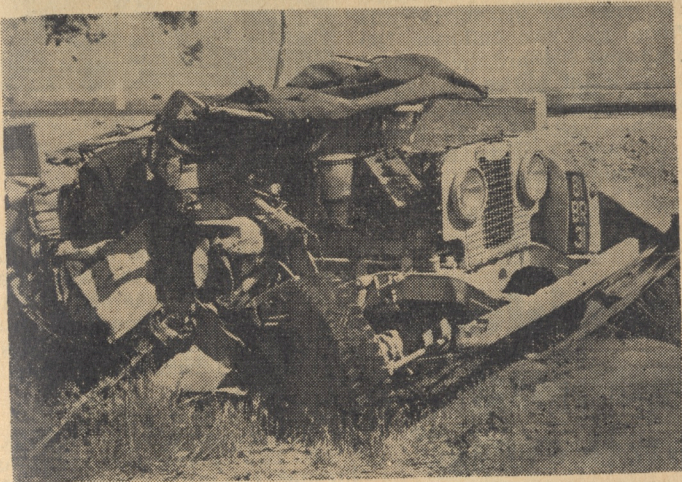
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573 ACCIDENTS:- An average of one and a third per day since the Force has been in Cyprus.

15 FATALITIES:- Almost an average of one per month. Make sure it's not YOU next month.

197 INJURIES:- Three every eight days on average. Who will it be tomorrow? For your own sake take CARE on the roads.

ROAD SAFETY A MUST



This is the sort of thing that can happen to any vehicle — yours included, in an accident. Make sure it doesn't happen to you. Take care on the roads.

ACCIDENT figures continue to cause the gravest concern at UNFICYP Headquarters. At the time of writing, total accident figures stood at 573, of which 15 were fatal and 197 had involved minor or major injuries.

Since the Force has been on the Island — a total time of 16 months, UNFICYP vehicles have, on average, been involved in more than one accident per day. In the seven months this year alone, UNFICYP vehicles have been involved in 271 accidents, — in just 210 days, although accident figures have fallen almost continually since the beginning of the year.

From a staggering total of 54 in January — the middle of the wet weather — they slid to 41 in February, rose again by two in March, dropped to 37 in April, rose again to 39 in May, and during the last two months, up till the 29th of July have dropped steadily — 30 in June and 25 in July.

Although the figures are dropping they are still cause for concern, for in October, rotation of most of the UNFICYP contingents will have been completed and figures are expected to rise sharply again as new drivers, many of whom have never driven on the left hand side of the road before, join the Force.

Breakdown on accident figures so far this year shows the British Contingent in the rather unenviable position of having a clear lead in the number of accidents their vehicles have been involved in. They total 64 — 15 ahead of the Finnish Contingent. Canadian vehicles have been involved in 47 accidents and Irish and Danish Contingent vehicles in 39 accidents each. Bringing up the rear are the Swedish Contingent whose vehicles have been involved in 30 accidents. British vehicles, of course, cover far more mileage than the others and other excuses could be found for each Contingent, but the fact remains that

"Accidents unnecessary"



Colonel Dowsett

"THE LAST FIVE DEATHS as the result of accidents involving UN vehicles should never have occurred. There was no reasonable excuse or explanation for any of these accidents—but five people are dead", said Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Dowsett, the UNFICYP Provost Marshal in an interview at UNFICYP Headquarters on Friday.

Speaking on the need for preventing the grim UNFICYP accident figures from rising even higher, Colonel Dowsett said, "The most important thing for United Nations' drivers coming to Cyprus is to drive defensively".

The Provost Marshal then went on to explain this phrase. "What this really means", he said, "is that when you have any doubt at all about road or traffic conditions, slow down or stop completely until you have made an assessment of the situation. If drivers would all drive with due care and attention", Colonel Dowsett continued, "fifty per cent of all accidents could be eliminated".

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New U.S. Ambassador presents credentials:-

U. S. expresses hope that UN may help SE Asia peace

THE new Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, presented his credentials to Secretary-General U Thant last week along with a letter from President Johnson expressing hope that the United Nations might help restore peace in South East Asia.

President Johnson said U Thant's efforts in the past to find some way to remove the Viet-Nam conflict from the battlefield to the negotiating table had been "highly valued" by the U.S. Government, and he trusted would be continued. Ambassador Goldberg, he said, had been instructed to maintain close contact with the Secretary-General on the Vietnamese situation.

The U.S. Chief Executive also reaffirmed that the United States was prepared to enter into unconditional negotiations for a peaceful settlement, and that it hoped that U.N. Members, individually and collectively, would use their influence to "bring to the negotiating table all Governments, involved, in an attempt to halt all aggression and evolve a peaceful solution".

Ambassador Goldberg told a press conference after his meeting with the Secretary-General that they had discussed, besides Viet-Nam, the financial-constitutional U.N. crisis and the Dominican Republic.

The new U.S. Representative said he considered the resolving of the U.N.'s financial and constitutional troubles the first order of business. This complex issue involves peace-keeping operations and their financing, and the controversy about the General Assembly voting rights of countries that have declined to help finance certain U.N. military operations on legal and other grounds.

Ambassador Goldberg said that the U.S. had not yet set the position it would take when the 33-nation Committee that has been handling this problem meets again next month.

A U.N. spokesman said the Secretary-General considered his exchange of views with Ambassador Goldberg "very useful", and that U Thant would give most serious consideration to President Johnson's letter.

The spokesman added that U Thant had reaffirmed his long-standing view that the Viet-Nam conflict should be settled by peaceful means, either by the revival of the 1954 Geneva Conference on Indochina or through some other agreed form of discussion.

U Thant also stressed the urgency of resolving the financial-constitutional crisis.

U Thant's reply to President Johnson was carried to Washington on Thursday by Ambassador Goldberg.

The Secretary-General said that he was "heartened" by President Johnson's wish that his efforts for peace in South-East Asia be continued.

"I gladly assure you of my determination to pursue them by all the means at my disposal," U Thant wrote, "since I believe most strongly that concerted efforts should be made to put an early end to all further hostile military activities."

U Thant said he was particularly gratified that Ambassador Goldberg was to maintain close touch with him on Viet-Nam, given the "very great importance" he attached to his question.

UNFICYP accident figures causing "gravest concern"

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all figures are far too high. The worst area for accidents is without doubt Nicosia Zone, which is responsible for almost 60 per cent of all accidents on the Island. In the Zone, the immediate area of Nicosia itself is the scene of most accidents but the Kyrenia district also has a high proportion.

Other bad spots on the Island are, in numerical order of accidents, the Xeros/Lefka area, Famagusta and Ktima.

Nicosia itself is the main trouble spot, with more than 50 accidents occurring either in, or in the immediate vicinity of the Walled City, including four fatalities. Other extremely bad areas are between the Myrtou Road and the Nicosia Bypass in the area of Greek National Contingent Camp. This area, less than half a mile in length, has been the scene of 17 accidents. Around the Main Guardroom at RAF Nicosia, eleven UNFICYP vehicles have been involved in smashes within a distance of 200 yards and 13 vehicles have been involved in collisions at the junction of the Morphou road and Kyrenia Road.

These are the black highlights,

Force Admin Officer Leaves:-

ONCE AGAIN NO "SLOW BOAT" FOR FLYING WILLIS

UNFICYP officers — civilian and military — were sorry to see Peter Willis leave Nicosia last Saturday after completing his tour of duty as Administrative Officer of the Force — a post he held since April of last year.

Peter once again was not allowed to take a "slow boat" to a new U.N. assignment — this time, Administrative Officer with the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). Together with his attractive wife Wilma, and two children, Deborah and Richard, he covered about 8,000 miles in three days, changing flights in Beirut and New Delhi, to report to his new post in Bangkok on Tuesday morning.

He has had quite a U.N. ca-



Admin Officer Peter Willis — 8,000 miles in three days to new posting.

reer — starting close to ten years ago when still Major H.P.T. Willis of the New Zealand Army he was assigned to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in Jerusalem as a military observer.

He remained with UNTSO for two years, the latter as Chief Operations Officer. After his two-year tour of duty he returned to New Zealand — but in 1959 he was back in Jerusalem once again loaned by New Zealand to UNTSO. He stayed with the Truce Supervision Organization until 1962 when, as a civilian, he joined the United Nations in the Congo (ONUC) — initially as Deputy Senior Administrative Officer with ONUC in Katanga.

Peter stayed in Katanga until 1963 serving during the latter months as Special Assistant to the Chief U.N. Representative in Katanga. In September of 1963, he was assigned Provincial Observer in Kolwezi. In April of last year, while still in Kolwezi, he was given 24 hours to report to UNFICYP in Nicosia.

The last days on the Island were hectic ones for Peter and his family — too many farewell parties! With good reason however as undoubtedly Peter and Wilma were a most popular couple among the UNFICYP family — and Peter was even more popular in his professional capacity.

Bon voyage, Peter, and best wishes from all your UNFICYP colleagues and friends!

Aektsvenskt broellop ofoergloemigt minne



Overste Geijer lyckönskar det nygifta paret.



Brudparet uppvaktades av sex strama marskalkar vid ingången till kyrkan.

20-åriga Myrtil Jakobsson från Åmål glömmmer inte i första taget sitt bröllop på Cypern. Hon flög till Beirut och träffade fästmannen 22-åriga måleriarbetaren Evert Gunnar Öhrn också han från Åmål i tro att de skulle gifta sig borgerligt i Beirut. Istället blev det kyrkbröllop på Cypern.

På lördagen ägde vigseln rum och det torde vara första gången

som ett helsvenskt FN-bröllop hållits på Cypern. Platsen för händelsen var S:t Michaelskyrkan vid Four Miles Point, en halvmil väster om Famagusta. Vigselförrättare var bataljonspastor Jergmar från Härnösand och för orgelmusiken svarade auditören, major Rosén från Linköping.

Medan gästerna samlades spelade bataljonsorkestern bröllopslåtar. Utanför kyrkan paraderade åtta av brudgummens kompanikamrater samt två fanbärare med svenska flaggan och kompanifanan. Ytterligare sex kamrater tjänstgjorde som marskalkar.

Kyrkan var givetvis fylld av svenska FN-soldater samt prominenta gäster, däribland svenske vicekonsuln D Pierides, Famagusta, Hollands generalkonsul Stephano och polischefen i Famagusta Konstantinides. Givetvis deltog även svenske bataljonschefen Sten Geijer i spetsen för sina officerare.

Brudparet färdades efter vigseln i lövad FN-bil till hotell Grecian, Famagusta, där en magnifik bröllopsmiddag serverades. Bland 20-talet gäster märktes förutom överste Geijer, även major Ahlstedt med dotter Louise, vilka haft huvudsvaret för bröllopsarrangemanget, för vilket den svenska bataljonen stod som värd. En mängd telegram och blommor fyllde senare bröllopsviten.



NEWS IN SWEDISH

New Deputy Commander for DANCON



Pictured above is the new Deputy Commander of the Danish Contingent of UNFICYP, Lieutenant Colonel L.E.B. Kirkebjerg, The Royal Danish Hussars.

Colonel Kirkebjerg took up his duties with the Force on the 27th of last month, replacing Lieutenant Colonel C.W.B. Christensen, who was due to fly home from Cyprus today, Wednesday, 4th August.

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.

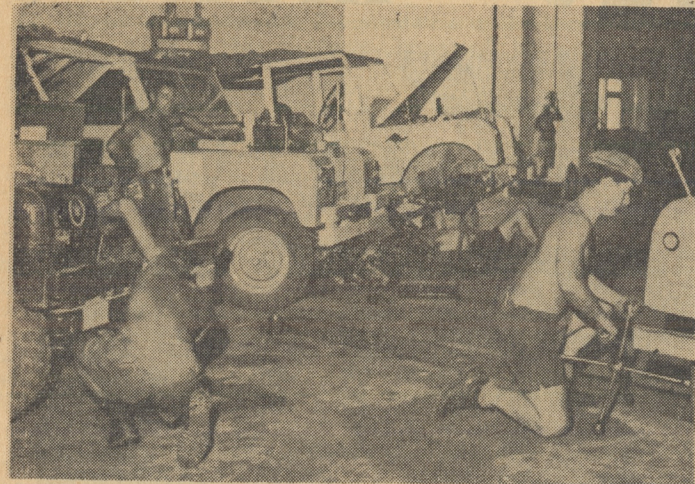
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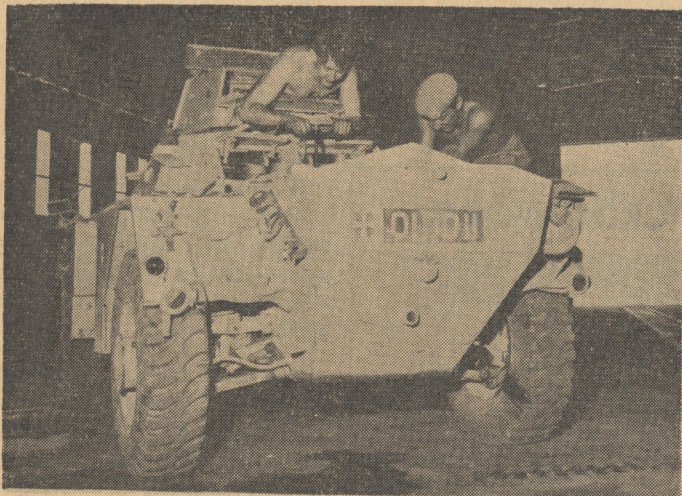
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British Contingent News:

REME's CRAFTSMEN AT WORK WITH UN



Vehicle mechanics at work in the somewhat cosmopolitan Landrover section in the REME workshops at HQ UNFICYP. Sergeant Shafto (standing left) watches while Craftsman Groves (background) works on an Australian vehicle. Craftsman Parks (right foreground) uses a wheel spider to change a wheel on a British vehicle and Cfn Lott (back to camera) works on the steering of a Canadian Contingent vehicle.



Above: Craftsman Groves (in turret) and Lance Corporal Randall give a Danish scout car a final check after an engine overhaul. The "Armoured" team have been extremely busy lately, repairing over 25 vehicles in a short time. Below: Lt Col Galloway (facing camera) and Sergeant Smith check out a Landrover gearbox. Top right: Craftsman Warren on the welding bench.



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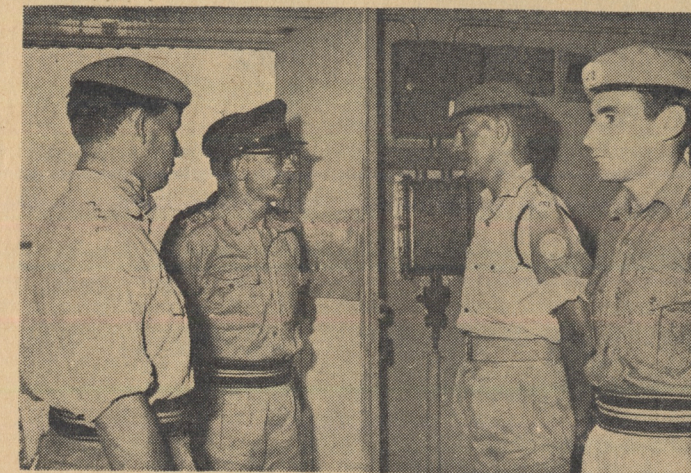
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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME

Daily 1930 - 2030 hrs in all languages of UNFICYP as follows:-
 Monday Swedish Programme
 Tuesday Canadian Programme
 Wednesday Finnish Programme
 Thursday Irish Programme
 Friday English Programme
 Saturday Danish Programme
 Sunday Request Programme

NOTE: Every Wednesday and Saturday a United Nations News Round-Up provided by the UN office in New York is broadcast.

Brigadier Lonsdale visits 42 Coy RCT



Brigadier E.H.G. Lonsdale the Inspector of the newly formed Royal Corps of Transport recently visited the 42 Company Detachment at HQ UNFICYP. Pictured above (centre) he is seen talking to Cpl A.E. Willis (left) and Driver B. Hunter. The Detachment OC, Captain R.A. Latchford is at extreme left.

Geneva Disarmament talks:-

Responsibility and restraint urged by Secretary - General

UNITED Nations Secretary-General U Thant has expressed the hope that disarmament negotiations which were resumed last week in Geneva would recapture the "spirit and momentum" that led to the partial nuclear test ban treaty and other agreements two years ago.

U Thant's views were set forth in a message to the 18-nation Disarmament Committee which met last week at United Nations European Headquarters following a recess of ten months.

The Secretary-General said the East-West detente evident in 1963 had been much eroded by political crises in many parts of the world, but he was convinced that participants in the Geneva conference would seek accommodation despite the present inauspicious circumstances.

U Thant laid special stress on the need for curbing the nuclear arms race. The U.N. Disarmament Commission comprising the whole of the United Nations membership, he noted, recently urged priority for extending the atomic test ban treaty to underground detonations and for preventing a further spread of nuclear weapons.

The nuclear powers, U Thant said, continued to perfect their arsenals, and the growing number of States that are technically able to make a bomb would be faced with "extremely grave decisions in this area". He urged "responsibility and restraint" on the part of both nuclear and non-nuclear States. Decisions relating to nuclear weapons development he declared, had a contagious effect in either curbing or broadening the nuclear arms race.



U Thant

U Thant said the recent session of the Disarmament Commission had showed general agreement that partial disarmament steps offered the best chance of success, and that smaller powers could make significant contributions to the disarmament progress. He also noted the Commission's resolution welcoming the proposal from non-aligned States for a world disarmament conference, and asking the next U.N. General Assembly to consider it.

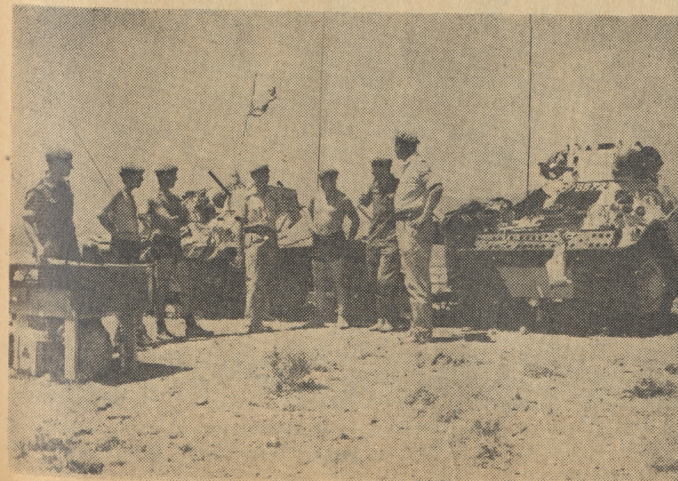


British element settling down in UNFICYP's new Lefka District

The British element in the newly created Lefka District are busy settling into their strange environs; getting to know personalities, places and routes and dealing with the administrative problems that are always associated with a move of this nature.

Major Robin Harris, 14/20 Hussars, has established his District Headquarters at Lefka, whilst Major Fitz Abel-Smith Grenadier Guards, is OC the Limnitis camp.

Our pictures show: Top: Trooper Bancks of the 1st Troop on OP Duty. Below: Troop leader Lt John Barrow occupies an 'al fresco' post in the Peristeronari area with his 1st Troop. The troop are shown here during a visit by the Squadron Commander.





The new CO of the Austrian Field Hospital Lt Col H.D. Narodoslavsky (right) being greeted on his arrival by the Chief of Personnel at HQ UNFICYP, Lt Col A. Purhonen. Biographical notes: Lt Col Narodoslavsky was born in Graz, Austria, in 1920. He graduated M.M.D. in 1951 and joined the Austrian Defence Force in 1955. He was the Chief Physician at the military hospital in his hometown where he also has a private practice.

Colonel Narodoslavsky, married and the father of two children, will serve three months with UNFICYP. This is his second UN posting, having served with ONUC in 1962 at Stanleyville.

Der neue Kommandant des österreichischen Sanitätskontingentes

Die Vormittagssonne brannte auf den Asphalt des österreichischen Feldspitals. Die drei Lagerfahnen flatterten hoch im Westwind. Zu ihren Füßen war die Mannschaft in Reih und Glied angetreten, um ihren neuen Kommandanten zu begrüßen.

Der kommandierende General der UNO auf Zypern, General Thimayya, war am 15.7.1965 persönlich im Spital erschienen, um Herrn ObstltA Dr. Narodoslavsky das Kommando zu übergeben. Viele der angetretenen Offiziere und Männer kannten ihn schon aus Österreich. Andere fragten sich im Stillen was für ein Mann ihr neuer Kommandant wohl sei.

Er wurde im Jahre 1920 in Graz geboren und ging auch dort zur Schule. Der Krieg unterbrach sein Studium, er mußte von 1939 bis 1945 in der Wehrmacht dienen. Erst nach Beendigung des Krieges konnte er seine Studien fortsetzen. Er promovierte 1951 zum Doktor der Medizin. Seit es in Österreich wieder ein Bundesheer gibt, ist ObstltA Dr Narodoslavsky Leiter einer Heeresansta-
t-sanstalt in seiner Heimatstadt Graz. Diese Anstalt ist ein Militärs-
pital mit ca. 50 Betten, das alle medizinischen Fachrichtungen umfaßt. Neben seiner umfangreichen dienstlichen Tätigkeit als Leiter dieses Spitals, führt er

in Graz noch eine Privatpraxis. Er ist seit 1952 verheiratet und ist Vater zweier Kinder, eines elfjährigen Sohnes und einer fünfjährigen Tochter.

Der UNO ist ObstltA Dr. Narodoslavsky kein Unbekannter. Er ist 1962 dabei gewesen, als Österreich ein UN-Sanitätskontingent in den Kongo entsandte. In Stanleyville hat er für die UNO gearbeitet und einige der hiesigen UNO-Beamten kennen ihn noch von dort.

Auf Zypern wird er nur drei Monate bleiben, weil er in der Heimat nicht länger entbehrt werden kann. Er selbst sagte, er will in dieser Zeit den guten medizinisch-fachlichen Ruf des österreichischen Feldspitals weiter festigen. Darüberhinaus hat er bereits kräftige Schritte unternommen, um die Verpflegung der Patienten dem hohen Niveau der medizinischen Behandlung anzugleichen. Das österreichische Kontingent ist stolz darauf, einen so erfahrenen und tatkräftigen Kommandanten zu haben.



Brigadier B.F. Macdonald, Commander Nicosia Zone, inspects dispositions with binoculars from the Hilltop position in the Kyrenia Range during his recent visit to 'A' Coy, QOR. Looking on (left to right) are, Sgt Graham, outpost commander, Maj Jack Hanley, Coy Comd 'A' Coy and Capt Paul Hunter, GSO III Nicosia Zone Headquarters, who accompanied the Brigadier on his tour.

Nic Zone Commander visits QOR positions

ARRIVING late last Tuesday at Check Point 3 on the Nicosia - Kyrenia road was the Commander of Nicosia Zone, Brig B.F. Macdonald, DSO, CD to begin an afternoon of inspections of posts and installations occupied by the 1st Battalion QOR's Oneisha Farm based company. Meeting the Brigadier and his GSO III, Capt Paul Hunter, at the check point was Major Jack Hanley, commander of "A" Company, whose soldiers were occupying the area. Beginning the tour at Hanley's Hill, a new outpost named after the Company commander, the Brigadier travelled by jeep to inspect every outpost in the area. At 1700 hrs a helicopter arrived at the Company Headquarters to lift the inspection party to one of the most inaccessible outposts occupied by the 1st Battalion Queen's Own, called Hilltop. Located on the Kyrenia mountain range East of the Nicosia - Kyrenia road, the post is inaccessible by vehicle and to reach it on foot requires over an hour of arduous mountain climbing. Following a short study

of defensive lines from Hilltop the Brigadier moved off to Check Point 1 to conclude his tour.

A Barbecue staged in the Rainbow Club at the "Ponderosa", otherwise known as Oniesha Farm concluded the tour. Entertainment at the gathering proved to be very novel with a two hour stage show with music and skits being provided by the unit's Bugle Band. As the Brigadier faded into the darkness on his return trip to Headquarters Nicosia Zone it was a tired "Little Joe, Hoss, Adam and Ben Cartwright" who bid him farewell.

● Promotions from the recently completed Battalion Drill and Duties Course also occupied the lime light this week. Receiving their Lance Corporal's chevrons from the Battalion's Acting Commanding Officer, Major Lloyd Cornett, were Lcpls Dale Ratzlaff and Kerry Lander. Other successful candidates were, Howard Day, John McGinnes, Douglas Dicy, Edgar Stone, Gerald Dodge, Clifford Talerico, Denis Lyon, Joseph Gerald and Paul Barreau.

More Canadian Contingent News page 7



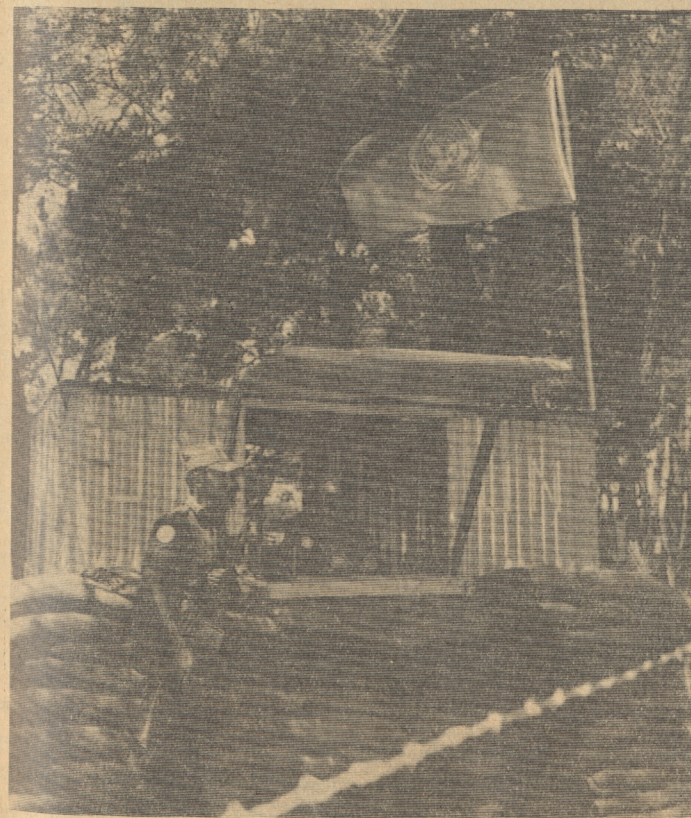
Top candidate on the recently completed QORs' Drill and Duties Course was Rifleman Dale Ratzlaff shown above (left) receiving his Lance Corporals chevrons from the Acting Battalion CO, Major Lloyd Cornett at a ceremony held in Battalion Headquarters in the Kyrenia pass RSM K.H. MacLeod (centre) looks on.

4 Inf Group Commander flies home

Col. T. O'Brien (left), Assistant Chief of Staff and Commander Irish Contingent with Lt Col P. D. Hogan just before the latter left for home from Nicosia airport.



Outpost duty



Soldiers Bill Jasen, of Sudbury, Ontario (holding rifle) and Karl Grohs, of Grande Prairie, Alberta, both of the 1st Battalion, the Queens' Own Rifles on duty at an outpost.

UNFICYP contributions:

Additional sums from Malta, Sweden and Greece

MALTA, Sweden and Greece have informed the United Nations that they are making additional voluntary contributions to the financing of the cost of the United Nations operations in Cyprus.

In a letter dated 26 July, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, Mr. Arvid Pardo, informed U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, that his Government had decided to make an additional token contribution of £200 for this purpose.

In a letter dated 27 July, the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Mr. Per Olof Forshell, informed the Secretary-General that the Government of Sweden had decided to make a contribution of \$240,000 to meet the costs of UNFICYP operations for the period of 27 June—26 December 1965. The Permanent Representative of Sweden adds, in his letter, that the Government of Sweden had taken this decision "without prejudice to its stand on the principle of collective financial responsibility for United Nations operations of this nature".

The Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, Mr. Alexis S. Liatis, transmitted with a letter to the Secretary-General—dated 29 July—a cheque for the amount of \$400,000 against the contributions of the Royal Greek Government to the expenses of UNFICYP for the current semester. In making this contribution, Mr. Liatis said that his Government "wishes to reaffirm their confidence in the efforts deployed by UNFICYP and the United Nations Mediator towards a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem".

Part of a huge crowd watch in silence as drummers of the Battalion Bugles of the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles beat "Retreat" in Customs House Square, Kyrenia on Sunday evening.

Thousands watch QORs' Sunset Ceremony at Kyrenia

AN audience of thousands gave an enthusiastic reception to the music and marching of the Battalion Bugles of the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada at Kyrenia on Sunday evening

Dusk on the harbour front provided a dramatic setting for the half-hour sunset ceremony with daylight gradually fading as the music echoed from the buildings and out over the water. Pretty summer dresses added to the festive air while many United Nations uniforms mingled with the crowd of citizens in the Customs House square.

Presented as a goodwill gesture to the Cypriots with whom the Queen's Own are closely associated the programme began at 7 o'clock with the playing of "O Canada". Bugle-Major Fred Breurkens then led his 31-piece band through a series of intricate marching and counter marching displays. A feature for drums alone was followed by a slow marching display to more solemn music and then it was back to the speedy 140 paces to the minute. A number of softer selections were played at the halt and the programme ended with the lowering of the flag to the notes of "Retreat".





The Logistics Branch of YKSP 3 arranged a farewell party for Nic Zones' retiring QM, Maj Christian Mortenson who according to the Finnish tradition was promoted to Lt. Col., "Honora Causa" and presented with the "Kykkö Cross" Pictured above, Lt. Col Kahelin congratulates the new 'Knight'

Zonen Huoltopaallikosta Eversti H.C. — Ja Sinisen Ristin Ritari

Keskiviikkoillaksi oli Kykkoon Yrjosedän lähteelle kokoontunut joukko silmäätekeviä huoltomiehiä Unficypista, Niczonesta ja pataljoonasta jättämään hyvästit tanskalaiselle Nikosian alueen huoltopäällikölle majuri Christian Mortensonille, jonka tunnemme lämpimänä Suomen ystävänä jo varhaisimmilta ajoilta.

Lähtäisiksi majuri Mortenson ylennettiin suomalaiseksi everstiluutnantiksi h.c., minkä merkiksi hanet puettiin juhlallisessa seremoniassa oikeilla 'jämilla' varustettuun papukajapukuun.

Samassa tilaisuudessa luovutettiin eversti Mortensonille ja muutamille muille kunnostautuneille huoltomiehille sinisen ristin ritarimerkki urhoollisuudesta ja päivittäin osoitetusta äärimmäisestä kyvystä kestää epäinhimillistä rasitusta ja suomalaisia enemmän kuin kolmen kuukauden ajan.

Eversti Mortensonin lisäksi sinisen ristin ritareiksi lyötiin seuraavat henkilöt: Capt. Moroney, CDN, HQ NZ, Capt. Smith, GB, HQ UNFICYP, Capt. Patterson, GB, HQ NZ, Capt. Moore, CDN, HQ NZ ja Capt. Moore, CDN, HQ NZ. Ritarimerkit luovutti YKSP 3 huollon puolesta evl Hen-



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rik Kahelin.

Samassa yhteydessä luovutettiin ylempien esikuntien taholta annettavana kunnianosoituksena valkoinen sherifin hattu HK:n paallikolle. Tämä lähinnä kapt. Paavo Kotirannan kuuluisasta taidosta ylläpitää kuria ja järjestystä Kykon nimenomaan vaikeaksi tunnetulla arenalla.



Vastaleivotut sinisen ristin ritarit kokoontuneina perhekuvaan evl. Mortensonin lahtiaisissa. Mukana kunniamerkkien luovuttaja evl Kehelin ja järjestystä ylläpitämässä sheriffi Kotiranta. Pictured above, are some of the "Knights of the Blue Cross", together with the outgoing Zone QM "Lt. Col." Mortenson, Col. Kahelin and "sheriff", capt. Kotiranta.



361 forældre, hr og fru Nielsen fra Højslev ved Skive, Major Jensen D-KMP og 054 forældre, hr. og fru Jensen fra Drejby ved Odense.

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Forældrebeseogs

O 34 Jensen og 361 Nielsen fra D-KMP som blev kvaestet ved en jeepulykke den 23/7 har i en uge haft besøg af deres forældre. Der var stor gensynsglaede paa det engelske hospital i Dhekelia, og alle kan heldigvis glæde sig over, at de to "drenge" er igod bedring. Haeren har betalt rejse og ophold. Det er godt at vide for os alle, at haeren intet sparer, hvis den enkelte er iknibe. Det er muligt, at de to konstabler kan flyves til Danmark med SCACYP den 19/8.

Medaljerne Vinker

DANCON III er nu naesten halvvejs igennem sit ophold paa Cypern; dette vendemaerke markeres ved flere forskellige begivenheder. DANCON har faaer ny naestkommanderende, Deputy ogsaa kaldet, idet OL L. Kirkebjerg fra Gardehusarregimentet den 27 juli afloeste OL C. W. B. Christensen, der den 4 August staevner nordpaa. Endvidere har der fundet rotation sted blandt de danske officerer, der goer tjeneste ved hovedkvarteret for Nicosia Zone og UNFICYP. Slutteligen afholdes den den 9 August medaljeparade, hvor alle der har 90 dages tilfredsstillende tjeneste bag sig dekorerer med FN Cypernmedalje (desvaerre er der jomnange, som maa noejes med at se til!). Paraden finder sted paa fodboldbanen i MOATEN, og chefen for UNFICYP, general Thimayya kommer tilstede for at dekorere bataljonschefen, kompanicheferne, O-officeren, skrive- ren samt diverse repraesentanter fra de enkelte kompagnier.

DANCON sport

LORDAG den 31 juli var bataljonsfodboldholdet i ilden for foerste gang; modstanderne var et graesk militaerhold, og resultatet blev en dansk sejr paa 5-4. Spillet var ikke paa nogen af siderne saerlig formidabelt, hvilket banen for en vis del maa have skyld for. Store sten, hestepaerer, baglinier der passerede gennem skytthuller og ikke skyggen af opkridtning var betingelserne, men det gik trods alt. Holdet spiller igen fredag den 6 August kl 17.15 mod FINCON, sanssynligvis med visse holden-



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dringer bl. a. paa grund af orlov. Hvns den finske SISU tradition stadig holdes i haevd, kan vi se frem til en om ikke moenstervaerdig saa dog en spaendende fra finalekampen, forsoeges den svenske dommertrio genengageret.

Bordtennismesterskabet er afgjort i Elizabeth Camp loerdag den 31. ds. under fine pladsforhold og med godt spil. Mesterskabet i single blev suveraent vundet af KS 519180 La-sen, B-KMP, der ogsaa var impliceret i doublemesterskabet sammen med KS 587022 Brandt, B-KMP.

Foranlediget af udeblivelser ved bordtennisstaevnet og af andre fortillaelde fremkom sportsofficeren med en styg banden, der siden fo'tog sig til et lille hjerteresuk, "Det er helt iorden, at folk ikke vil stille op i en sportsdisciplin, selvom tilmeldelse foreligger, men gid de da for f... ville melde fra igen og ikke bare blive vaek!" Saa kan de der vil jo tage vinket til sig.

Journalistbesoeg

I de kommende 14 dage vil journalist Kurt Rasmussen fra "Fynsk Aktuelt" vaere paa besoeg hos DANCON.

Irish Contingent News:

Settling down at Camp St. Brendan



HQ Coy is settling down well in the new location at Camp Saint Brendan. We have left behind many friends in Skouriotissa, notably the Australian police who laid on a farewell get-together for the boys in the NCO's Mess. It was one of those nights to remember and with the singing of Auld Lang Syne only one consolation remained — we were leaving the slag heap behind.

The officers gave a reception to members of the CMC last week. We are told that most of our representatives were anxious to join Fr. Swan's party.

Our Southern Command Coy has moved in to Camp Alfa or should it be Camp Bravo from now on. The legal officer was at hand to ensure that the take-over was done according to the book. Our cavalry comrades have also been taken on the strength.

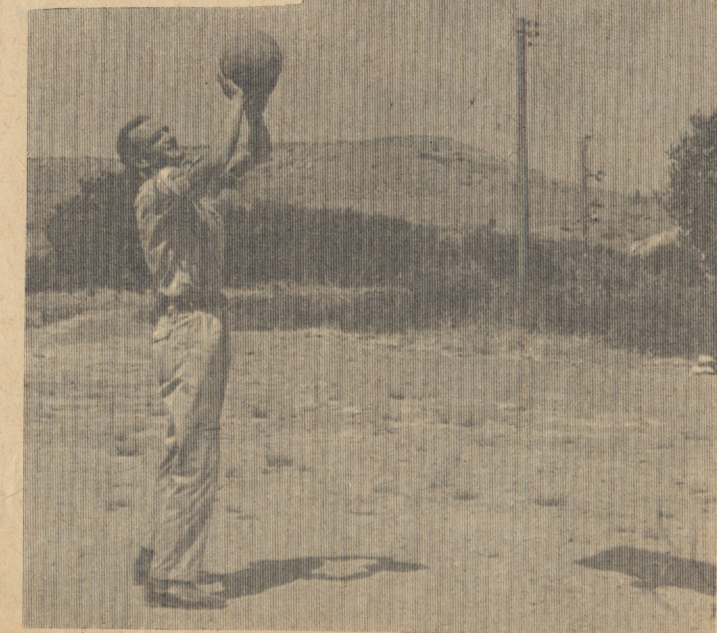
The move from Lefka to Kato Pyrgos has been greatly appreciated by the men from the Curragh. A marked improvement has been noted in the swimming proficiency of all ranks. Is there any significance in the motto chosen by the officer's mess which is the last line of Yeat's epitaph?

Lt Sean Norton is welcomed back to Polis following his period of hospitalisation. He was unfortunate in that a scorpion slapped a tail on him.

Comdt. P. Liddy is welcomed to Ircon HQ. His arrival was unexpected but then necessity knows no law. He has become an expert on time unexpired.

Basketball International keeps in form

Cpl Jimmy Murray, on several occasions captain of the Irish International basketball team keeps in practice while serving with the 42nd Bn in Cyprus.



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Kuningattaren omat kivaarit Kousertoivat

Viime sunnuntaina järjesti QOR:n soittokunta auringonlaskukonsertin Kyreniaan. Soitanto oli tarkoitettu hyvantahtoon ilaukseksi alueen vaestolle siitä miellyttävästä yhteistyöstä, joka menneiden kuukausien aikana on vallinnut paikallisen vaeston ja kuningattaren tarkka 'ampujien valilla. Soitannollinen ohjelma kesti puolisen tuntia, jonka aikana soittokunta esitti myös kuvionmarssia ja juhlanan lipunlaskun.

Mainittakoon, että QOH:n soittokunta on aikaisimmim esiintynyt eri puolilla maailmaa missä tahansa rykmentti on ollut palveluksessa. Vuonna 1962 'puhpilokesteri' oli mukana kuuluisilla Edinburghin musiikkijuhlilla ja konser samalla kertaa monissa Euroopan seka Lahi - ja Kaukoidan maissa.

Soittokunta on 31-jasainen. Siihen kuuluvat pitavat siottamista vapaahetkien harrastuksena, silla jokainen jasi kuuluu pataljoonaan ensi sijassa muitten tehtävien vuoksi. Soittokunnan kokoonpanosta manittakoon, etta siihen kuuluu mm. 4 sivurumpua, 2 soolorumpua, 2 symbaalia, bassorumpu, 11 sopraanotorvea, 4 tenoritorvea, 4 trombonea ja 2 komppivetopasunaa.

Queen's Wnn Rifles of Canada perustettiin jo vuonna 1860. Se on osallistunut kaikkiin maan kaymiin sotiin ja kuuluu perinteittensa puolesta vanhimpiin ja arvossapidetvimpiin kanadalaisiin joukko-osastoihin.

Cyprus Constitution controversy:-

TURKEY CALLS FOR EARLY MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL

ON Friday, Turkey called for an early meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Cyprus. In a letter to the Council President, the Ambassador for Turkey, Mr. Orhan Eralp, said the Greek members of the Cypriot Government had acted in violation of the Constitution of Cyprus in taking decisions to extend the terms of office of the President and the Greek Cypriot Members of the House for 12 months, and to change the electoral law. The decisions were taken in the absence of any Turkish Cypriot Members of the House.

The situation leading to the Turkish request for a Council meeting had earlier been reported to the Council by U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant.

The Secretary-General reported that a recent controversy between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots had increased tension in the Island. At issue, he said, was action taken by the Cypriot House of Representatives — attended only by Greek Cypriot Members since the intercommunal conflict broke out a year and a half ago — to extend the terms of office of President Makarios and of Representatives for a period not longer than 12 months, and to make changes in the electoral law in case elections became possible in the meantime.

Turkish Cypriot Members sought to take part in the House debate; but they considered conditions laid down by the Greek Cypriots unconstitutional and acted separately to extend their own terms of office and that of Turkish Cypriot Vice-President Kuchuk for a period up to 12 months.

U.N. representatives in Cyprus served as intermediaries during these exchanges.

They appealed for restraint, backed by a message from the Secretary-General on Tuesday, and U Thant said that assurances were immediately received from those concerned.

The Council was scheduled to meet on Tuesday (yesterday) to consider the question of Cyprus.

NZ CIVPOL rotation complete

THE rotation of the New Zealand element of civilian police attached to UNFICYP took place between 30 July and 1st August.

Seventeen members who have been with UNFICYP since January this year returned to their permanent stations in New Zealand. Three members have volunteered to remain in Cyprus for an extension of their tour.

During its service in Cyprus the element has served at H.Q., United Nations Civilian Police, Nicosia and in Limassol District.

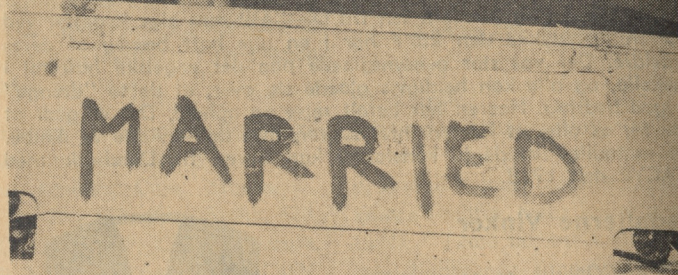
The Assistant Police Commissioner of New Zealand, Mr. G.C. Urquart, B.E.M., accompanied the incoming element and saw the Commander of UNFICYP, General K.S. Thimayya, on Saturday. He also met the commander of the Cyprus police Mr. B. Hassapis at Athalassa H.Q., and toured the district where the element has been operating.

Mr Urquart returned to New Zealand with the outgoing members of the element on 1st August.



Mr G.C. Urquart talking to the Force Commander in his office at HQ UNFICYP

Brudparet framför den lövade bilen som senare förde dem till ho'ell Grecian och bröllopsmiddagen.



It was week of weddings for UNFICYP members last week with an Australian policeman and a Swedish soldier both getting married. Pictured above are Private Evert Gunnar Ohrn and his 20 year old Swedish bride Myrthle Jacobsen leaving the Church of St Michael at Four Mile Point, Famagusta, after the ceremony on Saturday. Guests at the wedding included the Deputy Chief of the Famagusta Police and the Swedish Vice-Consul as well as many officers and men of the Contingent.

Below: Leaving the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross, Paphos Gate, Nicosia, last Friday are Constable 1st Class Alan Arthur, of Adelaide, South Australia, serving with the Australian CIVPOL and his bride Miss Judy Redding, also of South Australia. Representatives of eleven nationalities were present at the ceremony and at the reception held in the PAF Sergeants' Mess at Nicosia.

