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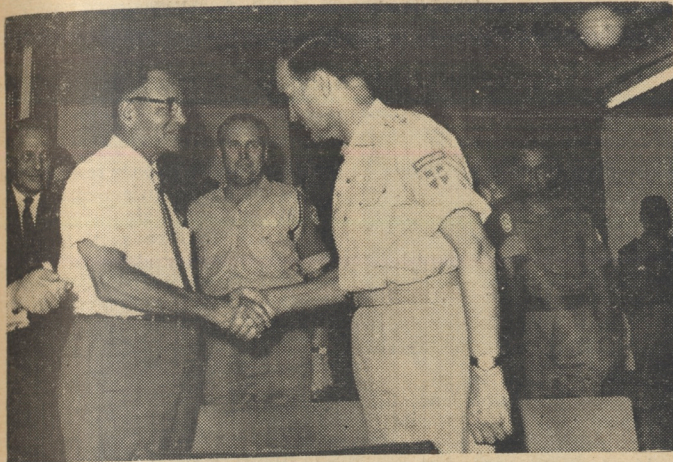


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ABOVE: MEETS UNFICYP OFFICERS — Mr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs, is seen shaking hands with Lt. Col. H. V. Nielsen (OPS 1), when he was introduced to senior UNFICYP officers Friday afternoon. Left to right: Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative; Mr. Bunche; Lt. Col. J. T. Stanyard (Logistics); Col. Nielsen; and Lt. Col. J. H. Swift, Commander, Limassol Zone.



RIGHT: AT TRYPIMENI! — Maj. Gen. A. E. Martola, Force Commander, points out particular spot in the Trypimeni area to Mr. Bunche who follows his indications on an operational map.



WITH C-O-S — Also at Trypimeni, Mr. Bunche listens carefully to indications given to him by Force Chief of Staff, Brig. M. N. Harbottle, during their visit to the area Saturday afternoon.



AT FAMAGUSTA — On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Bunche flew to Famagusta where he conferred with officers at "Carl Gustaf Camp". Later he visited some Swedish OP's along the walls of the Old City. He is shown above at an OP in Othello's Tower. With him, Maj. Bertil Ohlsson, second-in-command of the Swedish Contingent deployed in Famagusta.

'FRUITFUL' VISIT SAYS BUNCHE

MR. Ralph J. Bunche, UN Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs, left on Monday morning after a three-day visit to Cyprus during which he conferred with Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, and Major-General A.E. Martola, Commander of the UN Force in Cyprus, on matters pertaining to the operation of UNFICYP.

Mr. Bunche arrived on Friday noon, 8 July, and was met at the airport by the Cyprus Foreign Minister, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, Mr. Bernardes, Gen. Martola, other UNFICYP officials, and members of the diplomatic corps in Nicosia.

Speaking to reporters at the airport, Mr. Bunche said that he was glad to be back in Cyprus — he was last here in April 1964 shortly after the Force became operational. He reiterated as announced in New York when he left, that his travels were related to routine trips to UN peace-keeping operations in the area. Inasmuch as peace-keeping operations are his main responsibility on behalf of the Secretary-General, he said, he usually tries to visit them once a year for the purpose of sitting down with the heads of the operations and going over their activities and their problems.

Before coming to Cyprus, Mr. Bunche spent a few days in Gaza conferring with Major-General I. J. Rikhye and his Headquarters staff and travelled along the Armistice Demarcation Line. He then went to Jerusalem and conferred there with Lt. General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organisation in Jerusalem and

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Pro og Contra



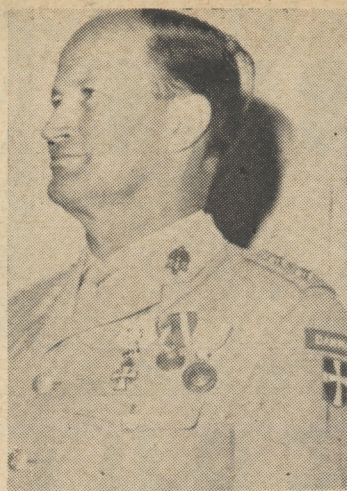
Der var hilsen til mig i ønskekoncerten.

Redaktionen har hermed fornøjelsen at præsentere læserne for to nye medlemmer af kontingentet, soldaterne Pro og Contra, der er afbilledet henholdsvis øverst og nederst her paa siden. De siger det samme, men deres minespil lader os ikke i tvivl om, at de opfatter situationen højest forskelligt. Det er tanken, at vore to nye kammerater skal komme igen i de kommende uger her paa den danske side, men naturligvis med nye udtalelser. Presseofficeren modtager forslag med taknemlighed og har endog lovet at honorere forslag, der anvendes, med 500 mils.

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MELLEM BROEDRE



Ved en højtidelighed i DANCON's officersmesse i fredags fik oberstløjtnant H.H.V. Nielsen overrakt ridderkorset af 1. grad af Dannebrogordenen af chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal. Oberstløjtnant Nielsen er i Danmark chef for 3. Luftværnsartilleri afdeling og gør her paa Cypern tjeneste ved UNFICYP's hovedkvarter som operations-officer.

UNFICYP's M P - kompagni

Udover det rene danske MP-kommando ved DANCON, der ialt bestaar af 14 mand, indgaar der ogsaa dansk militærpolititi i UNFICYP's militærpolitikompani. Kompagniet er paa 64 mand hvoraf 17, med kompagnichefen, major H.E. Nilsson i spidsen, er danske. Kompagniet har en trafiksektion paa 16 mand, 6 mand er stationeret i Limassol og 2 i Famagusta, medens 40 mand i Nicosia danner vagtholdene, der varetager den egentlige ordenspolitimæssige tjeneste. Vagtholdene arbejder efter canadiske retningslinier, men er sammensat af folk fra alle nationer, der har kontingenter ved UNFICYP, saaledes at selv de enkelte patruljer ikke skulle kunne komme ud for sprog vanskeligheder.



En stor del af vagtholdenes tid gaar med at overvåge FN-soldaternes optræden i Nicosia ved aftenstid udenfor tjenesten. Denne opgave kan daarligt sammenlignes med MP-patruljerne paa Københavns Hovedbanegaard, dertil er

forholdene for forskellige. Det er af den største betydning, at der staar respekt om FN's virksomhed paa Cypern, men denne respekt kan kun opretholdes hvis den enkelte soldat opfører sig sømmeligt. Hermed være ikke sagt, at MP-patruljerne bare er ude paa at "knalde" saa mange som muligt, tværtimod, MP-folkene ser det som deres opgave at forebygge episoder og at optræde som hjælpere og vejledere for soldater, som er ved at komme paa glatis. Men de, der ikke vil lade sig rettlede, maa selv staa til ansvar for deres handlinger. For dem gælder ingen pardon.

De fleste af de danske i MP-kompagniet er "gengangere", der først har haft et halvt aar ved MP-kommandoen og derefter meldt sig til yderligere frivillig tjeneste. Der stilles store krav til MP-folkene, de skal kunne tale godt engelsk og saavel fysikken som uniformen skal være tiptop i orden. Det er ikke fordi der er skidt vigtigt, at MP'erne gaar med en bedre holdning end de fleste, det er fordi, de er bedre soldater.



Ved en tidligere lejlighed har vi bragt et billede af et brødrepar. Tilfældet er ikke enestaaende og her bringer vi et andet sæt "våbenbrødre" i FN-tjeneste paa Cypern. De er endda begge sergenter. Det er sergent K.S. Boye fra Sjællandske Artilleriregiment, der er signalbefalingsmand ved DANCON's hovedkvarter, som besøger sin broder, sergent H.O. Boye paa telegrafmekanikerværkstedet paa Nicosia Club. Begge er sønner af gaardejer Sv. Boye, Bredager ved Svendborg.

TRAGISK OLYCKA I FAMAGUSTA

Vpl 6345 J-E Jönsson från Kristianstad, tjänstgörande på 1. komp. omkom genom drunkning i onsdags förra veckan. Olyckan skedde i samband med badning på Kalamis Beach. Det var kraftiga vågor och Jönsson tycks ha kommit för långt ut i vattnet. Han greps av underströmmar och lyckades inte ta sig i land.

Ambulans kom snabbt till platsen och han fördes till greksjukhuset i Varosha. Trots behandlingar i drygt två timmar, stod hans liv inte att rädda.

En minnesgudstjänst hölls på 1. komp. kamp på torsdagsmorgonen med tal av. bl.a. stf. bataljonspastor



Gösta Sandberg samt majorerna Bertil Olsson och John Rabber. Stofet fördes sedan till Nicosia f.v.b till Sverige. En hedersvakt bar kistan till planet.

Med på resan till Sverige var den omkomnes kompanichef major John Rabber samt hans närmaste kamrater furir Hidborg och korpral Andersson.

FN-kassam damer besökte 1. komp

Fem damer från FN-kassan i Strängnäs har gästbat bataljonen. Det var 1.komp som svarade för inbjudan och kostnader. På flygplatsen mötte givetvis kompanichefen, major John Rabber och sedan hölls introduktionsmiddag på offmässen.

Det var hektiska dagar med sightseeing turer bl.a. till Kantara Castle, Komi Kebir och Chatos. Man hade även tillfälle att besöka en del festligheter i Knodhara. Avskedsfesten hölls i manskapssalen och den sista kvällen på Cypern bjöds damerna på middag på restaurang Globe av kassachefen, förvaltare Petrus Gredby.



Tjff bataljonchefen, major Bertil Olsson delar ut FN-medaljer till deltagarna i den första reduceringsflykten.

Ralph Bunche i samspråk med COS, brigadör M. Harbottle på OP 205, Ote Othello Tower, Famagusta.



Ralph Bunche i Trypimeni-området informeras om det aktuella läget av fr.v. stabschefen major Yngve Ekman (skymd) major Bertil Olsson och kapten Sten Wittboldt.

BUNCHE PÅ SNABBVISIT HOS BAT 34C

Mr. Ralph Bunche, en av generalsekreterare U Thants närmaste män, gjorde förra veckan ett tre-

dagars besök på Cypern. Han förklarade bl.a. vid ankomsten på tredagen att det var en rutinresa till FN:s verksamhetsområden i Mellersta östern.

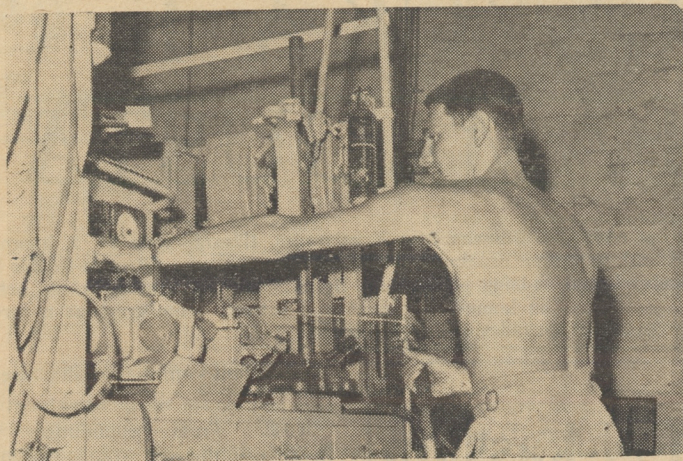
Reduceringen påbörjad

Reduceringen av den svenska bataljonen påbörjades förra veckan och skall vara avslutad den 17 augusti. Det blir som tidigare nämnts c:a 140 man och 35 man lämnade i onsdags Nicosia Airport med nordgående ScaCyp f.v.b. till Strängnäs och avrustning.

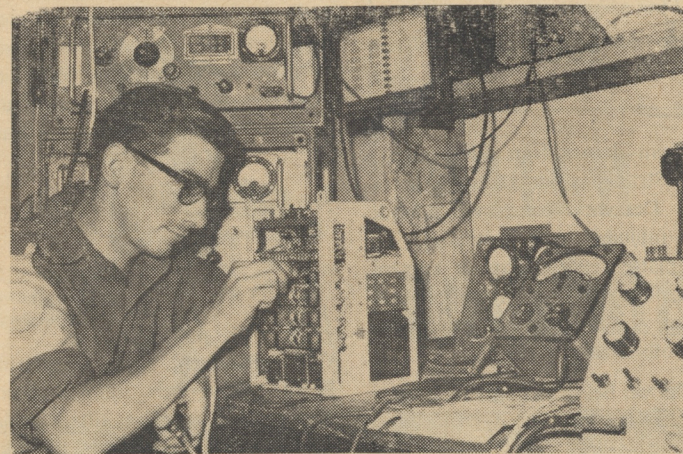
Han har dock haft arbetssamma dagar med sammanträffanden med general Martola, mr. Bernardes, president Makarios, utrikesminister Kyprianou samt vicepresidenten dr. Kutchuk. Mr. Bunche hann även med ett besök i aktuella Trypimeni på lördagen samt på Carl Gustaf Camp och Old City i Famagusta på söndagen.

Han lämnade Cypern på måndagsförmiddagen och kommer att stanna några dagar i London innan han sätter sig på New York-planet.

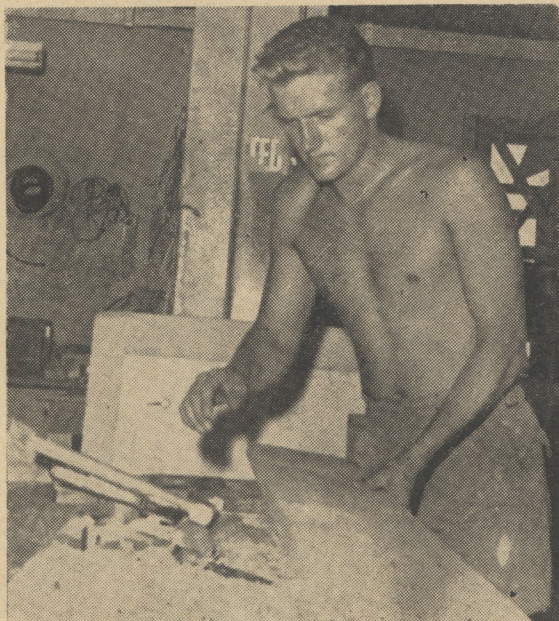
HQ's BRITCON Round - up



Corporal Olly Alford making an adjustment to a DC Arc Welding Plant which he operates. This piece of equipment is completely mobile and is for field use.



Sergeant Barry Stock seen here carrying out an intricate repair job in the Telecommunications Repair Shop.



Sizing it up with a practised eye is L/Corporal Bob O'Brien from Leeds. L/Corporal O'Brien is in charge of the R.E. Detachment's Carpentry Shop.

On Wednesday last we thought we would take a look around the Headquarters to see what was going on. **644 Signals Troop** just across the hangar seemed a good spot to start. The new lads of the Troop have soon settled in and Corporal Jock Brogan and L/Corporal Nick Nicol were being kept pretty busy on the main switchboard, while next door Signaller Tony Baynham was operating his radio set.

Next stop was **R.E.M.E. Workshops** where as usual the Vehicle Repair Shop was going full bore to keep the Force mobile. Corporal Olly Alford expertly explained the intricacies of a DC Arc Welding Plant which he operates among his many other duties. Irishman, Craftsman Brian Mallet was working up a sweat removing the gearbox from a three-tonner, while newcomer Craftsman Bob Farnsworth was doing something more delicate to a Landrover power unit.

In the Telecommunications Repair Shop Sergeant Barry Stock was working on a complicated piece of equipment with a name to match. Sergeant Stock came to UNFICYP after spending four and a half years at the Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham, where he will be returning when his present tour finishes.

Having been baffled by science for half an hour, our bruised brains were in need of something more soothing. The **Forces Post Office** seemed the place. The early rush of collection and dispatch was over and we found L/Corporal Alan Clarke weighing an enormous parcel. There was something of the efficient but friendly atmosphere of a village post office about the place, but, alas, no time to linger.

Always a hive of activity is the **Cookhouse**, and Wednesday was no exception.



Private Mel Drummond deftly wields his cleaver and is bang on target.



New arrival, Signaller Tony Baynham, on and tuned in, takes a message.

W.O.I. Bob Stewart escorted us round and very pleasant it all looked. We caught the Butcher, Private Mel Drummond in the act of welding a crafty cleaver against a defenceless leg of beef. Private Drummond has nearly finished his tour and is returning to 139 Supply Platoon at Bulford next month. Those Salisbury Plain sheep had better start running!

Our last call of the day was to the **R.E. Detachment** where we inadvertently wandered into the wrong hut to find ourselves surrounded by a collection of gorgeous pin-up girls. However, our reverie was unfortunately disturbed by the arrival of L/Corporal Bob O'Brien who whisked us off to the Carpenter's Shop, our original destination. Culturally we couldn't decide whether we preferred the pin-ups or the music of singing saws and humming drills. One thing we were sure about though, was that the lads in Headquarters units are kept pretty busy in spite of the rumblings from the sharp end!

NEWS FROM 1 RWF

First rotations completed

The first rotation of the **Rifle Companies** was completed last week and **B Company** are now down amongst the bright lights of Limassol after the rugged life in Polis. **A Company** have moved from Ktima to Polis and have been replaced by **D Company** in Ktima. The rotation went very smoothly and all the Fusiliers are now intently engaged in discovering the problems of a new part of the island.

Through the medium of the 'Blue Beret' **B Company** would like to thank **B Company** of IRCON for the sporting encounters in both Polis and Kokkina. On the football field the Irishmen ended the first game at Polis by winning 2-0. This was later put

right when the Welchmen defeated a strong Irish team 3-1 at Kokkina.

The Volleyball was not so successful. **B Company** of 6 Inf Gp winning on each occasion. Despite this the matches were thoroughly enjoyable.

A small camp has been established on Troodos by Lt Mike Ayrton and the Recce Platoon. Ostensibly this was to have been a 'Rest Camp' but a very fit and healthy platoon has emerged full of tales about night training round the mountains. The Camp is a great success and requests to be sent there are numerous, though to date only those emerging from hospital have been sent up there for convalescence.

The new Medical Officer, Colonel Field, who recently arrived from the Royal Army Medical Corps, Millbank, has taken over from Colonel H. R. Miller. Colonel Field is due to take up appointment with H.Q. 17th/Malaya District in the near future.



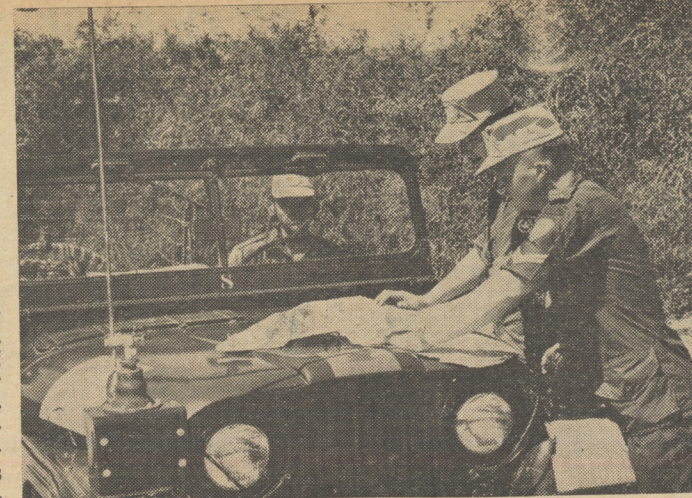
Fusiliers find a novel at Anadhiou.

Black Watch Recce Platoon

The Reconnaissance Platoon of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada occupy Mystery House in the north west suburbs of Nicosia. Under command of B Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) commanded by Major J.A. St Aubin, the platoon shares long range patrol tasks and occupies two outposts in Nicosia. The platoon is commanded by Captain A.J. MacDonald of Sydney, Nova Scotia. The Second in Command, Sergeant E. J. Long, of Ludlow, New Brunswick, cares for the platoon's administrative needs.

In addition to static outpost duties and long range patrolling, the platoon also doubles as CANCON's heavy support group. For this role they are equipped with jeep mounted .50 caliber machine guns and 106 mm recoilless rifles.

Each man in the platoon, in addition to being trained on his support weapon, is an expert at patrolling both on foot and by vehicle. Advanced skills in map reading and radio technique are constantly practiced and a high standard is maintained through a continuous training programme.



Captain A.J. MacDonald, OC of the 2 RHC Recce Platoon, discusses a long range patrol with the patrol leader, Corporal H. Baldwin of Oromocto, New Brunswick. Corporal Baldwin is at right, Captain MacDonald at centre. The driver/radio operator is Private V. Malkauskas.



Shown above is Private L.P. Murphy putting the finishing touches to a bust of St. Andrew which he and Private J.C. Royale carved out of stone during their off duty hours. Both soldiers are members of the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada and are stationed in the Tjiklos area of Kyrenia District.



The United Nations Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, meets Canadian Contingent Commander, Colonel G. R. Hale, before a briefing on the situation in the Island at UNFICYP Headquarters on Friday.

PHILATELIC CORNER

New stamp to be issued



The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that it will issue a stamp to commemorate the International Coffee Agreement of 1962 on 19 September 1966.

The new stamp, designed by Rashid-ud Din (Pakistan), will be printed in four-colour photogravure by the Government Printing Office, Tokyo, Japan. The 5-cent and 11-cent denominations will be printed in quantities of 2,200,000 and 2,000,000 respectively. The stamp will measure 34 mm. horizontally x 26 mm. vertically, perforation to perforation.

European UN stamp fans will be treated this summer to the visit by the United Nations Postal Administration's mobile exhibit. This follows the successful cross-country tour of the United States last year by the big white tractor-trailer, emblazoned with the United Nations insignia, which was first envisaged by UN Under-Secretary, Mr. David B. Vaughan, Director of General Services at the United Nations, which includes the UNPA.

Under present tentative plans, the UN's walk-through stampmobile will crisscross some 18 European countries for about three months beginning in August. This tour will cover the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, the Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, and Yugoslavia.

In Cyprus, the UNPA exhibit — "United Nations in Action" — will wind up on Saturday its two-week exhibition stand in Nicosia. It will be on view every day this week at the Turkish Central Library in Attaturk Square.

The "United Nations Special Fund" stamp, which was issued on 26 January 1965, will have its last day of sale on 25 July 1966.

The 15-cent ICI stamp, issued on 26 June 1965, was sold out on 19 April 1966.



Ennen turvajoukkojen kansainvälisessä esikunnassa pidettyä tilannekatsausta esiteltiin läsnäolleet upseerit tri Bunchelle. Kuvassa kenraali A E Martola ja tri Bunche keskustelussa eversti Koskenpalon kanssa. Heidän takanaan tanskalainen evl Vesterdal.

KORKEA VIERAS KYPROKSELLA

Mennäviikonlopulla saivat Turvajoukot vieraakseen tärkeän ja arvovaltaisen herran, kun Yhdistyneitten Kansakuntien pääsihteeri Thantin lähin mies, tri Ralph Bunche tutustui tilanteeseen lähi-idän maihin suuntautuvan matkansa yhteydessä. Tri Bunche saapui saarelle perjantai-iltapäivällä ja lähti New Yorkiin maanantai-aamuna.

Hän kävi saarella jo toista kertaa sillä runsaat kaksi vuotta sitten, kun YK-joukot saapuivat saarelle, tri Bunche oli tasottamassa tietä heidän tulolleen.

NOPEAT VIERAILUT ENSIN.

Jo lauantaina alivaltiosihteeri Bunche kävi vierailemassa presidentti Makarioksen luona ja vielä saman iltapäivänä hän käväisi tapaamassa kyproksenturkkilaisten johtomiestä, varapresidentti Kut-chuckia tämän virka-asunnossa aivan suomalaispataljoonan naapuruudessa.

Turvajoukkojen kansainvälisessä esikunnassa oli perusteellinen tilannekatsaus asioiden tämänhetkisestä tilasta ja illan koittaessa tri Bunche

Tulokset :	
1. KrhJ	9.15.6
2. TiedJ	9.23.6
3. Knto- ja huoltoJ	9.44.8
4. PionJ	9.56.0
5. ViestiJ	10.34.2

Osannottoprosentti oli korkein (68%) tiedustelujoukkueessa ja hyvänä kakkosena seurasi KrhJ (57%)

Korohoro Kunnostautui Halkijuoksussa

Keskiviikkona ennen auringon laskua järjestettiin Neapolis-Omorphitan halkijouksu, jossa kaikki palkinto- ja pistestijat tulivat suomalaisille. Sietää onnitella osallistujia erinomaisesta kilpailupainoksesta näin keskellä kesäistä hellettä.

Reitti kulki Neapoliksen klinikalta Omorphitaan, josta edelleen Suomi Baarin tarkistusasemalle ja Bye Passia pitkin Neapoliksen läpi maaliin, joka oli lähtopaikalla.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Weather slows sport

The weather continues to grow warmer, being approximately 100° F in the shade during the past few days. This has resulted in the slackening off in sporting activities. However, A Company's volleyball competition in which ten teams are taking part, is proceeding vigorously. Some thought must have gone into the selection of names for these teams which include: Ballhoppers, Inlaws, Outlaws, Animals, Backfireds, Rolling Stones, Beatles, Magnificent 7, Tinkers and Nutcrackers. The two latter teams are both unbeaten with three and four games respectively to their credit.

● Our congratulations to the winners of A Coy darts competition, CQMS Doyle and Ptes Barnes, Martin, Broderick, Monaghan and Courtney.

● B Coy's morning P.T. sessions show no sign of falling through even though Sgt George Kent is at present in the Austrian Field Hospital. We understand that he will be back again soon.

● The ensure that any surplus energy will not go to waste, wrestling has now been added to the P.T. Programme, under the supervision of Coy Sgt P. Woods.

● CQMS Dan Kelleher and Continued page seven



The transport section of A Company have had no less than 13 punctures in the past ten days. Here, Pte Tony Graham repairs a tyre of his truck for the second time in twenty four hours.



liittyi briefaajiin pieneksi epäviralliseksi juttelutuokioksi UNFICYP:in patiolla. Myös suomalaiskon-tingentin komentaja eversti Uolevi Koskenpalo oli tilannekatsauksessa selvittämässä Nikosian itäsen sotilasalueen tapahtumia.

KAYNTI KENTALLA

Sunnuntaina tämä rauhanpalkinnon ja monet kunniaohjaukset saanut neekeri kävisi vielä Famagustan alueen Tripimenissä tutustumassa tilanteeseen paikan päällä. Siellä kuten muuallakin häntä seurasivat mukana turvajoukkojen komentaja, kenraali A E Martola ja pääsihteerin erikoisedustaja Kyproksella, suurlähettiläs Carlos Bernardes.

Maanantai-aamuna tri Bunche tervehti turvajoukkojen esikunnan ns. poliittisen siviilipuolen jäsenistöä, jossa hänellä oli monta tuttua varhemmilla ajoilla.

GREAT BRITAIN MAKES FURTHER \$THREE MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The United Kingdom informed the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, that she will make a voluntary contribution of two million dollars towards the up-keep of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus during the six-month period from June until 26th December of this year.

Great Britain also said that it would contributed one million dollars to help meet the deficit of some three million dollars which still faces the UN Cyprus operation.



On 5 July, Lieutenant Colonel H.J. Harkes, MC, CD, arrived in Cyprus to assume command of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada. The official handover between Lt Col Harkes and Lt Col Duncan A. McAlpine will take place at Oneisha Farm on Thursday. Colonel G. R. Hale, Commander CANCON, will be the senior officer presiding at the ceremony. Lt Col Harkes comes to Kyrenia District from the United States Marine Corps Command and General Staff College in Quantico, Virginia.

U Thant winds up Eurobean trip in Iceland

U THANT, UN Secretary-General, last week paid a two-day official visit to Iceland winding up his recent European trip. He returned the UN Headquarters on Saturday.

In welcoming him to Iceland, President Asgrisson expressed the hope that U Thant would agree to serve for another term as UN Secretary-General.

En route to Iceland, U Thant made a half-hour stop-

over in Copenhagen, Denmark. While there he reiterated his view that there was a growing consciousness in Europe of the usefulness of the United Nations for peace, international understanding, and human rights. This, he said, was one of the most heartening signs of the time.

The Secretary-General, in Copenhagen, also paid tribute to Denmark for its continued contributions to the world of the United Nations.

IRISH NEWS

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Coy Sgt Woods deserve thanks for the well organised children's party which was held in Kokkina village on 23rd June.

● His comrades were suitably impressed when Cpl Pat Burke received a grand total of 29 newspapers in the post last Thursday.

● It is thought that Cpl Larry Fagan welcomes the seclusion of OP No 3 where he can avoid the comments of his comrades regarding his betting on Clare in the Munster Hurling C'ships.

● Congratulations to Ptes John Flynn and Pat O. Flaherty of B Coy on recent family increases and to CQMS Paddy Moore of HQs Coy on his promotion.

Progress toward nuclear treaty possible says S-G

The UN Secretary-General, U Thant, told a press conference in Geneva last week that he thought some progress would be made this summer towards a comprehensive nuclear weapons test ban and curbs on the spread of atomic armaments. This, he said, was his personal assessment.

The Secretary-General had earlier exchanged views with the members of the Geneva Disarmament Conference, among them the Soviet Union and the United States.

Extending the existing anti-test treaty to underground nuclear detonations and the preventing of nuclear proliferation are the two main issues at present before the Conference, and U Thant expected "some perceptible progress" before the UN General Assembly meets this autumn.

Asked about Viet-Nam, U Thant said he knew of no new developments likely to bring about a peace conference. He reaffirmed that, in his view, a halt to bombing of North Viet-Nam, a general scaling down of all military operations in South Viet-Nam, and a willingness on the part of all to negotiate with those who are actually fighting were preconditions for peace discussions. U Thant said that his proposals during the last few months had in several quarters not met with a positive response.

The Secretary-General said there were two divergent views on the origin of the conflict in Viet-Nam — One, that the whole trouble had started "with the so-called 'aggression' from the North"; the other, that the war was a civil war, like that in Spain in the 1930's, resulting in the introduction of massive foreign elements. He thought both views were over-simplifications, that the conflict's origins were related to the yearnings

of a long-suffering people for political independence without foreign interference. In such struggles for independence, he said, Communists, non-Communists, and anti-Communists had all participated — but if the fight was prolonged more extreme elements came to dominate the scene.

On Cyprus, U Thant noted that UN efforts for a political settlement had so far not been conclusive. Meanwhile, the most serious problem facing the UN Peace-Keeping Force in the island was financial; the system of voluntary contributions from States was very unsatisfactory, and he was not sure whether the UN would be able to keep the Force in the island beyond the end of the year. But, the Secretary-General added, that it was of course up to the Security Council to decide.

RHODESIA

S. African position

SOUTH Africa has informed the UN Secretary-General that it reserved its position on the validity of the resolution on Rhodesia adopted by the UN Security Council on 9 April because two of the Council's five permanent members — France and the Soviet Union — had abstained in the vote.

The resolution questioned by South Africa authorized Great Britain to use force, if necessary, to intercept tankers carrying oil presumably destined for Rhodesia in a breach of an embargo called for by the Council last November.

Portugal who controls some of the access routes for these oil shipments, had already made known its reservations about the 9 April resolution. It drew attention to a UN Charter provision that decisions of the Security Council on all but procedural matters should be made with the "concurring votes" of the permanent Council members. This meant, it said, that a negative vote or an abstention of a permanent member prevented the Council from taking a positive decision.



Signal Officers conference at IRCON HQs, Xeros on 5th July. From left, seated: Capt M.J.L. Bygraves, Comdt J.N. Sloan, Lt Col A.R. Whyte, Capt R. Swan, Major O. Tuomola, Major V. R. Clarke. Standing: Lieuts D. Bohun, A. Alajasko, W. Brauner, J. Martinsen, Y. Nordblom and J. Dicker.



RIGHT: AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE — On Saturday morning, Mr. Bunche called on the President of the Republic, Archbishop Makarios, with whom he is pictured. **LEFT: AT THE VICE-PRESIDENCY** — Later Saturday morning, Mr. Bunche called on Dr. Fazil Kuchuck, Vice President, at the Vice-Presidency in Nicosia.



Three die in accidents

Three members of the United Nations Force in Cyprus died last week as the result of accidents. The three men — all private soldiers — were from the Swedish, British and Canadian contingents of the Force. One died in Famagusta hospital after getting into difficulties while swimming, one was electrocuted and the third killed in a traffic accident.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, Private Jan Jönsson, aged 21, of Farlov, Sweden, got into difficulties whilst bathing off Fama-

gusta. Despite being brought ashore by three of his comrades and rushed to hospital he died early on the same evening. After a memorial service in Famagusta his body was flown to Sweden on Thursday morning.

At about 1000 hrs on Saturday a member of the British Contingent, Trooper John Joseph Synnott, aged 21, of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, serving with the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, was accidentally killed by an electric shock in Zyyi Camp near Limassol.

Trooper Synnott had been with the Force since January this year.

Less than two hours later, Private Joseph Patrick Everett Bernard, aged 23, of Fredrickstown, Canada, serving with the 2nd battalion, The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, was killed when the lorry he was driving overturned between Aghirda and Dhikomo in the Kyrenia District. Private Bernard was killed instantly. There were no other passengers in the vehicle.

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his senior members. While there he had short talks with the Foreign Minister of Jordan (in Amman) and with the Foreign Minister of Israel. On Thursday last, he flew to Beirut where he talked with Mr. L. Michelmores, Director of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

After his arrival, Mr. Bunche spent most of Friday afternoon at UNFICYP Headquarters where he conferred privately with Mr. Bernardes and General Martola and later attended a general operational briefing by senior UNFICYP Headquarters officers and by the commanders of the different contingents serving with the Force. He later was guest of the Force Commander at a small social gathering at the UNFICYP Hqs. Officers' Mess.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Bunche — accompanied by Mr. Bernardes and the Force Commander — called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Kyprianou, and later met with the President of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, and the Foreign Minister. Later, he called on Dr. Fazil Kuchuck, Vice-President. Mr. Bunche was guest at a working luncheon given by Archbishop Makarios and in the evening he was guest at dinner with Dr. Kuchuck.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Bunche accompanied by Mr.

Bernardes and the Force Commander visited the area of Trypimeni. On Sunday, with General Martola, he watched the marshalling of a UNFICYP-escorted convoy to Kyrenia and later went to Kyrenia where he met with Mr. Bernardes and the Force Commander. In the afternoon, Mr. Bunche accompanied by the Force Commander visited Famagusta where he attended a military briefing at Famagusta Zone headquarters and later visited some of the Swedish-manned posts along the walls of the Old City of Famagusta.

On Monday morning, before departing for the airport, Mr. Bunche took time off to meet with all the civilian international staff members of the United Nations serving with UNFICYP. He thanked them — just as he had done so previously to the military staff members of Friday afternoon — for their continued devoted service to the cause of the United Nations in its efforts to maintain peace in Cyprus.

At the airport, before taking the plane that flew him to London, Mr. Bunche told reporters that he had a "fruitful" visit to Cyprus during which he had an opportunity to review fully the operations and activities of UNFICYP. "I have been talking almost continuously since I have been here," he said, "with every-

body I have seen — UN people, Government people, Turkish leadership people, on the field at Trypimeni, at Kythrea, at Famagusta — non-stop."

Asked whether he had succeeded in working out an agreement concerning Trypimeni, Mr. Bunche said that was not the purpose of his visit. "As I said when I arrived," he stated, "I was not here for political purposes, I was not here negotiating. The work here is done by Mr. Bernardes and General Martola."

In a further indirect reply to the question, Mr. Bunche said that he had been impressed by his Sunday visit to Famagusta at the "very successful" manner in which the arrangement worked out by UNFICYP and in the implementation of which the UN is involved in that area which was seriously troubled last year.

"I am confident," he added, "that the United Nations' proposals for eliminating the tension and the danger in the Trypimeni area can work just as successfully as the arrangements at Famagusta had worked."

Speaking of UNFICYP's role, in general, Mr. Bunche said he thought the UN has had "remarkable success" in peace-keeping in the sense of — more or less — bringing an end to the shooting. "Now," he added, "we are in another stage really, of trying to solve

the problem so there won't be more shooting — so there won't be any future need for peace-keeping. This is more difficulty, always — it is always more difficult to make peace than to keep peace in United Nations experience."

Questioned on the outlook of future negotiations, Mr. Bunche said that "obviously" the best way always is if the parties themselves "can sit down and work it out". In this sense, he said it was "good" that some move in that direction is being made by the bilateral talks which he understood are going on between Greece and Turkey.

"The more you can get any of the parties involved in this dispute talking to each other the better," Mr. Bunche said. "But where the situation — where they can't talk or won't talk to each other directly, well then the UN forms a channel of communication and that is precisely the role that Mr. Bernardes is playing. He is a link and he is constantly trying to narrow the gap. And that is essentially the UN role, always — to try to narrow the gaps, to close the differences between parties; get them together, to reason with them and to try to persuade them to follow the path of reason and good will."

Mr. Bunche is scheduled to return to UN Headquarters in New York on 15 July.