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REPORT FROM UN ASSEMBLY:

U Thant Speaks Out

U Thant, the Secretary General told the UN Assembly in New York that the United Nations today was being accused of impotence.

What was needed, he said, was that UN members honour or at least show some concern for decisions of the world organisation's deliberative bodies. The crux of the problem, he declared, was that they must conform to the Security Coun-

cil's decisions as mandatory.

U Thant said that this was not to be taken as a slight on the Assembly whose powers are described in the Charter as recommendatory.

The Secretary General said that the United Nations should not be criticised for ineffectiveness. Fault, he said, lay with a few member states who ignored Security Council decisions.



The Flavour of the Cyprus Grape

With the grape harvest in Cyprus in full swing, these soldiers of the 1 Worcester's make certain they get their share. (Picture above).

Many of the soldiers of the Battalion come from the richest fruit growing districts of England and know what good fruit really is. — There is no sour grape look here amongst these men!

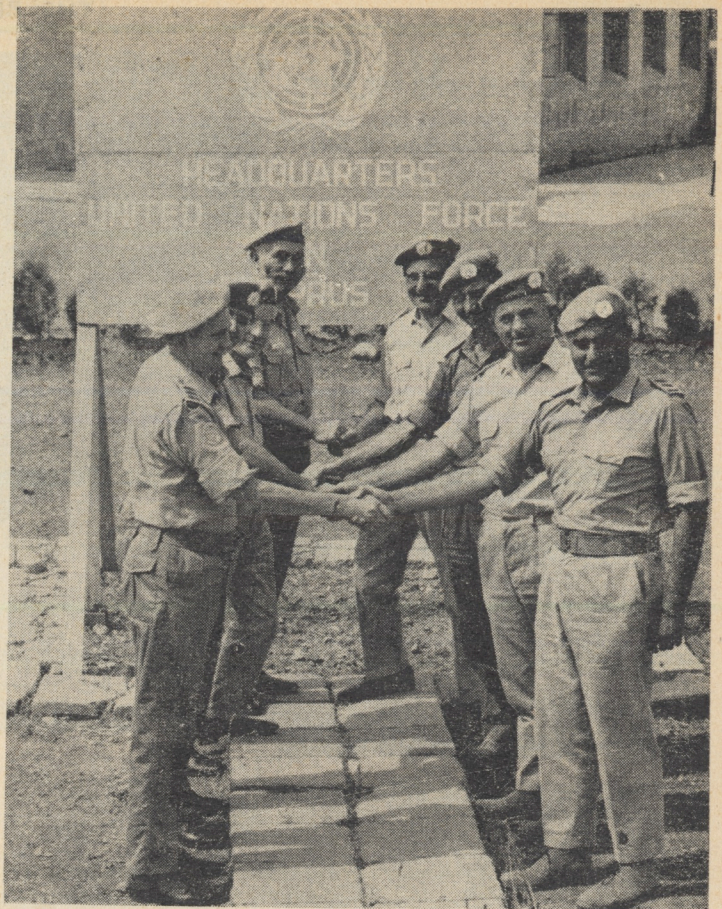
During the recent Cyprus Wine Festival many personnel from the various Unficyp Contingents tasted the flavour of the Cyprus grapes from the wine barrels in the festival grounds in Limassol.

NEW CONVOY TIMES

The Force Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus announces that with effect from 1 October 1969 the departure time of convoys on the Kyrenia Road will be as follows:

From Nicosia Racecourse Check Point: 0900 hours and 1430 hours.

From Kyrenia Check Point: 0730 hours and 1600 hours.



Good Luck, Paddy!

At the recent rotation of Ircon troops with Unficyp the Irish personnel serving at Headquarters also handed over their duties to successors flown in from Dublin.

● Wishing good luck in Cyprus as in Ireland are (fr Front to Rear, L to R) Capt KF Duffy and Capt JC Patton, Comdt S Flynn and Comdt L. Prendergast, Comdt JE Reynolds and Comdt OR Keilly, and finally Lt Col M. Shahahan and Lt Col J Seward. — (The outgoing officers are seen to the right).

BRITISH MP's VISIT HQ UNFICYP

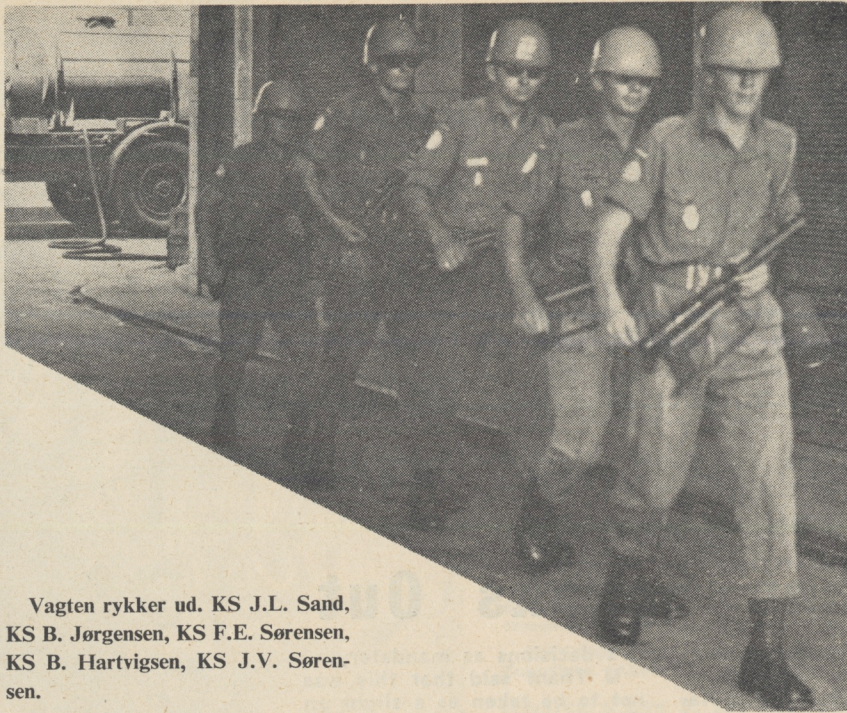
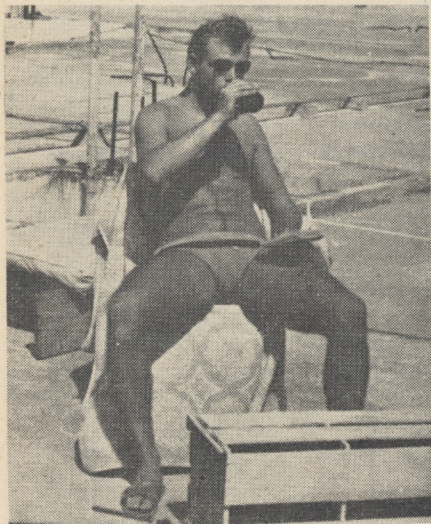
A number of British Members of Parliament recently paid a visit to Cyprus and the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in the island. Accompanied by the British High Commissioner they also called on the Force Commander, Lt Gen AE Martola, and were given briefings by the Headquarters staff.

● The British High Commissioner, the Hon Mr PE Ramsbotham is greeted by FC as he leads the visit of the British MP's to HQ Unficyp.



Det gælder om at nyde livet efter vagten!

KS F.E. Sørensen paa taget af Melgaard House.



Vagten rykker ud. KS J.L. Sand, KS B. Jørgensen, KS F.E. Sørensen, KS B. Hartvigsen, KS J.V. Sørensen.

C COY

C-COY bestaar af 140 mand incl. officerer (9) og øvrige befalingsmænd (19)

Der er en DKOiDEL og fire vagtdelinger. 1. og 2. deling turner om vagttjenesten i Melgaard House-området. 3. og 4. deling turner om vagten i Kasianos-området.



KS P. Benzen, KS H. Olesen, KS P.H. Ørndrup

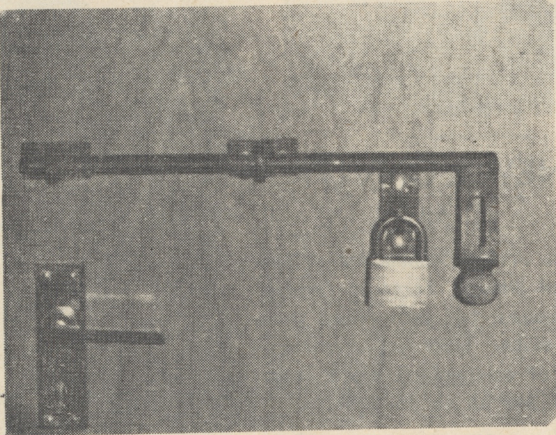
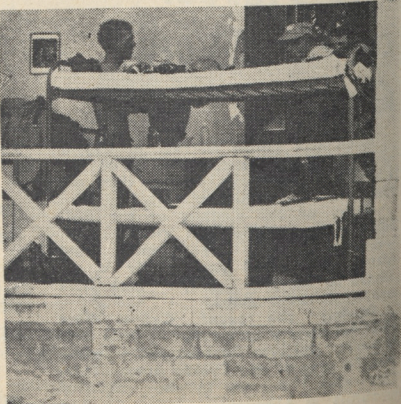
Post 3b i Dimitri-området (tv).

Den ene af de to poster CHARLIE har uden for muren.

Der er vagt paa taget og vagt paa vejen.

DANCON NYT

Frisk luft om natten. Sengene er flyttet ud paa grund "haandværkere."



Hvem sidder der bag slaen?
(Der sidder nok ingen for døren er ikke laaset)



Hundene hører med til dagligdagen i CHARLIE.



SVART LYXBIL UTGÅR UR ORG



Viss pers och svart lyxbil har utgått ur org!

Därmed har Swedcon drabbats av en i det närmaste oersättlig förlust, framför allt naturligtvis i sin transportreserv, men också på tennisbanan, vid pilkastningstavlan och vid gäck-bordet. Vårt lager av öl däremot ökar i en oroväckande takt.

Samtidigt inströmmar rapporter från UNTSO att ölnreserven plötsligt tog slut, att pilspetsarna blivit slöa och att nya, obrutna lekar snabbt måste sättas in vid Suez. Det påstås också, visserligen enligt ännu ej bekräftade uppgifter, att en tennisbana kommer att byggas på pontoner vid ett OP på Israelsidan av kanalen.

Mj Lars Hammarberg har alltså drabbat Mellanöstern. Som alltid pigg, vaken och välsövd gick han omkring och sade adjö till

På bilden ser vi hela kvartetten. Fr v Margaretha, Lars, Thorbjörn och Karin Hammarberg. Ett väl sammansvetsat gäng.

SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

vänner och bekanta innan han lämnade ön i solen. Visst fanns det sorg i avskedets stund på det mänskliga planet men det var inget mot vad han kände när han sa farväl till svart lyxbil, som egentligen heter Chevrolet Biscayne. Det blev förresten inget definitivt avsked Fk Sverker Nilsén skall förvalta bilen fram till jul. Då kanske den återförenas med familjen Hammarberg.

SKADAD RAPP KOM BARA 2:A

Det dröjde länge innan det faktiska bataljonsmästerskapet i tennis kunde avgöras. Sjukdomar, krämpor och tjänst lade hinder i vägen under flera veckors tid. Sensationerna duggade in i det sista.

Lennart Rapp blev den stora överraskningen. Först slog han ut Lars Lavén i kvarten och sedan lika sensationellt Lars Hammarberg i semifinalen.

Men i finalen mot Åke Landquist blev det stopp. Oturligt nog slog Rapp upp en gammal skada i låret och kunde inte ge sitt bästa. Han fick stryk med 6-2, 6-2.

I oktober blir det zonmästerskap. Favorit: Leffe Johansson, Civpol.

Resultat:

1. Åke Landquist,
2. Lennart Rapp,
3. Lars-Otto Dandenell,
4. Lars Hammarberg.

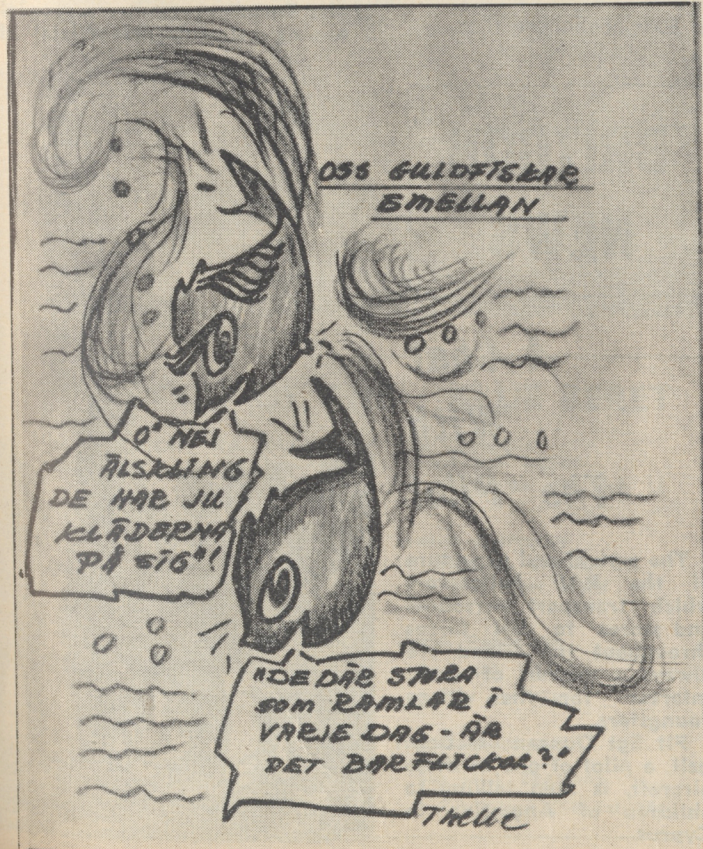
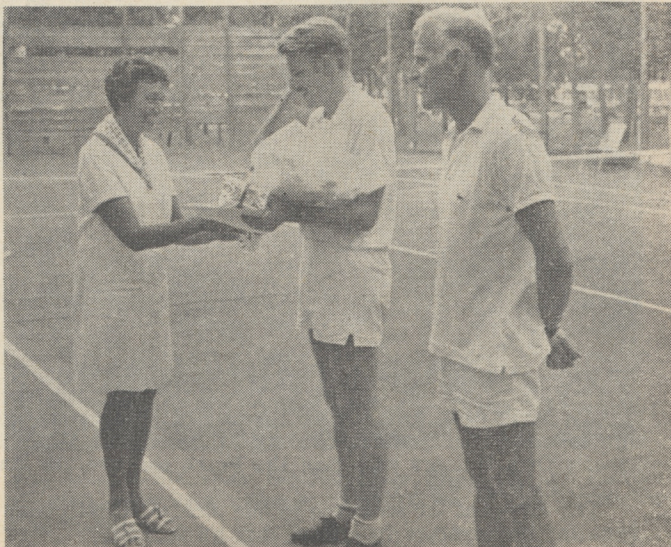
T h ses segraren Åke Landquist slå en serve.

Fru Lavén delar ut priserna till Åke Landquist och Lennart Rapp. Nedan.

Terrängloppen vanns av 3:e

Grenadjärerna på 3:e komp tog storslam i terrängloppningen. De vann samtliga klasser och "missade" bara två medaljer.

Bertil Spjuth vann klass I' Klas Löfgren klass II och Stig Bender klass III.



Daily Mirror Team Visit 1 Woc's

Last week the Battalion was visited by a Daily Mirror team, Reporter Mr Ellis Plaise and Photographer Mr Richard Farley. They toured the Battalion area and spoke to many of the soldiers on the outposts.

It is hoped that their article, about the role of the British soldier in Unficyp, will appear in the new Mirror colour magazine in a few weeks time.

BEAT GROUP OF 1 WORCESTERS:

The Green 'Uns'



The 'POP' Music scene has caused most Regimental Bands to broaden their scope by forming 'Beat Groups' and the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of the 1st Bn The Worcestershire Regiment are no exception.

On arrival in Cyprus a 'Beat Group' was formed under the able guidance of Sgt Stan Barber and aptly named the Green 'Uns'. Starting from scratch they had a hard slog ahead if they were to compete with the other Groups on the island. Prolonged practice in their own time however soon produced dividends and the Green 'Uns' are now a very popular Group much in demand.

At a recent appearance at the Peninsular Club at Akrotiri they received a 'standing ovation', a rare compliment indeed!

The Group consists of:
Cpl Gary Compson — Vocalist and Tenor Sax, Dmr Tony

indeed and

Farley — Guitar, Bdsm Harry — Guitar, Bdsm — Rhythm Guitar, Bdsm Martin Thomas — Electric Organ, Dmr Bill Colborne — Drums.

● Bill Colborne, Drummer Green 'Uns'.
● Electric Organ for the 'Uns', Bdms Martin Thomas. (Picture).

THE CHEERFUL CATERERS



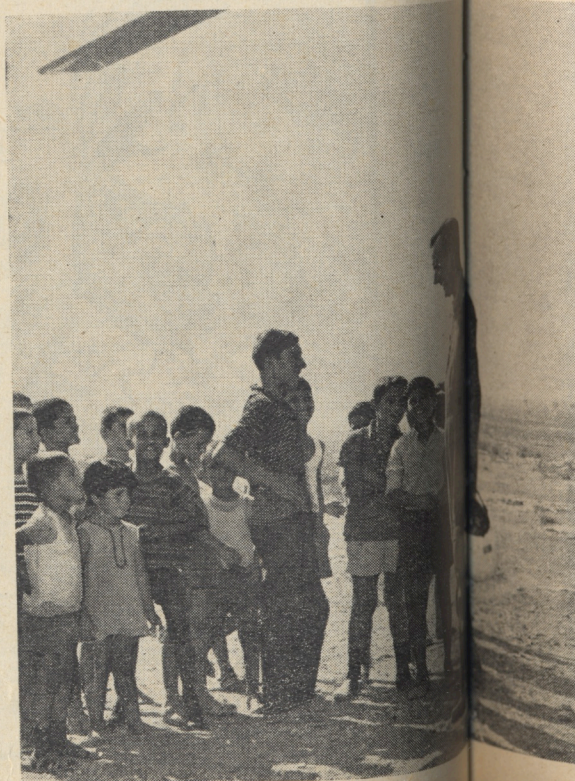
Our picture shows the members of the catering platoon who cook and prepare the meals for men of the 1 Worcesters at Polemedhia. Considering they work in the high temperatures of a Middle East cookhouse they all look fit and cheerful.

BRITCON NEWS

A Chat With The Pilot

The arrival and departure of the RAF helicopters which transport personnel and stores to UN forces throughout the Island are always a matter of great interest for the village youngsters.

Flt Sgt Duncan McDougall, a pilot of one of these aircraft, is seen talking to children of Angastina in Cyprus.



Rotation of IRCON



Hand Over Time

The time of "Hand-over" is once again with us as members of Ircon prepare to pass on all their worries and cares to the eager and perhaps unsuspecting newcomers.

ABOVE— Comdt Sean Flynn (left) is introduced to Lt Col D. Ranft, Chief Signals Officer by Comdt Owen Kiely (centre).

The rotation of Ircon units got properly underway last week with the arrival, at Nicosia Airport on Sunday 21st Sept, of 100 personnel of 13th Inf Group.

Some of the first arrivals. In front is C/S Mc Carth. (Picture above).

Below — Coy Sgt Tom Dillon (left) Chief Clerk Personnel Branch outgoing and Coy Sgt Paddy Doherty who has recently arrived.



IRCON NEWS

Flying Colleens Off For A Rest



Aer Lingus hostesses leaving their Boeing 707 at Nicosia for a well earned rest, prior to taking some of the 12 Inf Gp home to Ireland.

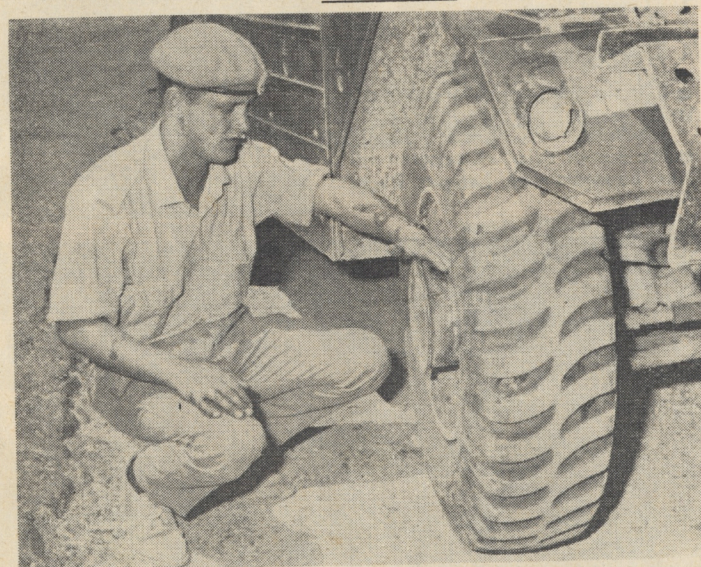
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Checking The Hubs

The scout cars of the Force Reserve of Unficyp cover a very high mileage during their far ranging patrols in Cyprus. The Queen's Own Hussars who man the Force Reserve are stationed in Zyvi in southern Cyprus.

The driver of the scout car in our picture is testing his wheel hubs for temperature to ensure that all is well.



"Weighing Anchor" At UNFICYP

Second Canadian sailor now serving in Cyprus: Leading Seaman (Corporal) William R. Glenn alights from the "big silver bird" at Nicosia airport for his UN tour as a hygiene expert.

He last served with the navy on Canada's east coast in December, 1968.

Since then he has been a medical assistant and hygiene specialist with The Black Watch Regiment, soon to replace the 2e Battalion Royal 22e Regiment as the Canadian infantry battalion serving on the island.



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Easy Does It!

An RAF 72 Squadron (Nicosia Detachment) chopper lifts "oh so gently" from the pad at the Canadian Contingent's Observation Company at Tjiklos.

Slings are often employed to carry fuel and water to the company's Kyrenia Mountain observation posts.



A Spare Part

Need a spare part? Sergeant Larry F. Hager, ordnance sergeant in charge of the Canadian Contingents' spare parts stores section is the expert who can find it.

Sergeant Hager handles them for vehicles, wireless sets, electrical generators and a host of other equipment used by the Canadians in Cyprus. (Left).

Sports Mania

How many sports represented here! Corporal L.P. (Louis) Croteau, NCO-in-charge of the sports stores is the man athletic-minded Canadians see at Camp Maple Leaf.

In addition to the usual sports of volleyball, tennis and swimming, he has the equipment required for such other ones as judo, weight-lifting and skiing.

Corporal Croteau is also in charge of the repair and distribution of movie films for the Canadians in Cyprus. (Right).



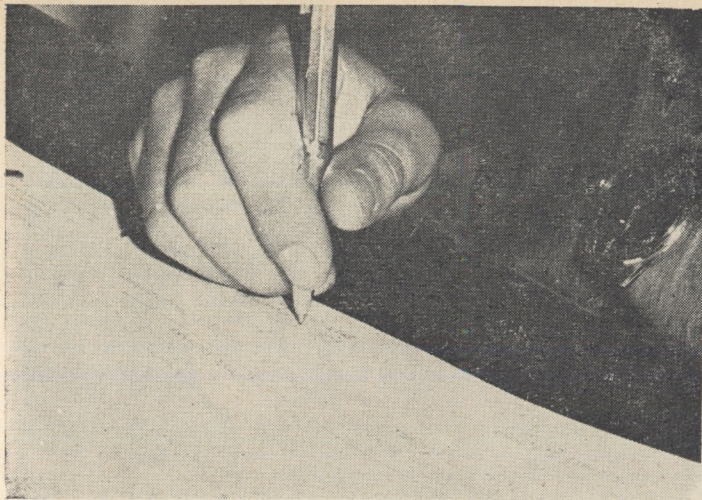
Stubborn Engine

A stubborn engine receives the treatment. Sgt Patrick A. Bryant, weapons technician at the Camp Maple Leaf workshop, tinkers with a miniature jet engine of a Swing Fog machine.

It's a special piece of equipment used by base hygiene to rid the camp of pesky flying insects.



SOPIMUKSET — JA ASIAKIRJAT



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FINCON NEWS

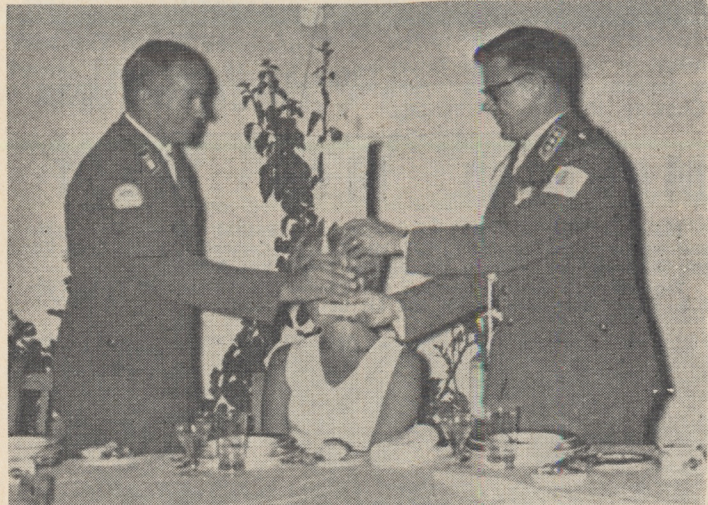
KUVIEN KERTOMAA

Pappi tiedottaa:

Valitettavasti emme viime retkellämme Limassolissa nähneet itse illan juhlaa -viinijuhlaa. Me näimme vain kullissit. Sen sijaan ajelimme parilla autolla rannikon tuntumassa, vehreitten viiniviljelmien halki Curiumiin. Sepä siitä, mutta KOSKA KESÄÄ TUNTUU VIELÄ RIITTÄVÄN, ehdistetään uimakuljetus 5.10. papin retkeen Kyrenian linnaan. Seuraavana sunnuntaina, 12.10., menemme koko päivän retkelle Xeroxseen.

Toimitus:

Haluua taas kirjoituksia päivänpolttavista ja muistakin asioista.



Suomen Aliupseeriliitto luovutti standardinsa YKSP: lle 40-vuotispäivänään 21.9.69. Luovuttajana sotmest V Parikka ja vastaanottajana ev H Anttila.

LIIKENNEKILPAILU

...pidettiin Finconissa 29.9. -69 alkaen klo 14.00. Kilpailu oli kova, niin kuin kunnon kilpailun tulee ollakin. Ja kaikenlaista tapahtui. Yritettiin ajaa mittarit peitettyinä sitä vauhtia, millä mm. päiväsaikaan voi "lävistää" barrikadin. Toisin sanoen 10 mailia tunnissa. Etsittiin vikaa autosta joka ei lähtenyt käyntiin. Sekin rasti tuotti monelle "harmaita hiuksia", -virhepisteitä oli pakko jakaa anteliaasti. Ja vika oli kovin yksinkertainen, kuten aina kaikki vaikeat viat ja asiat ovat. Bensa oli lopussa. Ja melkein kaikille tuli virhepisteitä, kun ajettiin pieni lenkki kaupungilla. Siellä oli rasti, jota tarkkailtiin salaa. Kuljetta-

jakilpailijauraukat koettivat pysyä oikealla, -eli siis vasemmalla puolen keskiviivaa, mutta läheskään kaikki eivät siinä onnistuneet. Pysäköitiin myös autojen väliin katuvierelle. Katuna oli lankku ja autoina laatikot. Pidettiin välissä hermojen laukeamista edistävä hupikilpa, jossa heiteltiin autonmänniä autonrenkaisiin. Kolme kappaletta. Ja sitten vielä hikoiltiin kirjallisen kuulustelun parissa. Kysymyksiä oli seitsemän ja ne menivät olosuhteisiin nähden suurenmoisen mainiosti. Hyvin. Kokonaisuutena kilpailu oli myös hyväntasoinen ja puolusti paikkaansa kunnon kilpailujen joukossa. Odotamme seuraavia innokkaasti.

TULOKSET:	1) jääk Virtanen 3 JK,	15 pistettä
	2) jääk Rönkkö 2 JK,	17 pistettä
	3) jääk Loppinen HK,	19 pistettä

joukkuetulokset:

2) 2 JK	,20,5
2) HK	,22,4
3) EK	,23,0
4) 3 JK	,23,0
5) 1 JK	,35,0

Kilpailuun osallistui 28 kuljettajaa.



Auto on juuri pysäköity kahden muun auton väliin ahtaalla kadulla ahtaa-seen paikkaan. Katukäytävä on kuin lännen filmissä - lankkua. Sheriffinä toimiva luottamusmies on ankara. Mittatikki pettämättömän julma. Pinna sinne-toinen tänne.

International Volunteer Corps

In a letter to U Thant, Mr Nixon, President of the United States of America said he was pleased that the United Nations was now studying the possibilities of an International Peace Corps.

If volunteers of the world could work together, Mr Nixon said, the vision of development would become less distant and the promise of peace would move closer to reality.

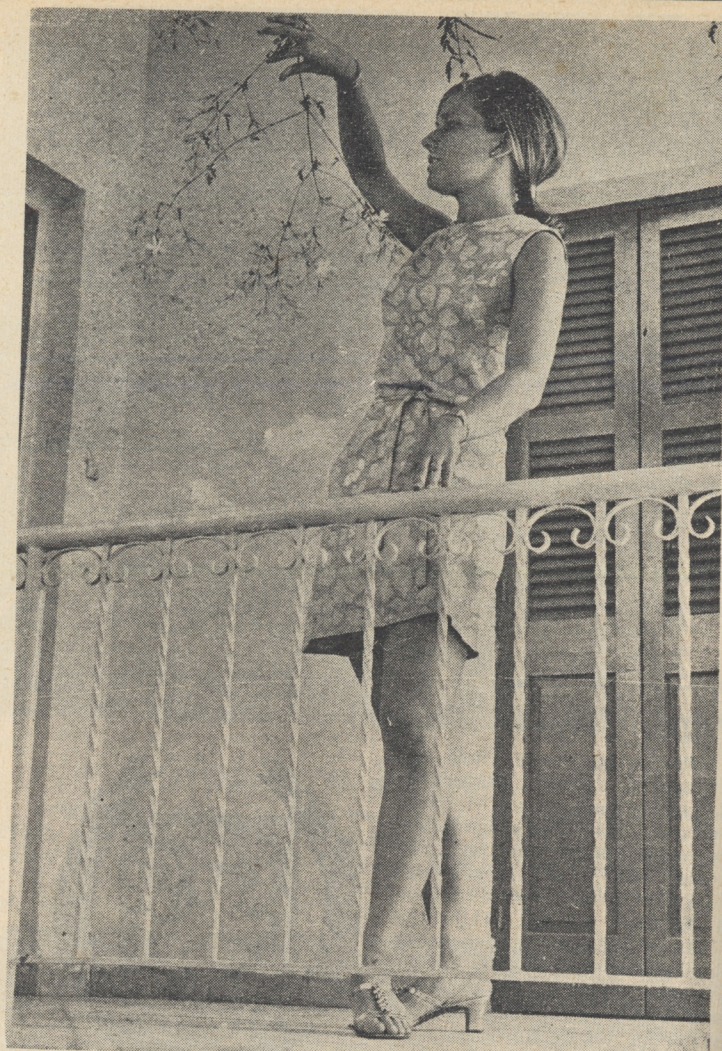
Mr Nixon added that the Peace corps was undertaking a number of new initiatives, including a commitment to the concept of international voluntary service.

Guiding its new directions,

he said, was a conviction that developing countries themselves must take part in their own human development through the formation of their own voluntary organisations.

ROAD SAFETY:

Experience is not the best teacher if you don't stand a chance to use it again.



MAISA Miss Unficyp No 20

Two flowers in one picture.
Maisa Tulikoura, the only one

for Major Tulikoura, came and left for Finland last Thursday morning.

Maisa is going to be a lawyer and married her major — the junior medical officer of the Finnish contingent — a month ago.

All the best for Maisa and her doctor!

MEDICAL MEN MEET

Those are the men who care about our health! — At one of the recent visits to the Austrian Field Hospital by Colonel Tommy Pace, Unficyp Chief Medical Officer, the picture below was taken.

Together with CMO (centre) is the Commanding Officer of AFH, Colonel B. Nussbaumer (4th fr R), and his hospital staff.



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SIGNALS SENIOR NCO's CONVENTION

Lieutenant Colonel D.D. Ranft, R Signals, Chief Signal Officer Unficyp, kindly opened the Signals Senior NCO's monthly convention held at Force HQ on 26 Sept. (Below).

The members discussed matters of common interest and renewed the atmosphere of conviviality which ensures that Unficyp communications remain an outstanding example of United Nations co-operation.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents — Unficyp

Week ending 27 Sept 69:	8
Same period last year:	8
Total this year:	278
Same period last year:	342

Main cause of accidents this week:
INEXPERIENCED NIGHT DRIVING

Night driving requires reduced speed to permit stopping within the range of your headlights. Be prepared for emergency stops, for unlighted vehicles, pedestrians wearing dark clothing, or animals crossing the road.

On curves your vision is seriously restricted even with the best headlights. Only a fraction of the road ahead is illuminated while driving into the curve.

Dim your headlights when you can distinguish two separate headlights on an approaching car. Keep lights dimmed even when the other driver does not return this courtesy after you flashed yours several times.

Avoid the glare of the oncoming car, reduce speed, keep to the extreme left of the road and concentrate your left eye on the left edge of the road, to prevent the blinding effect. — The change for an accident increases when both drivers are blinded!

Night driving is considerably more dangerous than day driving. A good rule is to drive two thirds of the speed maintained during daytime.

SLOW DOWN — AT SUN DOWN