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NEW FORCE DCOS ARRIVES

NEW CANADIAN COMMANDER... Colonel G.R. Hale, of Toronto, Ont., has been appointed as Commander of the Canadian Contingent and Deputy Chief of Staff of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. He arrived in Nicosia on Monday, 14 March.

He will succeed Colonel J.L. Drewry, of Cobourg, Ont., who will be returning to Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa, Ont., Canada. His new appointment will be announced later.

Col. Hale, pictured below, left, is former Commander of Newfoundland Area with headquarters at St. Johns, Newfoundland.



UNFICYP COSTS

Contributions from three more States

SWISS CONTRIBUTION WILL BE LAST

The United Kingdom informed U.N. Secretary-General U Thant that it would contribute one million dollars toward meeting the deficit of some five million dollars which presently faces the U.N. operation in Cyprus.

In a note verbale to the Secretary-General, Britain recalled that its entire contribution to the maintenance of the U.N. Force in Cyprus since its establishment in 1964 amounted to over seven million dollars. It added that this latest contribution was made on the assumption that the rest of the five-million dollar deficit which U Thant declared existed at the end of 1965 would be met from other sources.

In another letter addressed to the Secretary-General, Turkey announced it would contribute a total of 250,000 dollars toward the Force's upkeep.

Switzerland is to make a final contribution of \$130,000

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UNFICYP MANDATE

Secretary-General recommends a six month extension

"SITUATION QUIET" SAYS REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT FORCE STILL NEEDED IN CYPRUS

THE Security Council was scheduled to meet yesterday (Tuesday) on the question of extending the mandate of United Nations Peace-Keeping Operation in Cyprus. United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, has recommended that the United Nations Force on the Island be maintained for a further six months after the current mandate expires on the 26th of this month.

In making this recommendation, U Thant states that the situation on the Island during the past three months "has been gratifyingly quiet", but that, given armed confrontation between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, there would be a very serious risk of renewed, and even large-scale fighting, in the absence of the United Nations Force.

At the same time, the Secretary-General points out, it has been possible progressively to reduce the strength of the Force from the original seven thousand to approximately four thousand-five hundred men.

Regarding the long-term settlement of the Cyprus problem, the Secretary-General reiterates

his conviction that, while the international community can help, the key lies, in the last analysis, with the parties directly concerned. He expresses deep regret that there is little sign that the parties have reduced the deep differences which separate them. However, he does state that there have recently been a number of indications that both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot populations are increasingly impatient for a solution and a return to normal conditions. He expresses the hope that this will have a positive influence on efforts now being made to find a solution.

In this connection, the Secretary-General refers to the recent broadening of the responsibilities of his special Representative in Cyprus to include efforts to achieve discussions, at any level, on problems and issues which would appear to be ripe for settlement. He says that the Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey have assured him that they will co-operate with his representative, Mr Carlos A. Bernadese.

In recommending a further extension of the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), U Thant again emphasized the serious financial deficit faced by the operation and has stressed the need for the assurance of adequate financial support.

Full text of the Secretary-General's Report page eight. Also Security Council decision on UNFICYP.

BOMB INCIDENT

STATEMENT BY UNFICYP SPOKESMAN

On Monday, 14 March, the other indication has been UNFICYP Information Office brought to UNFICYP's notice the text of a possible implication of statement by a Force spokesman regarding published reports referring to a bomb incident which occurred in Nicosia the night before.

It states: "UNFICYP is naturally concerned at allegations that some of its members may have been induced to participate in acts of sabotage or any other illegal activity for financial reward."

"Except for the fact that two members of UNFICYP were reported seen in the vicinity of the explosion some time before it occurred, no

night's (Sunday, 13 March) incident.

"UNFICYP has throughout co-operated closely with the Government in its efforts to find the authors of these wanton acts of terrorism, and will continue to do so with all the means at its disposal."

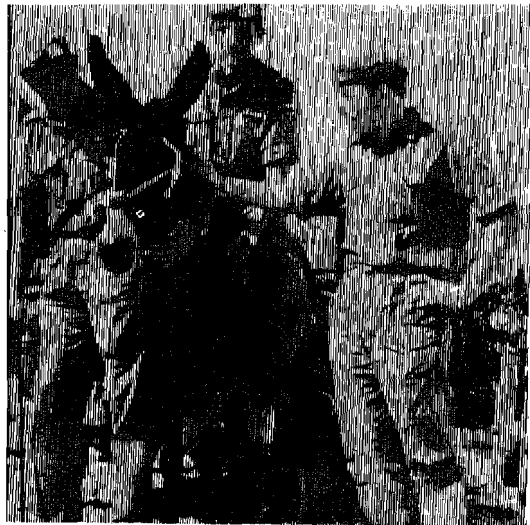
"In this respect it will be recalled that recently members of the Force discovered, disarmed, and reported to the Cyprus Police a bomb placed in the vicinity of the Ledra Palace hotel (in Nicosia)."



Orden i regnskaberne. Det er rart at vide hvor langt man er væk hjemmefra.



Detachmentchefen, PRLT L. Nielsen, GHR, har stor interesse for eksercits. For ikke at trætte mandskabet unødigt har han kastet sig over dyrene. Resultatet er jo nydeligt.



Man skal ikke bære nag: Her klapper "æsel-rytteren" SG K. Krogh med benet i gips sin gamle ridefaelle æslet VENUS. Overkonstabel P.O.M. Berlin prøver lykken som rytter, medens PRLT L. Nielsen beroligende lægger armen om halsen paa VENUS.

Saa er haandboldturneringen omsider slut. Afslutningen blev meget spændende idet ikke mindre end tre hold havde chance for at vinde. Resultatet blev at ALFA kompagniets hold vandt skarpt forfulgt af OFFICERSHOLDET og CHARLIE kompagniet.

Her ses det vindende hold efter kampen.

Til sejle spillere: bageste række fra venstre: SG Schmidt, KS O. Petersen, KP Hjørshøj, KS Thuesen, SG Juul, Jensen, SG Kjaer, Forreste række fra venstre: SG H.D.O. Pødersen, KS V. Petersen, KS E.K. Den blå baret bærer villykke med sejren.



Indtryk fra Detachment Louroujina



To herlige treklovere: Fra venstre mod højre. Hunden KEO, æslet VENUS og hesten AFRODITE. Konstabel 858 Petersen, overkonstabel P.O.M. Berlin, konstabel 751 Sperensen. Den danske FN-

FAERDELSSIKKERHED

Efter 146.240km kørsel i FEBRUAR kunne DANCON IV for første gang notere en hel måned uden færdselsuheld.

MARTS måned vil desværre ikke give et tilsvarende resultat.

Den 1. marts skete det første færdselsuheld.

Den 4. marts skete den næste - meget alvorlige færdselsulykke, hvorvep fire mand, under kørsel i en jeep, kom alvorligt til skade. Dette uheld kunne let have kostet alle fire livet.

Motorfører! Færdselsuheld kan og skal undgås - og det gøres ved at overholde grundreglerne for al færdsel:

— at køre hensynsfuldt, udvise agtpågivenhed, bruge den sunde fornuft og at holde køretøjet i orden

Færdselsforholdene på Cypren kan absolut ikke opfordre en ansvarsbevidst motorfører til ikke at følge ovennævnte grundregler. Næsten alle veje er smalle, ujævne, afgrænsede med farlige kanter til siderne og med masser af uoverskuelige bakker og sving. Den lokale befolkning er ikke trafikssikker; det gælder såvel kørende som gående.

Næsten alle tidligere færdselsuheld er sket, fordi motorføreren har begået en eller flere af følgende fejl:

—Kørt med for stor hastighed.

— Overhalet uden at sikre sig tilstrækkelig fri bane frem.

— Presset sig frem i trafikken stedet for at vente bag andre trafikanter, indtil der var fri bane.

— "Glemte" at - give tegn for ændring af færdselsretning, overhaling og standsning,

— rette sig efter færdselsafmærkningen,

at — militære køretøjer under svingning med for stor hastighed let "løber af vejen",

at — alle våde veje er glatte veje,

at — køre i venstre side.

— Ikke overholdt de gængse bestemmelser for eftersyn og vedligeholdelse af køretøjet.

Der skal foretages start-, holdt-, og hjemkomsteftersyn. De 12 eftersyn skal gennemføres inden for en måned. Fundne fejl skal sefterrettes.

Der skal køres langsomt og forsigtigt på dårlige veje og i terræn. Alt for mange køretøjer ødelægges ved for "hård" kørsel.

Hastighedsbestemmelser gældende for DANCON fremgår af skemaet.

Hastigheden skal altid være afpasset efter forholdene, - og kun sjældent vil den anførte max-hastighed være forsvarlig. I bebyggede områder må man altid være forberedt på, at gående - ikke mindst børn - pludselig kan træde eller løbe ud på vejen uden overhovedet at tage hensyn til den kørende trafik. Sådanne steder skal en motorfører kunne standse sit køretøj på stedet. Ved møde med eller under kørsel forbi andre køretøjer, sælskærrer o.lign. skal hastigheden altid være afpasset saaledes, at det fulde herredømme over køretøjet bevares, selv om man måske bliver tvunget ud i vejkanterne; særlig farlig er møde med køretøjer i mørketiden, hvor det kan være vanskeligt at se, hvad der er vej, vejkant og rabat.

Motorfører! Stop de meningsløse færdselsuheld; overhold færdselsreglerne.

Max tilladte hastigheder for DANCON-køretøjer:

Type	Max tilladt hastighed	
	uden phvg	med phvg
Ferret Scout Car	30 MPH (48 km/t)	
Motorcykel	45 MPH (72 km/t)	
Stabsvogne	50 MPH (80 km/t)	30 MPH (48 km/t)
Landrover og jeep	37 MPH (60 km/t)	
Bus, let 4 x 2	37 MPH (60 km/t)	30 MPH (48 km/t)
3 t, 1 t, 3 t lastvogn (eller tilsvarende)	37 MPH (60 km/t)	

KOVA KAKKONEN KIIKARISSA

Saarelle tultaessa, kohta kaksi vuotta sitten 2JK asettui aseisiin Workshop'in alueelle turvajoukkojen pienimmälle, mutta vaikeimmalle, komppanian kokoisen yksikön vastuualueelle. Pojat panivat kuitenkin heti hihat heilumaan, ottivat lippaat pois riitaosapuolten aseista ja loivat koko UNFICYP:lle oivan esimerkin rauhanturvamistoiminnasta. Siitä lähtien "vahingonlaukauksia" ei ole enää juurikaan sattunut ja koko saari on hiljentynyt.

Workshopista siirryttiin sitten Delta Forceiksi eli NicZonen takitilliseksi reserviksi. Sen jälkeen muutettiin mennävuoden vaihteessa, Timo Lautiaisen johdolla Pohjois Omorphit - Hamid Madres lohkolle, jossa kakkosella on ollut hallussaan pataljoonan laajin vastualue - tarkkaan sanoo 64 km2.

KOMENTOPAIKKA TUTKATA- LOSSA.

Komppanianäällikkönä toimii nykyään joensuulainen Paavo Perkka. Hänen apulaisenaan on vasta viime viikolla miehen ikään päässyt, pikuisen tomera, savolainen piäläismies Tuomo Kinnunen. Komentopaikka sijaitsee uimahallin vieressä 'Tutkatalossa'.

Komentopaikan katolla oleva "tutka" on siitä erikoinen, että se havaitsee, paitsi maanpäälliset, myös maanalaiset liikkeet ja riitaosapuolten mielisä liikkuvat operatiiviset ajatukset. Lisäksi laite toimii helikopterin laskeutumisnopeuden mittarina. Muonipuolinen laite siis tuo kakkosen tutka. - Ja kaikki on taatusti suomalaisten aivojen ja käsien työn tulosta.

FILMITAHTIJOUKKUE.

Korohoroujoukkuessa on kaksi



upseerismiestä : espoolainen yll. Eero Teppola ja Mankolasta kotoisin oleva Risto ALFRED Jurkola. Vääpelinä toimii hämeenlinnalainen filmitähti Jorma Ijäs. Hän on ollut saarella alusta lähtien ja aikoo yhä edelleen jatkaa.

Joukkueen naapurissa on ko-mealla riemuportilla varustettu enemmistöleiri ja allahinuskosten hautausmaa. Pojat eivät kuitenkaan millään tavoin ole kehittyneet spiritisteiksi, joten 'haamut' on pysytetty loitolla ja tilanne rau- tettu loitolla ja tilanne rauhalli- sena.

KUUN MAISEMASSA.

Varsinaissuomalainen luutnantti Seppo Heinilä pitää majaa Vou- nossa. Loput joukkueesta on siro- teltu taivaan tuuliin kuun maise- maan Mia Milean, Koutsovendik- sen ja Vounon välimaastoon.

Suhteellisen avarasti asuvat myös kolmanteen joukkueeseen kuuluvat leivonnäkeläisen Reijo Valkosen isällisessä hoiivassa Dirty Hillin funtumassa. Onneksi he kuiten- kin ovat voineet jättää tuon paikan neloskomppanialaisille, sillä patal- joonan kuuluisimman saunan ja uimahallin omistavan komppanian miehille ei sovi mennä liian likelle roskakasa.

Ensimmäinen joukkue pitää sit- ten majaa komentopaikan liepeillä, tähystelee Slaughter Houselle ja huolehtii siitä, että teurastamisessa pitäydytään ainoastaan eläimiin. Suteettiluutnantti Esa Pekka Vainio on tihreäörinä ja vastaa siitä, että hommat luistavat.



Tutka tarkkailee myös tikanpelaa- jia Esko Ilosta ja Mauno Kinnusta

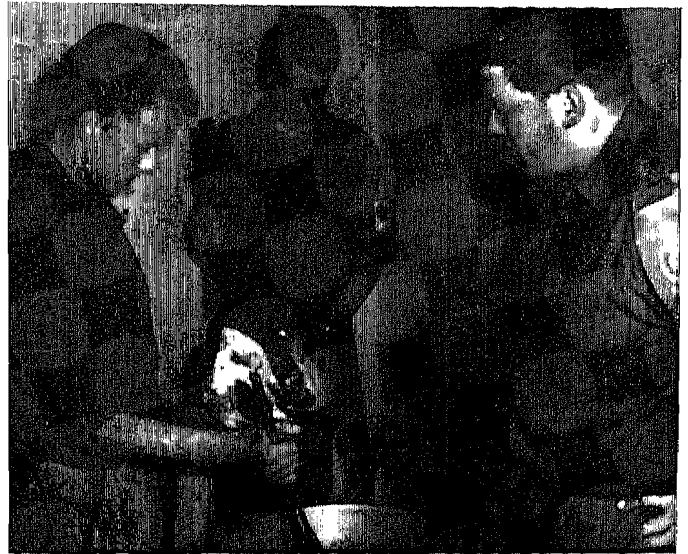


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JÄÄKÄRIN



Keittiömestari, ylik Keijo Hatakka valvoo tarkkana kokkien Felix Rintalan ja Pentti Klemolan puuhia

ARKI



Pekka Mäensivun tutkiessa valtakunnan suulinta sanomalehtä, ryöppää Seppo Jänis seven uppia, kun taas Antti Majalahti ja Jorma Ijäs tekevät lomasuunnitelmia.

PÄIVA

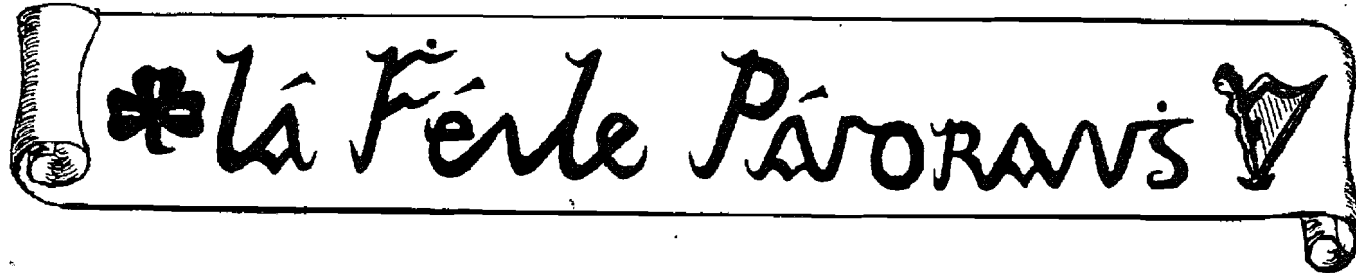


Kahvinkeittopuuhat Vounossa ; pannun ääressä Seppo Jänis, pasians- sipoikana Paavo Ylipaavola ja lukumiehenä Pekka Hautala.

IRELAND'S NATIONAL DAY

Thursday, 17th March, is Saint Patrick's Day, the Day of Ireland's Patron Saint. Both at home and abroad, Irishmen celebrate this day as a holiday without forgetting the deeper implications of the day. For the men of the 5th Infantry Group, serving with UNFICYP, duties will go on as normal, for peace-keeping can never take a holiday, but the Editors of 'The Blue Beret' would like to take this opportunity of reminding the Group of some of the occurrences during

their tour here and wishing them well for the future.



Taking over Lefka District from CANCON last October

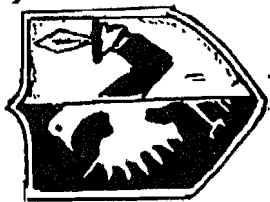


At a Fleadh Ceoil at Limnitis.



Above: Our five Irish friends from the UN Secretariat. Left: At the Christmas party at Lefka Palace

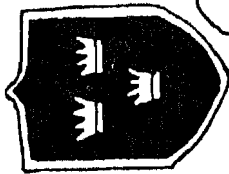
Xenos. Left. OP
supply of
'Juliet'.



Left- A Christ-
mas party for
local children.
Right The late
Force Comman-
der visits 5th
Infantry Group



Left: Midnight Mass — Christ-
mas 1965. Below left: Brigadier
Wilson presenting UN medals.



S.T. Patrick was born of a Christian family in the west country of Britain probably in the year AD. 385. His father was a man of some importance, being a Government Administrator. When Patrick was about 16 years of age, he was captured by pirates and carried off to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. Patrick tells us that up to the time of his captivity he had been a rather careless Christian but that the hardships of his life in exile turned his thoughts to God.

After six years in captivity, he managed to escape by boat to France and eventually, after many adventures, joined his own people in Britain. How long he spent in Britain, we do not know, but it was there, in his own home, that he received God's call to return and convert the pagan Irish. Before this was to come about, however, Patrick was to travel in Europe, gaining much experience in both the religious and secular life. So, it wasn't until AD. 432, when he was about 47 years of age that he returned to Ireland to begin his great mission.

Because Ireland had never been conquered by the Romans and brought within the Christian empire, the people were still pagan, worshipping idols; Yet by the time of Patrick's death in AD. 461, at the age of 75, Ireland had been almost completely Christianised, and almost everywhere Christianity flourished in both monastic and secular life.

Few people have been so true to the Faith as the Irish. It was this common Faith which made them a nation, and which through centuries of persecution has been the most enduring force in their history.

Livlig idrottsverksamhet inom bat. volleybollvinst för finnarna, Dansk seger i fotboll

Idrottsverksamheten på bataljonen är f.n. mycket livlig, utöver "internationella" matcher i fotboll och volleyboll på lördagen, anordnades förra veckan terränglöpning i Larnaca samt kompanimästerskap i tennis på STR-komp. Att finnarna är oss överlägsna i volleyboll, visades klart och tydligt, där "suomila pojka" vann med 3-0. Fotbollsmatchen mot "aryfienden" Danmark gick inte heller den i lös. Vi fick se oss slagna med 4-2 (2-3).

Det var ganska tunnsått i början på Stadion i Old City, Famagusta, när de bägge lagen sprang ut på plan. Med matchen mot finnarna i färskt minne (14-0) grodde det väl ett litet hopp hos oss blågula, att det skulle gå den s.k. vägen även denna gång. Men den dagen fingo vi intel.

Jag är ingen sportreferent, men kan redovisa så mycket att danskarna, för det första var snabbare på bollen, hade en hetare vilja, och ett starkare försvar. Svenskarna var inte att känna igen. Men det heter ju att man inte spelar bättre än det andra laget tillåter.

Första svenska baklängesmålet kom i 17:e min på nick och efter sex minuter var det färdigt igen. Denna gång på en frispark. I



23:e minuten reducerade centern Tommy Palm, 1. komp. och man började åter hoppas. Men tyvärr fick danskarna det tredje psykologiska målet 20 minuter senare, innan ett självmål i halvkens sista skälvande minut fastställde halvtidsresultatet 2-3.

När andra halvlek började hade åskådarlådan tätat, med det hjälpte föga. I 7:e min. gjorde danskarna 2-4, vilket stod sig halvleken ut.

Danskarna spelade en bra fotboll och var väl värda segern, möjligen borde svenskarna haft ett mål till, vilket bättre hade återspeglat spel fördelningen.

Returmatchen i Old City, Nicotia, på lördag emotades med stort intresse. (Aktuellt med ett träningsläger?).

SVENSK SISU I VOLLEYBOLL

Finnarna kom revanschsugna till Carl Gustaf Camp på lördagen för att visa de svenske på plats i volleyboll. (Nederlaget i fotboll 0-14 fanns fortfarande på näthinnorna). Matchen spelades på STR-planen och finnarna vann planenligt med 3-0. Men - setsiffrorna var förbluffande bra 15-12, 15-9 och 15-13. Onekligen ett fall framåt eftersom finnarna är så pass mycket bättre i detta bollspel än vi.

Ett grattis till spelarna är verkligen på sin plats!

Civpol suverän i tennis

STR-komp. har anordnat mästerskapstävlingar i tennis, särskilt inbjudna från staben och civpol. I singelfinalen segrade civpol. Tage Hermansson, med hemadress Eskilstuna, över Kjell Paulsson, STR och Halmstad. Siffrorna blev 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

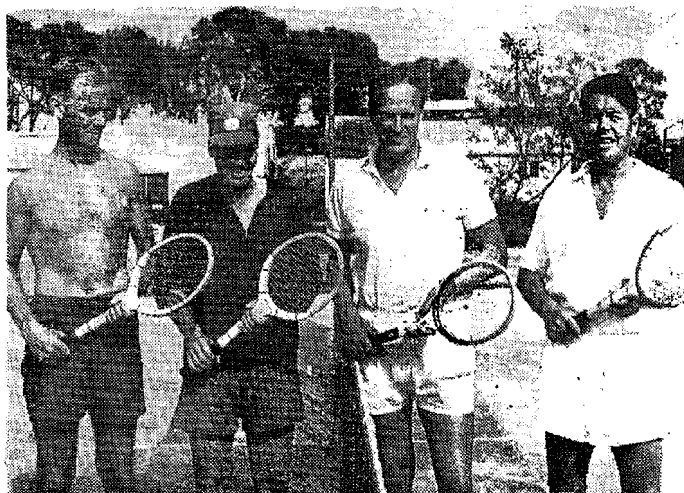
Hermansson hade även kvalificerat sig till finalen i dubbel tillsammans med kollegan Stefan Lindström, Skellefteå. Segersiffrorna över dubbelparet Bengt Karlsson i Inge Grip, Kungsbacka, resp. Hälleforsnäs, blev 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

Terränglöpning i Larnaca

3. komp. anordnade förra veckan en terränglöpning, öppen för alla kompanier. I lagtävlingen segrade 2. komp. med platssiffra 16, tätt följt av arrangörerna platssiffra 19. Individuell segrare blev 389 Nordqvist, 1. komp, vilken delade första plats med öfu Stålnacke, 2. komp. Segrartiden var 27.38.5.

Sedan följde 434 Björklund, 1. komp. 28.34.5, 916 Lindholm, 3. komp. 28.39.5 och på femte plats fk Nilsson, 2. komp. 29.12.0.

DUBBELFINALISTERNA



Dubbelfinalisterna i tennis. Fr.v. Bengt Karlsson, Tage Grip och segrarparet Tage Hermansson, Stefan Lindström.

LÖRDAGENS FOTBOLLSMATCH



De bägge lagledarna visade upp idel glada miner vid lördagens fotbollsmatch. Per Kongsted, Köpenhamn och Tore Mellbris, Helsingborg. (danskar bägge?)



Lagledare och tränare i fotboll och volleyboll utanför kantinen, 1.komp. Fr.v. Jooko Tenkola, Vammaca, Lars Greymer, Malmö, O.M. Hansen, Naestved, Jörgen Norgren, Köpenhamn, Per Kongsted, Köpenhamn, och Tore Mellbris, Helsingborg.



Brigadier A. J. Wilson, CBE, MC, the Acting Force Commander and Chief of Staff, recently visited the unit to meet all ranks and thank them for their work in support of the Force. Pictured above, Brigadier Wilson talks to Sergeants Frank Mortlock, left, and George Pound and below, accompanied by Captain Peter Matthews, the unit's OC, talks to Private Paul Yates.



HQ UNFICYP ORDNANCE DETACHMENT

ETERNAL PROVIDERS

THE UNFICYP Ordnance Detachment commanded by Capt Peter Mathews, is best described as a minor unit with a major role. Its task is the receipt and issue of practically every item of stores and equipment required to feed and maintain all five contingents of the International Peace-Keeping Force.

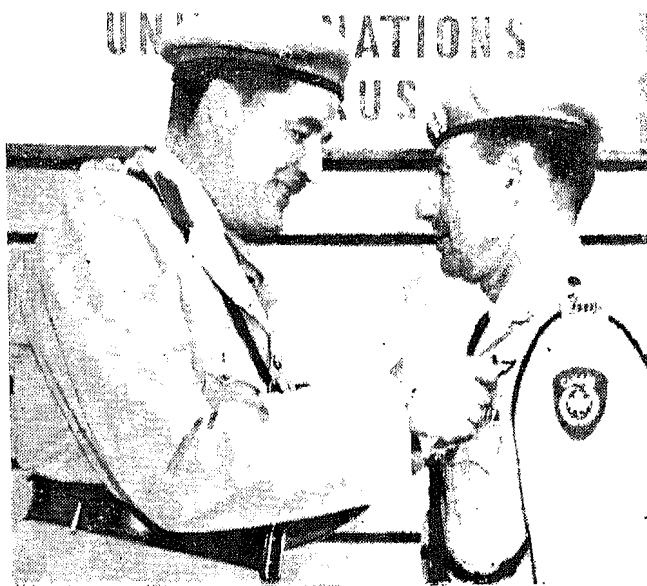
With Ssgt Frank Gowans as second-in-command and only fourteen other NCOs and men, the Detachment provides an incomparably varied and efficient service. They have a capability of furnishing units with immediate requirements from stocks of over 1,000 items held in their stores and can also offer provision of stores from a vocabulary range of some 750,000 items available from Ordnance Depots. From armoured vehicles and camera equipment down to buttons and paper clips there appears to be little or nothing that the Detachment cannot supply.

Organised on a basis of four Sections working always to maximum capacity they provide daily fresh food and

also hold the Force reserve rations. The POL Section is open 24 hours a day including week-ends, a considerable achievement for a unit so small in numbers. Supply of the vast range of "stores" items including engineer stores, is the task of the Transit Section, which also deals with urgently required local purchase items. Lastly, traversing the island from end to end is the mobile Bath Section, available to UN Posts which lack more permanent facilities.

Variety also appears to be the keynote of the Detachments sporting activities. Five, including Pte Geof Dyson who is a Corps Player, are members of a combined UN REME/RAOC football team. Of the three who regularly drive in the island's competitions, Corporal Roger Spicer is also the HQ UNFICYP Go-carting organiser. Corporal Terry Kitchen plays in the HQs international basket-ball team and Pte David Billingham, a Corps boxer, has been picked to fight in matches with members of a visiting team from Israel.

DOUBLE HONOUR



DOUBLE HONOUR — On the day of his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel and his appointment as Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Lt-Col. N. A. Robinson, of Calgary, was presented the United Nations medal for service in Cyprus by Colonel J.L. Drewry, of Ottawa, Commander Canadian Contingent in Cyprus. The presentation was made at Headquarters Canadian Contingent, Nicosia. Lt-Col. Robinson will be taking up his new appointment in the latter part of March.

Navy Doctor for CANCON



DOCTOR MEETS DOCTOR — Major Des. Tucker, RCAMC met his replacement, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander A. Soucek, right, as he stepped off the Royal Canadian Air Force Yukon aircraft at the RAF base in Nicosia on Monday. After a week-long handover Major Tucker will emplane for Canada via leave in Europe and the United Kingdom.



SAFETY AWARDS

RECEIVES SAFETY AWARDS — Pte. C. F. Flanagan, RCASC, received 5,000 and 10,000-mile safe driving plaques and certificates from Colonel J. L. Drewry, Commander of the Canadian Contingent of UNFICYP. The presentation was made at Canadian Contingent headquarters in Nicosia. The awards are presented to Royal Canadian Army Service Corps drivers serving with the UN Force at the completion of 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 accident free miles on the Island.

Secretary-General's report on Cyprus

Following is the full text of the Chapter, headed "OBSERVATIONS", contained in the report of the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operations in Cyprus which was released at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Friday, 11th March.

"Nothing has occurred in the past three months in Cyprus or elsewhere to change significantly the views expressed in paragraphs 205-216 of my last report to the Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus. Of the observations made in that report, I may reiterate one especially since it is the core of the dilemma which the United Nations, as well as the parties concerned, face in Cyprus. 'It needs to be said of Cyprus, in full frankness, I believe, that it remains still to be demonstrated that there is a genuine will to peace among the leaders of the two communities of sufficient earnestness and intensity to lead them toward those mutual accommodations in viewpoint and position which are essential to pacific settlement. The international community can only help and assist. The key to a settlement, however, lies in the last analysis with the parties. Unless they are prepared to move towards resolving their basic differences, the prospects of an early solution are dim indeed.' I deeply regret to have to say that three months after the publication of my last report the basic problem remains unsolved and there is little sign that the parties have reduced the deep differences that separate them.

"Nevertheless, the situation in the Island in the past three months, given the continued armed confrontation in the Island, has been gratifyingly quiet. Despite this calm, however, the possibility of renewed and even large-scale fighting is ever present if steps are not promptly taken to control the results of minor clashes. In the absence of UNFICYP there would be a very serious risk of such fighting. I have, therefore, reluctantly reached the conclusion that the continued presence of UNFICYP in the present circumstances is not only desirable but virtually, indispensable if a relative degree of quiet is to be

STOP PRESS

GUARDSMAN FOUND DEAD

At approximately 0600 hrs on the morning of Monday, 14th March, a soldier of the Canadian Contingent was found dead in his bed of natural causes at Camp Maple Leaf, Troodos Road, Nicosia.

Yesterday, Tuesday, 15th March, the soldier was named as Gdsm J.J.P. Chartier, aged 21, married, of Camp Petawawa, Ontario. Arrangements for burial at the British Military Cemetery, Dhakelia, have been made for 1000 hrs today, Wednesday.

BOMBING INCIDENT

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At United Nations Headquarters in New York, a spokesman for the Secretary-General said that U Thant had expressed to the Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.N. his "unhappiness" over the fact that the Cyprus Government had made public charges against members of the U.N. Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus in relation to the bombing incident still under investigation.

The Secretary-General told Ambassador Zenon Rossides that the United Nations regarded publication of the charges of the Cyprus Government as premature in view of the fact that investigation into the incident was still going on and findings had not yet been reported.

COUNCIL DECISION ON MANDATE POSTPONED

Meeting at UN Headquarters last night, the Security Council postponed until today (Wednesday) their decision on the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Force in Cyprus. Before the Council is an eight nation draft resolution which would extend the stationing of the Force in Cyprus by three months, until 26th June.

maintained in the Island. I am informed that the Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey also wish its extension.

"It has proved possible progressively to reduce the strength of UNFICYP. The original size of the Force was approximately 7,000; the latest reductions will bring it down to approximately 4,500. This steady reduction in numbers reflects not only the improvement in the security situation which has taken place in Cyprus since UNFICYP came to the Island, but also the determination of the Force Commander and United Nations Headquarters to provide the services rendered by UNFICYP in the most economical way possible. The effort to reduce UNFICYP will be continued in so far as it does not compromise the effectiveness of the Force in carrying out its mandate.

"In carrying out its duties, and especially in the assistance given in cases where administrative and economic activities are affected by inter-communal divisions, UNFICYP has also made a determined effort steadily to reduce its role both in the interest of economy and also with the aim of restoring normal conditions as far as possible.

It is a clear that both the Government of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot leadership value and appreciate the presence of UNFICYP. During the period under review, UNFICYP has continued to enjoy the respect and co-operation of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots in a large measure. This spirit of respect and co-operation is very valuable for the effective performance of the duties of the Force.

"There have been recently a number of indications that both the Greek

and Turkish Cypriot populations of Cyprus are increasingly impatient for a return to normal conditions and for a solution of the Cyprus problem, and it is to be hoped that this factor may have a positive influence upon the efforts now being made to find a solution. In this context, I would refer to the message sent by me to my Special Representative on 2 March 1966. The Governments of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey have assured me that they will co-operate with my Special Representative in the task entrusted to him in this message. I hope that all concerned will assist him in his efforts to achieve discussions, at any level, of problems and issues would appear to be ripe for settlement, as, for instance, some of the problems mentioned in Chapter III of this report. Much work has already been done, for example, on such matters as the reactivation of factories, the restoration of postal services, and the availability of land records. I would hope that if progress can be made in these limited matters, it may provide a firmer basis for efforts to tackle more fundamental problems. I would hope also that the success of the de-fortification arrangements in Famagusta, after the serious incident there in November 1965, may be followed by the application of de-fortification arrangements to other areas in the Island.

"As I have stated elsewhere in this report, the financial situation affecting the United Nations Operation in Cyprus continues to be acute, and the deficit between the estimated costs and the voluntary contributions pledged remains important. In this situation I have felt obliged again to notify the Governments providing

contingents to the Force that I am not now in a position honour commitments previously made to reimburse them in full for any extra costs they may have incurred and claim in respect of their contingents in UNFICYP. I am also reluctant in these circumstances to urge Governments providing contingents to continue to do so unless they are prepared to run the risk of providing them entirely at their own expense.

"Despite the reservations which I must inevitably make as a result of the financial situation of UNFICYP, it is my considered view that the Force in Cyprus should be again extended. My strong preference, in the interest of planning, economy and the efficient management of the Force, is an extension for a period of six months after 26 March 1966. But this should be on the necessary condition that there is assurance of adequate financial support to sustain it in advance of the decision to extend the Force.

"To my Special Representative, to the Acting Commander of the Force in Cyprus, and to all members of the Force and civilian personnel engaged in the mission, I wish once again to pay tribute for the skilled, effective and devoted way in which they continued to carry out their duties. I wish also once again to pay tribute to the memory of the late General K.S. Thimayya, who served until his sudden death in December 1965, with great brilliance and distinction as Commander of the Force and whose passing has deprived his country, the United Nations and the cause of peace in the world, of a dedicated and exceptional leader.

"The United Nations owes a debt of gratitude to the countries providing contingents to UNFICYP and to those who have contributed financially to the United Nations peace-keeping effort in Cyprus. For their faith and continued support I wish to place on record my deep appreciation to their Governments."

VIET-NAM

U Thant - 'Deep concern' over escalation of war

UNITED Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, last week expressed his "deep concern" over the escalation of fighting in Viet-Nam with its mounting toll in death and destruction. U Thant's views were conveyed to newsmen at United Nations Headquarters by a spokesman last Wednesday.

The spokesman added that

the Secretary-General considered that any move to bring the parties closer to negotiations must include cessation of the bombings of North Viet-Nam; the substantial reduction by all parties of military activities in South Viet-Nam; and the acceptance of the participation of the National Liberation Front in any discussions for a peaceful settlement.

UNFICYP COSTS

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towards the costs of UNFICYP. In a letter to the UN Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of Switzerland, Mr Thalmann expressed his Government's regret that all effort to solve the dispute between Greek and Turkish Cypriots had been unavailing.

SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSES TWENTY-TWO NATION DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

Need for swifter progress stressed

The need for swifter progress in decolonization of territories which are not yet free was emphasized this week in the twenty-four nation United Nations Committee concerned with problems in this field.

Addressing the Committee as it opened its first meeting of the year last Tuesday, the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, pointed out that the majority of delegations to the last General Assembly had expressed serious concern regarding the continued delays in the emancipation of colonial peoples.

U Thant said that the question of Southern Rhodesia in particular had taken on dimensions which had increased the

grave disquiet already felt by Member States. He recalled recent statements by Great Britain to the effect that it would continue to seek a speedy end to the Ian Smith rebellion and to help the Rhodesian people make a fresh start towards majority rule and the establishment of a just society without discrimination. Not only was it to be hoped that rapid progress would be made in this connection, said the Secretary-General, but also that Britain would act without delay in conforming with UN resolutions to enable the people to determine their own future.

Turning to the problem of territories under Portuguese rule, U Thant said Portugal maintained its disregard of re-

levant UN resolutions. That country, he said, failed to give effect to the principle of self-determination as laid down in the resolutions, and there was no sign of a reversal in its policy of political and economic integration of the territories with Portugal.

The Secretary-General said that the refusal of South Africa to co-operate in carrying out UN resolutions concerning the territory of South West Africa was likewise a matter of serious concern. Far from ceasing to apply apartheid policies in that territory, he said South Africa seemed to be taking further steps to carry them out, including measures leading to the establishment of non-European "homelands".