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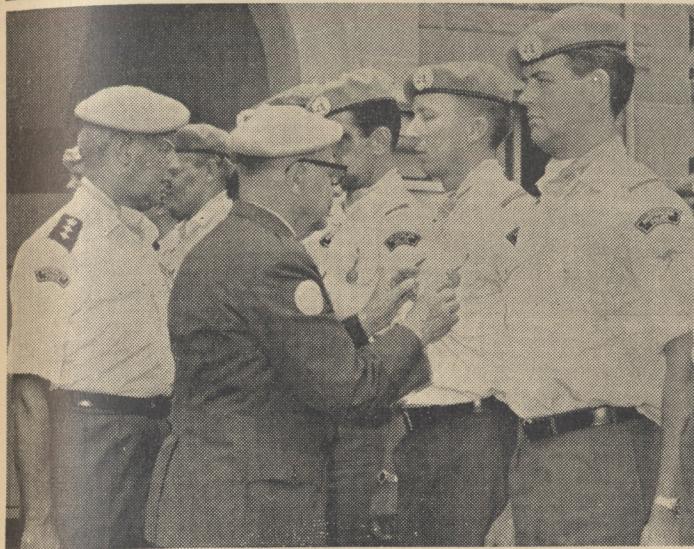


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AUSSIES RECEIVE UN MEDALS



Lt Gen A.E. Martola presenting Senior Constable Duckett of the Western Australian Police Force with a United Nations' Medal. Accompanying the General is Superintendent S. N. Smith, Commander of the Australian Police element.



Chief Superintendent E.S. Canney presenting Inspector Mick Raw with his United Nations' Medal. Also pictured are Inspectors Don Hodge, Roy Farmer and Allan Woollard, all from New South Wales.

Population Growth Still World's Most Pressing Problem

The head of the United Nations Development Programme warned last week that food and population remained in a perilous balance in the poorer areas of the world last year.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Administrator of the UNDP, report-
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ANOTHER PEACE FORCE?

PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA OUTLINES MIDDLE EAST 3-PHASE PEACE PLAN

PRESIDENT Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia this week suggested plans for putting into effect last November's Middle East resolution of the UN Security Council which affirmed that a just and lasting peace required both Israeli troop withdrawal from Arab territories occupied during the June war, and security for all the Middle East States within recognized boundaries.

Addressing the UN General Assembly during a visit to UN Headquarters in New York on Monday, the Tunisian President suggested three phases of implementation, the first to involve an Israeli withdrawal and its simultaneous replacement by United Nations forces in the occupied territories.

During the second phase, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, Special UN peace envoy to the Middle East, would open negotiations with the parties concerned to guarantee the application of all the other provisions of the November resolution. In addition to envisaging secure and recognised borders, the resolution affirmed the need for guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways, the achieving of a just settlement of the Palestine refugee problem, and the safeguarding of the inviolability of every State through measures including demilitarised zones.

The third phase of implementation, as suggested by President Bourguiba, would consist in a Security Council decision based on a report by the UN Secretary-General and Ambassador Jarring, declaring that the resolution had received sufficient application and ordering the withdrawal of UN troops so that the count-

ries concerned could resume the control of their respective territories.

Before outlining his plan, Mr. Bourguiba said that while the past dozen years had witnessed substantial progress or solutions regarding such problems as the cold war, colonialism, and economic and social issues, the Palestine problem had become even worse, increasing the risk of explosions and permanent endangering international peace and security.

GREAT BRITAIN ASKED TO DEFER BERMUDA VOTE

The Special UN Committee on Decolonization last week asked Great Britain to withdraw the troops it had sent to Bermuda following the recent disturbances, and to defer the elections scheduled for this week until conditions in the Territory were completely brought back to normal.

The Committee called on Britain to ensure the necessary conditions so that the people of Bermuda might express their views in full freedom and without any restrictions.

Britain said that the Committee's action was irresponsible and misguided; that it sought to encroach on Britain's responsibilities; and that it risked having a prejudicial effect on the electoral process in the island. She said that calm and normality prevailed in Bermuda, and that, under their new constitution, the people would for the first time vote on the basis of universal suffrage to elect a more fully representative House of Assembly.

Mauritania, Singapore Contribute to UNFICYP

Mauritania and Singapore will make further voluntary contributions to the operation costs of the UN Force in Cyprus.

Mauritania last week informed the UN Secretary-General that it will make a further contribution of 500 dollars to

UNFICYP's cost, while Singapore also informed the Secretary-General that it would make a voluntary contribution of 500,000 francs (approximately 2,100 dollars) to offset UNFICYP's costs during the period of March-June 1968.

DANCON IX MELDER KLAR

Sidste onsdag overtog oberstløjtnant O.M. Acton kommandoen over det danske kontingent ved de Forenede Nationers styrke på Cypern, men først nu når dette læses er rotationen afsluttet. Siden marts 1964 har det været stationeret danske styrker i FN's tjeneste her på Cypern. Der står respekt om dansk indsats i fredens tjeneste, og den danske soldat har vundet sig et godt ry, både i den lokale befolkning og blandt de andre bærere af den blå baret. Det er nu op til hver enkelt om vort omdømme skal bevares.



Kort Visit

Søndag aften ankom chefen for hærstaffen, generalmajor A.C.B. Vegger på besøg til DANCON. Generalen var ledsgaget af major Haslund Christensen. Generalen havde ønsket at orientere sig om tjenesten på Cypern. Generalen aflagde visit ved HQ UNFICYP og besøgte samtlige danske kompagnier. Den 22 maj rejste generalen hjem til Danmark. The Blue Beret håber i næste nummer at kunne bringe billeder fra besøget.

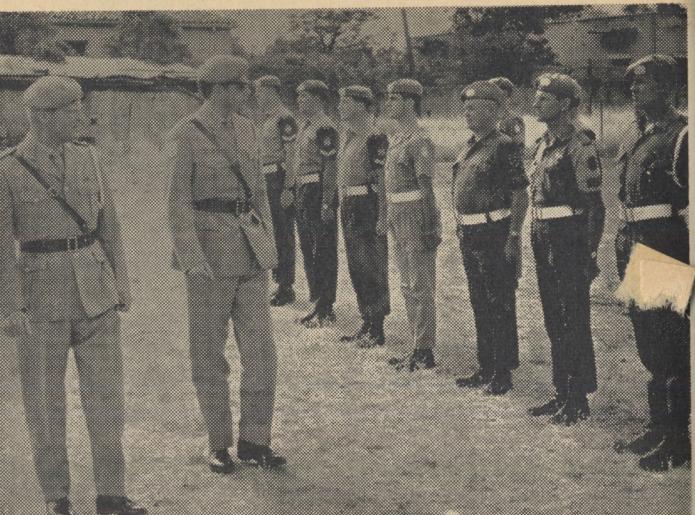
JOURNALIST FRA KOLDING

Chefen for DANCON IX, oberstløjtnant O.M. Acton kommer fra Jydske Dragonregiment. Oberstløjtnanten er kendt som en dygtig rytter, han har gennemgået den konkongelige svenske armé's rideskole i Strömsholm og deltaget i to olympiader. I 1964 - 1966 var oberstløjtnanten ældste danske militær observatør ved de Forenede Nationers observatørgruppe i Kashmir på grænsen mellem Indien og Pakistan.

DANCON NYT



Rotationen forløb ikke helt gnidningsløst i dobbelt forstand. DC-7 flyet havde vanskeligheder med at få den ene motor til at løbe rundt som den skulle. Det er således ikke uden grund, når det hevdes, at maskinen er verdens bedste tremotors - den fjerde er som regel i orden. Her er chefingeniøren ved at finde fejlen.



CHEFSKIFTE VED MP

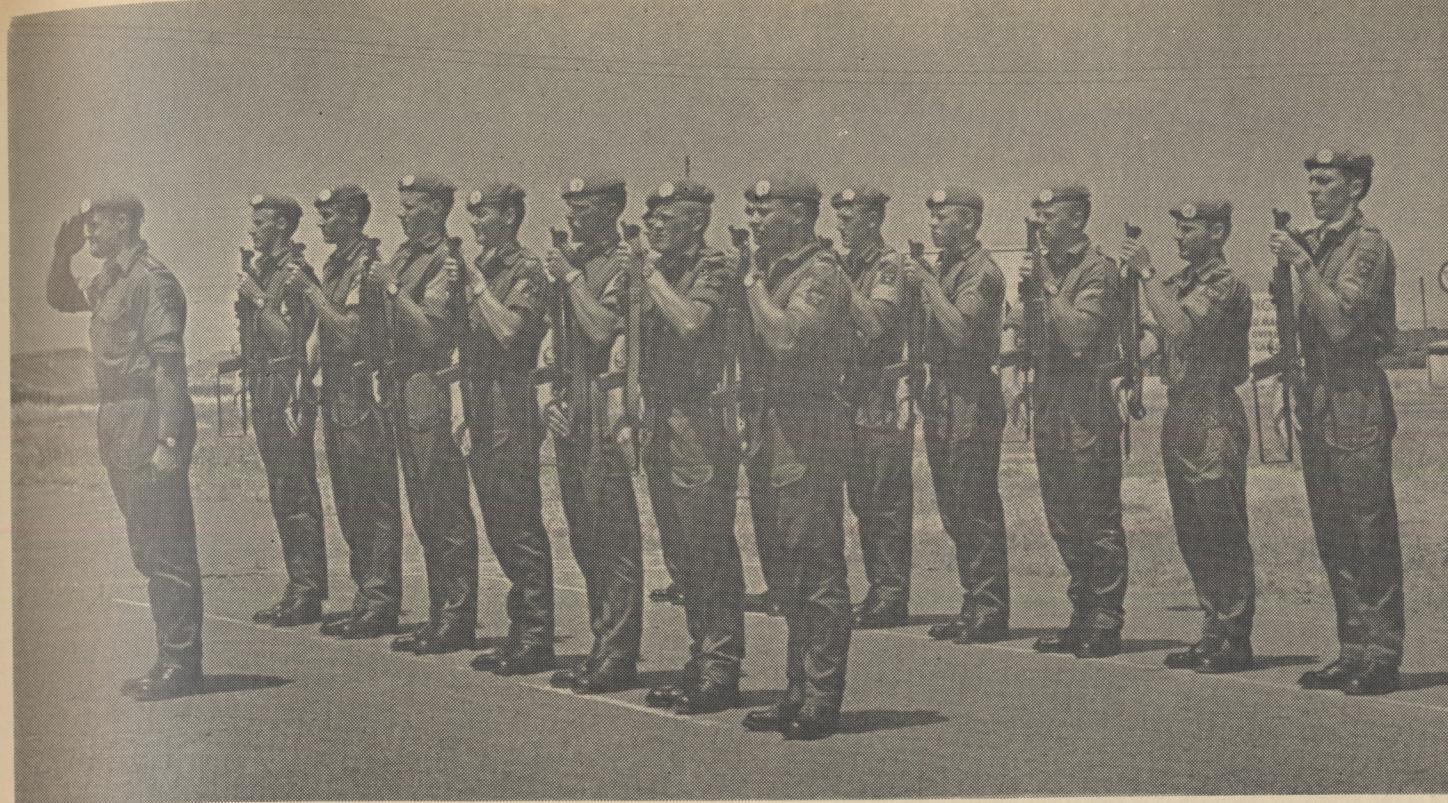
I forbindelse med rotationen ved DANCON har UNFICYP's militærpolitiskompani også skiftet chef. Til venstre ses den afgående chef, major V.A. Jacobsen, og nærmest geleddet går den nye chef, major N.B. Stampe Nielsen. I kompagniet indgår personel fra alle de nationer, der har kontingenter i FN-styrken. Tidligere havde DANCON sin egen militærpolitidelig, men den er nu nedlagt.



Det fly, hvormed chefen for DANCON VIII, oberstløjtnant Severinsen skulle forlade Cypern, kom først af sted ved ti-tiden om aftenen. Til aere for DANCON-fotografen benyttede oberstløjtnanten ventetiden til at afprøve trappen, således at vi kan bringe dette afskedsbillede.



Det fine forår i Danmark gør det svært - i hvert fald på et sort-hvidt billede - at skelne pinkier fra gengangere. For de ikke sprogkyndige kan vi oplyse, at pink betyder lyserød på engelsk.



Fanjunkare Fogman øvade grabbarna tillsammans med några man ur den irländska vaktstyrkan. Det hela klaffade och när klockan slog elva tog de svenska över ansvaret för bevakningen av HQ.

SWEDCON NEWS



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BRITISH MINISTER OF DEFENCE VISITS UNFICYP

On Friday last, the Right Honourable Mr. Dennis Healey, MP, the Minister of Defence in the British Government, paid a courtesy call on HQ UNFICYP where he met the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola and U Thant's Special Representative Dr. B.F. Osorio - Tafall.

On Saturday morning Mr. Healey visited the 1st Battalion by Land Rover to Tango Hill OP and then to Ayios Theodosios. Here the local population were out in force having been alerted by the landing of a Whirlwind from the detachment of 230 Helicopter Squadron, one of whom, Lcpl Haddlesey, comes from near Mr. Healey's constituency area of Leeds to return Mr. Healey to Episkopos East. From Kophinou he went back to the end of his visit.



Mr. Dennis Healey shakes hands with Lcpl Stephen Haddlesey, of 'B' Sqn 4/7 DG, from Leeds, near Mr. Healey's parliamentary constituency of Leeds East. The last man in the line was Trooper Chris Ellam from Huddersfield and the Troop Officer looking on was 2Lt J.W.A. Woodall.

SAPPERS AID TO "OFF-SPRING"

As is probably known to readers, the Royal Engineers were the forerunners both of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Corps of Signals. The fact that each branch still has need of the other was perpetuated last week.

At the Rebroadcasting station journey to the landing strip was (See "On Blue Beret Hill") a completed by locally - engaged detachment of Sappers was improving the landing strip used by the RAF detachment with UNFICYP — currently 230 Helicopter Squadron — when they re-supply the station with its needs.

Sandbags had been transported by vehicle from Zyyi to the foot of the hill and the upward

It is hoped that they will now have smoother landings.



Pictured working at the site are Lcpl John Elliot from Cowes, Isle of Wight; Cpl John Townsley from Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Sapper Howard Coleman from Hereford and Spr Michael (Lofty) Moulton from Abbey Wood, Kent. All except Spr Coleman are veterans of airfield construction in Thailand.



Mr. Healey inspecting the Quarter Guard of 'A' Coy, 1 DLI at Kophinou, is just passing Pte Roy Shelley from Wakefield, Yorks.

In the canteen at Kophinou compound, Mr Healey spoke to some of the men of 1 DLI. Sharing a joke at this table were (left to right) Pte James Walsh from Hebburn, Cpl Keith Rogers from South Hetton and Cpl Tom Wardrobe from Gateshead.

BRITCON NEWS

ON BLUE BERET HILL

High in the hills above Lefkara — Kato Lefkara, to be precise — is the 'Rebro' station. This is the radio rebroadcasting facility run by 644 Signal Troop.

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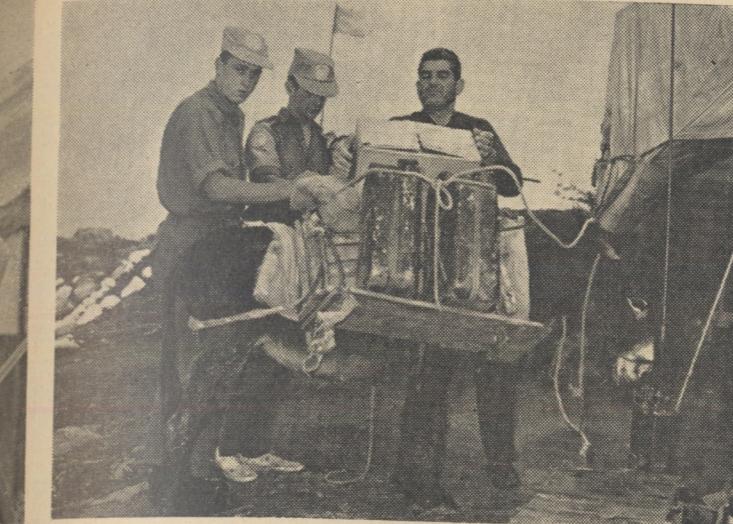


The attachment seen in 'Paddy' to West Aldridge from

"MAHOMET" GOES TO THE MOUNTAIN

Lately our photographer, Sgt. T. Scott, visited "C" Coy in Kato Pyrgos.

Knowing the men in the lovely, roadless OP 2 did not live in air, he was intrigued as to how supplies were transported up the rugged mountain-side and with his camera, followed the route of the daily supply line. Starting at the Coy ration store (bottom right) and working upwards, this is what he saw.



Arrived safely at last and looking as if he wishes to send a signal announcing the fact on the post's R/T set, "Mahomet" gladly submits to being unloaded by OP "Cook" Pte Paddy Mullaney and escort Pte John O'Connell... and that is how "Mahomet" came to the mountain!!!



As the climb up the rugged terrain begins, "Mahomet" picks his own way up the trackless mountainside. Zig-zagging through rock and scrub, he mounts slowly upwards until the road he has left becomes a mere ribbon far down below. Still leading his master, the donkey finally approaches the crest and, entering on more level ground, follows the path that leads to his destination.



THE EASY WAY!

If, as Napoleon alleged, "an army marches on its stomach", then the quartermaster's staff at HQ in Xeros, is ensuring that 10 Inf Gp, like John Brown's body "will keep marching on". Here shown replenishing supplies is Kilkennyman Sgt Jim Egan now married and living in the Curragh.

IRCON NEWS



Coy ration store. In charge of the delivery of rations to all Coy outposts, Sgt George Wykes (left) helps Coy Quartermaster Jim Power and Cook Cpl Danny Shine pack away the supplies in the landrover and trailer while driver Pte Mick Foley looks on.

PAPER PEACE KEEPING



There may not be much glamour to routine paperwork in the headquarters office, but without skilled clerks like Private J.R. (Mike) Bougie, Montreal P.Q., the business of the 840-man Canadian Contingent in Cyprus would grind to a horrible halt, snarled in confusion. Even with paper work kept to a minimum, thousands of forms, letters, requisitions, and documents pass through the headquarters office daily.



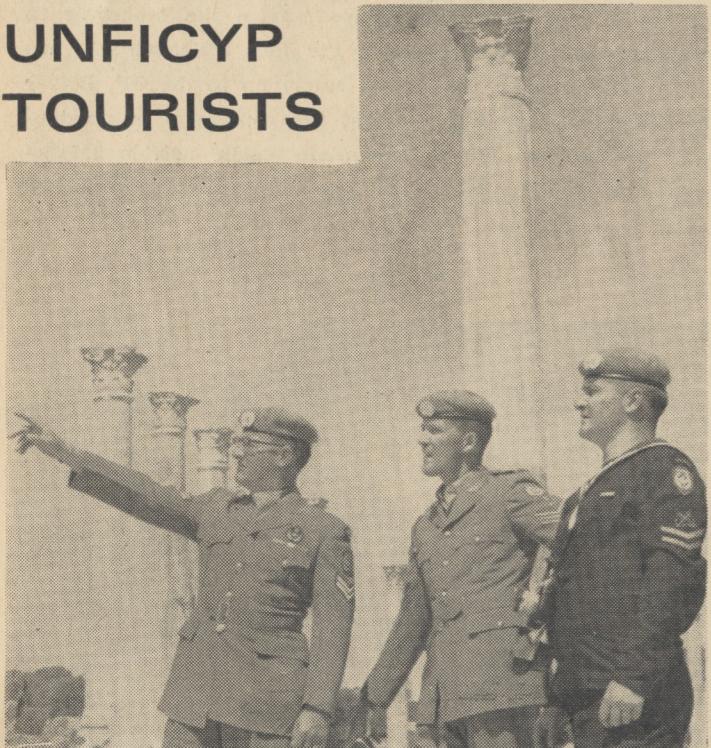
Anywhere in the world pay day is a red letter day, but when your 7,000 miles or so from home, somehow it is doubly welcome. Warrant Officer Michael Petryk, Ville LaSalle P.Q., has been a key cog in the pay master's machine for six months with the Canadian Contingent U.N. in Cyprus. Now he's explaining the paper work intricacies of his job to his replacement, Warrant Officer G.A. (George) Chaput, Richer Man.

102 YEARS YOUNG!

When Saerif (right) was a little girl, Cyprus was part of the Ottoman Empire and she remembers those days. At 102 years young, Saerif is undoubtedly one of the oldest Cypriots.

Here she is sharing her memories with Private W.D. (Wayne) Wright, Lower Sackville Nova Scotia a member of the Canadian Contingent with the United Nations, in Cyprus.

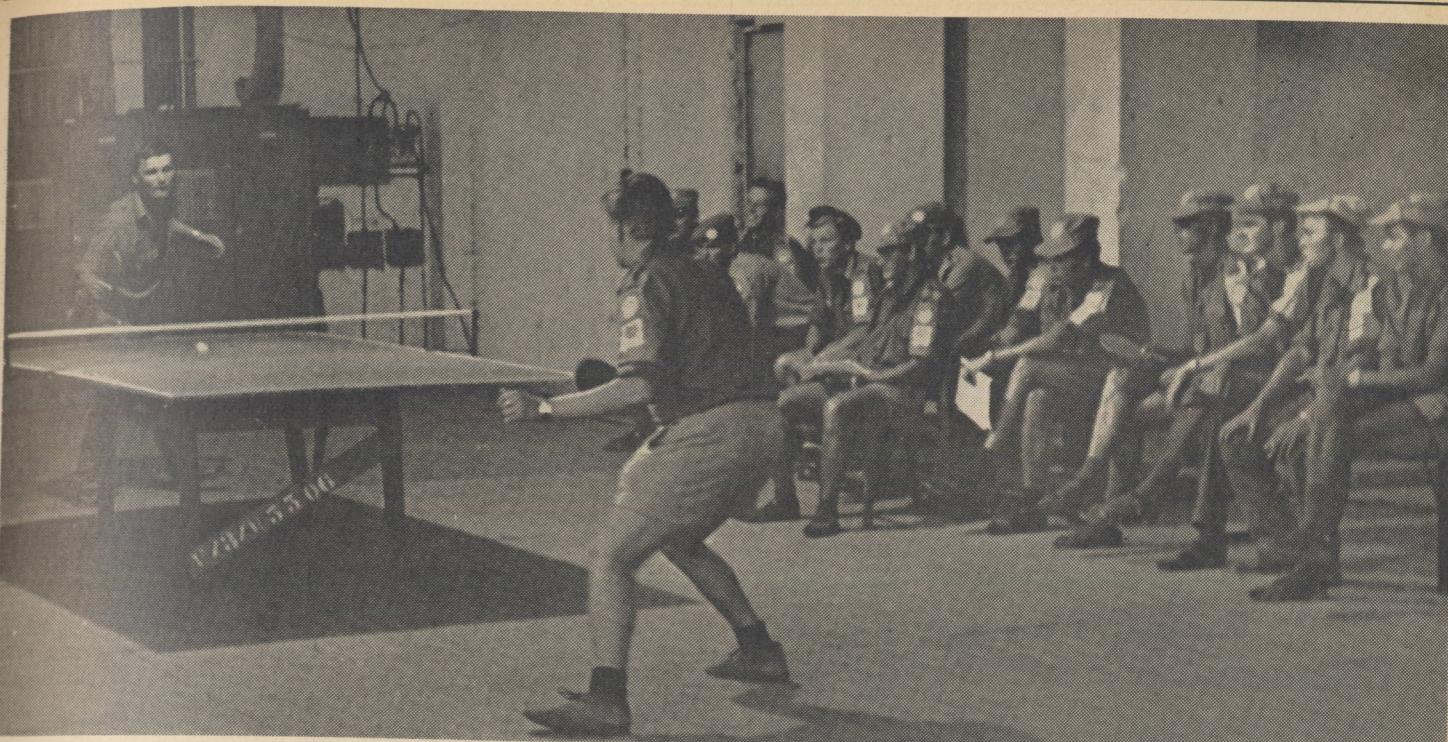
UNFICYP TOURISTS



When you've got a week-end free and your stationed in Cyprus, what better way to spend the time than sight-seeing on that beautiful island? These three Canadian armed forces NCOs are touring Salamis, ancient Greek Capital of Cyprus, where some of the ruins date back to 700 B.C. The ruined city has an idyllic setting, basking in the sun less than 100 yards from the blue Mediterranean Sea. Representing the three arms of the Canadian Forces are L to R. Corporal G.R. (Ross) Golden, Supervisor Yukon Unloading Montreal P.Q., Sergeant T.J. (Joe) O'Meara, Communication Supervisor London Ont., Sergeant R.J. (Bob) McCall, North Bay Ont. Warehouse Manager.



Since 1964 the machinery at Teko Lime Plant, one of the largest in Cyprus, has been idle. It's nearly four years since the Canadian Contingent established a United Nations Outpost at the plant to keep the peace south of the Kyrenia Mountains, and currently Pte. H.A. Barker (below), 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, is one of six Canadian soldiers on the job there. Pte. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker, live at 122 Eighth st. N.E., Portage LaPrairie, Manitoba.



Tässä ottavat yhteen jääk Raitamo, 3.JK, ja jääk Vartiainen, 1.JK. Hyvä ja korkeatasoinen ottelu.

PINGIS PALLO PYÖRII

Suomen Pataljoonalla on olemassa kaksi mukavaa paikkaa, joissa yleensä edustuskelloiset asiat hoidellaan ja viedään läpi. Nämä paikat ovat Kykko ja Mylly. "Sateen sattuessa Myllyllä, muutten Kykkossa". Tulee vain mieleen mm. mitaliparaatit, joita on suoritettu sekä Myllyllä että Kykkossa. Moneen muuhunkin mukavaan tarkoitukseen nämä paikat kelpaavat. Kykkossa on pidetty mm. nuotioilta ja Myllyllä on jaettu esim. liikennekilpailujen palkinnot. Tällä kertaa Myllyllä kuitenkin pelataan pingistä.

Pataljoonassamme pyörii palloliusarjoja aika ajoin varsin runsaasti. Pelataan lentopallopaloa, ja kun siitä päästään, niin alkavat jalkapalloarjat, eikä kansallispelämme pesäpalloakaan ole unohdettu. Tästä kaikestahan on sanottavana vain pelkää hyvää ja näitä kaik-

kia palloilumuotoja on tälläkin suomalaissivulla jo aikaisemmin käsitelty. Nyt on tullut mukaan kuvaan uusi tulokas, pöytätennis eli pingis niinkuin sitä kansanomaisesti nimitetään. Viime viikon aikana alkoi yksiköiden välinen sarja pyöriä täydellä teholla ja



Harmaaparrat, takkutukat, millä kaikilla nimityksillä niitä tuomareita yleensä nimitellään. Näillä tuomareilla ei kylläkään ollut päässään englantilaismallista perukkia, mutta linnunkivittäjän lakki kuitenkin. Ylik Saikonen ja kers Koljonen.



lienee tätä luettessa suoritettu jo loppuunkin.

Kyllä pöytätennisksäkin saadaan hiki lentämään jos niikseen tulee, eikä se pelkkänä liikunta-muotonakaan ole niitä hassuimpia. Se tuli todistetuksi 15.5 Myllyllä, kun laudan ääressä käivät neljän yksikön edustajat. Pingiksen pelaaja joutuu suorittamaan melko lailla ääkäsiä liikkeitä, peli vaatii todella kovaa reagointinopeutta, ja tämän lisäksi tietysti myös monia muita ominaisuuksia, joita tässä on turha käydä luettelemaan.

Todettakoon vain, että 15.5 ilan otteluista 1.JK voitti erittäin korkeatasoisessa ja tasaväkisessä

FINCON NEWS



UK DEFENCE MINISTER AT HQ



COURTESY CALL... Mr. Dennis Healey (centre), British Minister of Defence, at HQ UNFICYP where he conferred with Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Lt Gen A.E. Martola, Force Commander. (More pictures and story, page 4).

POPULATION ..

(Continued from p. 1)
ed that this occurred last year although 1967 was an exceptional year for agriculture — with India, for instance, having a record grain harvest, Pakistan enjoying a ten per cent increase in farm output, and the Philippines producing its largest rice crop in history.

In his annual report to UNDP's Governing Council, meeting next month in Vienna, Mr. Hoffman said the population increase had offset the food increase — and there were indeed indications that some regions had less food per person than in the early 1960's.

Road Safety Corner

Recreational run in the car, lovely afternoon, road to yourself, cruising along at 40, relaxed, day dreaming about rotation — you are all set for an accident. A dog/goat/child runs into the road — it is going to take 80 feet for you to stop once your foot pushes the brake down. But how far will you travel while you come out of your day dream? If you are attentive, you will probably need 40 feet to react. You don't really want to kill anyone, so:-

Assume every other road user is an idiot, anticipate the unexpected, be on your toes.



From the Congo to Cyprus "Otto" at Last Goes Solo

Inspector Ottokar Chvosta of the Austrian Civilian Police with UNFICYP recently went through the much cherished ceremony of the clipping after his first solo flight at Nicosia.

Chvosta is no stranger to the UN and rejoining The Austrian Police in Vienna "Otto" has seen UNFICYP for the second time and hopes to qualify for his FAA — Private Pilot License before returning to Vienna in June.

He started flying "in the bush" as a member of the "Aeroclub du Congo" in Kinshasa but was transferred back to Jerusalem just before going solo.

Since his resignation from

U THANT ADVOCATES NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week said that settlement of the overall problem of Viet-Nam should envisage the neutralization of the entire area once known as French Indo-China — North and South Viet-Nam, Laos and Cambodia. It would be a source of stability, he added, if the neutrality of that region were guaranteed by all the big Powers.

The Secretary-General expressed this belief in a speech delivered in Edmonton, Canada, celebrating the diamond jubilee of the University of Alberta.

U Thant said he believed the Paris talks, now being held between representatives of the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, "should start the irreversible trend towards the normalization of the situation in Viet-Nam".

The Secretary-General urged that no pretext be offered, and no excuse accepted, by either side to halt this movement towards normalization, even though it may be inevitable that both sides might seek to improve their military positions while talks went on.

U Thant reiterated his long-held view that "the first and most important step is the un-

conditional cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam". He said he regarded such bombing as "of questionable morality and doubtful legality".

U Thant said he felt that the evidence of the last 20 years was sufficient to indicate that the war in Viet-Nam could not bring about a clear-cut victory of defeat for either side — the conflict could only be brought to an end by direct dialogue.

The Secretary-General felt it entirely erroneous to view the war in Viet-Nam as a "holy war" against communism. Nationalism, a force he considered to be far more potent than political ideology, was the main motivating force in the country. And he pointed out that the 1954 Geneva Conference had clearly stated that the 17th Parallel was to be regarded purely as a military demarcation line, and in no way interpreted as a political or territorial boundary, cutting Viet-Nam into two parts.

Anti-Nuclear Pact Backed, Criticised at UN Assembly

The UN General-Assembly's Main Political Committee last week and early this week continued to hear expressions of both support and criticism of the US-Soviet draft Treaty to prevent further States from acquiring nuclear weapons.

India told the Committee she could not subscribe to the draft. While reaffirming her policy of not making a bomb and of using atomic energy only for peaceful purposes, she said the proposed pact did nothing to curb the real nuclear threat — the build-up of existing atomic arsenals — and discriminated in a number of ways against the non-nuclear nations.

Although some African nations proposed that final action on the Treaty be postponed until this Fall, the bulk of more than a dozen other speakers from the world's major regions endorsed the present draft, with some reservations and suggested changes.

Australia expressed qualified support for the draft Treaty.