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UN PADRES MEET PRESIDENT



Padres of the UN exchanging conversation with The President, Archbishop Makarios.

On Monday, 15 July His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, held an audience for the Padres of all contingents of UNFICYP.

The meeting took place at the Presidential Palace at 1730 hrs and lasted for 1½ hours. After introductions and discussions on topics ranging from archaeology and history to religion, The Archbishop had tea with the Padres, before they departed.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CHANGES



Pictured on the left talking to W.J.Y. "Bill" Duke, is Robert S. Hausner who has taken over as Chief Administrative Officer of UNFICYP.

Mr Duke has departed for Geneva to be Executive Officer for the UN Economic Comis-

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

NEGOTIATIONS RESUME IN GENEVA

The nuclear disarmament negotiations resumed on 16 July, 1968, at the European Headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, with the emphasis on fresh efforts to curb the threat of nuclear weapons.

UNITED NATIONS

In a message to the 17-Nation Group, the Secretary-General, U Thant, hailed the recent conclusion of the treaty to bar the spread of nuclear weapons beyond the present five atomic powers, and noted that the pact had already been signed by more than sixty states.

"The treaty itself", he remarked, "committed those signing it to press towards the early halt of the nuclear arms race and general disarmament under international control"; he was sure the Geneva committee would pursue this goal energetically.

UNITED STATES

In another message to the committee, President Johnson said the United States and the Soviet Union would shortly agree on where and when to open negotiations on limiting and then cutting back long-range missiles armed with nuclear warheads.

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MORE COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP FUNDS

AUSTRALIA

Australia has informed the United Nations that it will make a further contribution of 61,000 dollars towards the maintenance of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter dated 20 June, 1968, to the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, said that the new contribution by Australia was being made to meet the costs of the period ending 26 December, 1967.

ITALY

Italy has also announced that she is to make a voluntary contribution of 90,000 dollars to the costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The contribution is for the period 27 March to 26 June 1968, and is made in response to an appeal to all UN members from the Secretary-General, U Thant, last month.

DENMARK

The Government of Denmark has also decided to make a further contribution of 60,000 dollars to meet the costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a letter to the Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, stated that this contribution is for the period ending 26 June, 1968, and that it was made "without prejudice to its attitude on the principles of collective financial responsibility for United Nations Operations of this nature".

FALSK REKLAME

De fleste bøger om Cyperns historie beretter, at Kong Peter I af Cypern under en rejse til England i 1363 var til middag hos Londons borgmester sammen med fire andre konger, og at den ene af disse konger var Valdemar Atterdag. Middagen omtales normalt som "de fem kongers fest", og et kendt cypriotisk vinfirma har til minde om begivenheden kaldt et af deres fornemmeste produkter, en vellagret cognac, for "Five Kings". Fra dansk side ser historien imidlertid lidt anderledes ud.

Kong Peter I, der regerede på Cypern fra 1351 til 1369, havde et brændende ønske om at generobre Jerusalem, men han havde ikke penge og styrker nok til alene at starte et korstog. I Oktober 1362 sejlede han derfor fra Cypern for om muligt hos paven og Europas konger at skaffe den fornødne støtte til sit forehavende.

Aaret efter nåede han til England, og det var her, han blev inviteret til middag hos Londons borgmester, Henry Picard. Blandt gæsterne var også Englands konge, den franske og den skotske konge, prinsen af Wales og mange andre fornemme personer.

Det fortælles, at der blev spillet terning og hasard ved festen, og at kong Peter i første omgang vandt, men senere tabte han 50 mark til borgmesteren. Kong Peter var en dårlig taber, og for ikke at fornærme den fornemme gæst måtte borgmesteren betale kongen pengene tilbage.

Fra danske kilder ved vi, at Valdemar Atterdag i Oktober 1363 rejste til Polen, hvor han i Krakow, sammen med kong Peter af Cypern, overværede den tysk-romerske kejseres bryllup. Fra Krakow gik rejsen videre til Prag, formentlig i

selskab med det nygifte kejserpar og kong Peter. Efter at have afsluttet visse forhandlinger med kejseren forlod Valdemar Prag sammen med kong Peter, der forgæves forsøgte at overtale den danske konge til at deltage i det påtænkte korstog. Rejsen gik over Køln til Flandern. Det har herefter været Valdemars hensigt at rejse til England. Han havde fået lejdebrev for sig og sit følge på 300 personer. Det blev udstedt den 1 Februar 1364, men uvidst af hvilken grund blev det ikke benyttet.

Selv om det ikke vides præcis hvornår middagen fandt sted i London, må det dog fra dansk side anses for usandsynligt, at Valdemar Atterdag skulle have været med. At der skulle have været fem konger ved festen, må derfor betegnes som en journalistisk overdivelse eller tilsnigelse, idet dog, det skal bemærkes, at prinsen af Wales senere blev konge. Det ubenyttede lejdebrev kan have været medvirkende årsag til, at den danske konge af senere krønikere nævnes blandt festens deltagere.

Imidlertid er "Five Kings" værd at smage, og fra kortspil ved vi, at fem konger stikker fire esser.



I 100 meter rygcrawl sejrede oversergent E.B. Sørensen fra stabskompagniet. Her står han på sejrsskamlan flankeret af nr. 2, Knudsen fra DANCON og nr. 3, Lucey fra IRCON.



Svømmestævnet i fredags blev en smuk pointsejr for DANCON selv om vi kun havde een individuel vinder. Også publikumsmæssigt blev arrangementet en succes. På en bæk ved svømmebassinet ses her en repræsentant for hvert af UNFICYP's militære kontingenter. Det er fra venstre FINCON, BRITCON, CANCON, SWEDCON, DANCON og IRCON.

NYE FOLK TIL DANCON

SCACYP'en i fredags bragte afløserne for de officerer, som er "skæve rotanter". Oberstløjtnant K.E.P. Jeremiassen fra Sjællandske Luftværsartilleriregiment skal tiltræde som stedfortrædende chef for DANCON. Major E. Kingo Christensen fra Fyenske Livregiment bliver den nye velfærdschef og premierløjtnant O.W. Berg fra Sjællandske Artilleriregiment overtager tjenesten som motorsagkyn-dig ved kontingentet.

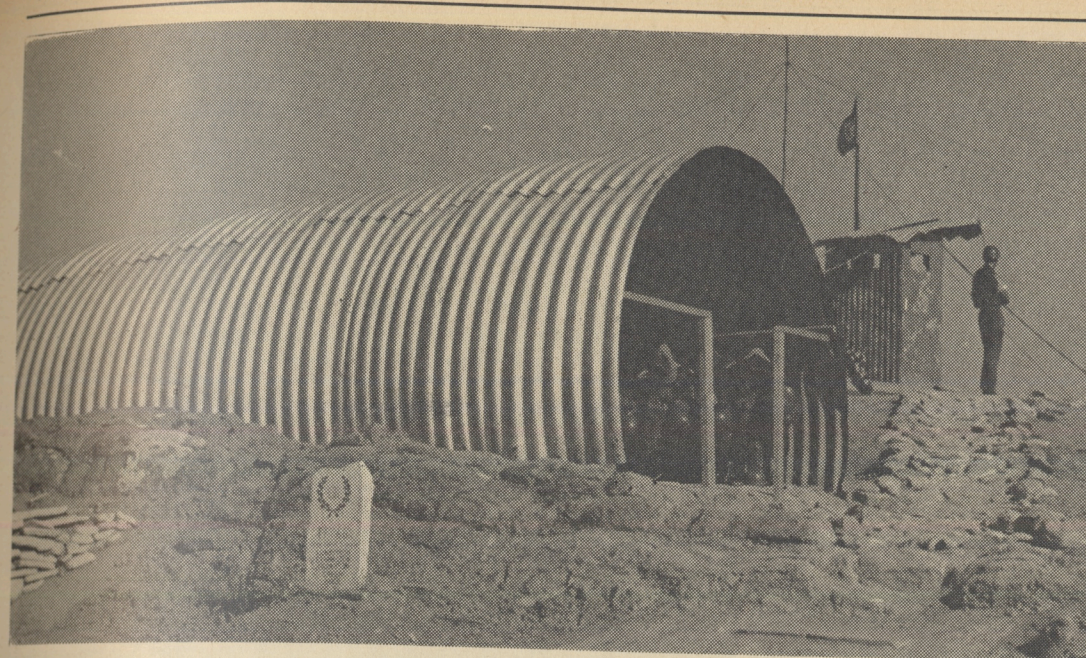
BILLEDBLADET KOM I MANDAGS

Med det mellemfaldende konefly fra Danmark ankom i mandags redaktør Lis Lipschitz og fotograf Egon Engmann, begge fra Billedbladet. Hensigten med besøget er at samle materiale til en illustreret artikel om konebesøget ved DANCON. Billedbladets udsendte medarbejdere vil desuden få lejlighed til at overvære velfærdstjenestens underholdning, og

muligvis bliver der endog tid til en lille tur til Libanon. Efter planen rejser redaktøren og fotografen hjem den 1 August.

UNDERHOLDNINGSTRUP FRA DANMARK

En underholdningsgruppe bestående af Inger Ralf, Laila Andersson, Anni Birgit Garde, Benny Bjerregaard og Otto Brandenburg besøger DANCON i tiden 30 Juli til 4 August. Underholdningen er udsendt af velfærdstjenesten i Danmark. Hvert kompagni vil få truppen stillet til rådighed een aften i kompagniområdet. Kompagnierne må selv sørge for de ydre arrangementer. For det personel, der på grund af tjenesten ikke er i stand til at overvære forestillingen på den aften den finder sted i kompagniet, arrangeres der en ekstra forestilling på Ledra Palace Hotel.



EN KULLE PÅ SLÄTTEN...

OP 156 skiller sig egentligen inte mycket från alla andra OPn inom Famagusta Zone. Skillnaden ligger bara i, att det är en av våra högst belägna OPn, en av mest solbestrålade och torraste platserna och en av de mest blåsiga.

156:an är belägen ungefär halvvägs mellan Knodhara och Trypimeni, 45 minuters biltur från Nicosia. Nära den gamla "stressvägen", som många säkert hört talas om.

Trots torkan, värmen och öd-

sligheten så förefaller alla grabbar trivas här. Från höjden har man utsikt över större delen av Mesoria-slätten.

Bilden överst t h: Sören Andersson, Mattmar och Sten-Erik Karlsson, Vetlanda. Vapenvårdare: Ronny Magnusson, Gislaved, Sten-Erik Karlsson och Sören Andersson. I duschen nederst t h Bo Josefsson, Storfors, och vid repet Ronny Magnusson.

Nedan: Nej, ingen kyrkogård, men dock en "minneslund".

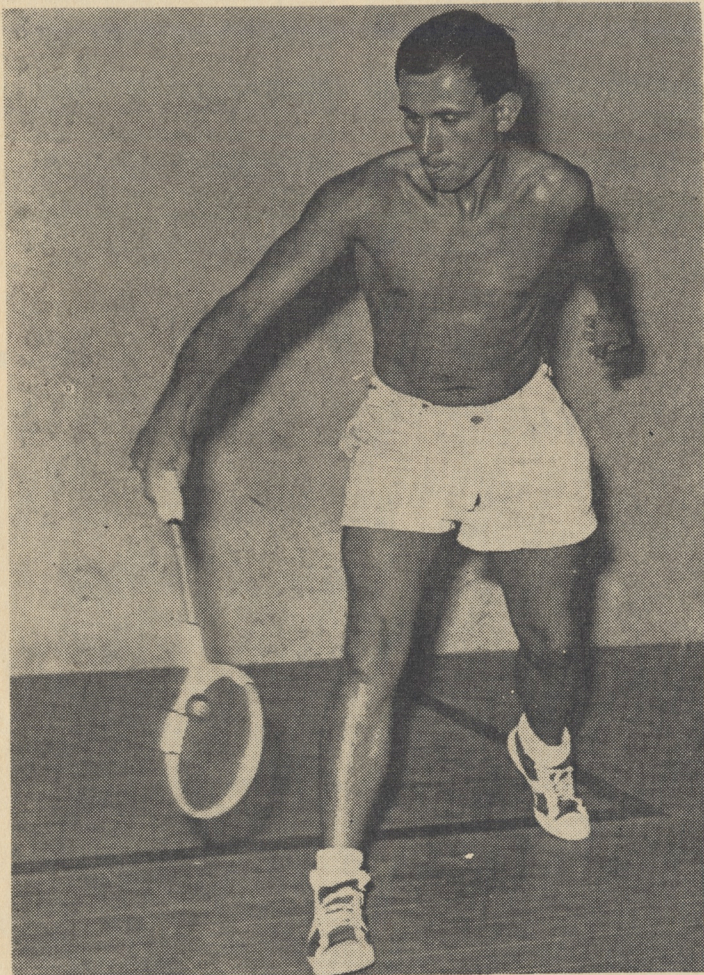


SWEDCON NEWS

4LI WIN UN SWIM CUP

At the UN swimming championship held at Ledra Palace Swimming pool on 19 July 1968, a team from Limassol Zone, 4 L1 won the 10x50 meter free-style relay in 4 (mins) 58.2 (secs). Holding the cup aloft in the victorious line-up are rear left to right: Lt Tyndale, Pte Cottrial, Lcpl Griffiths, Pte Athwaite, Cpls Wilson Branby and SI Davies (APTC). Front: Lcpl Singleton (REME) Lcpl Chandler, Cpl Nixon, Pte Hamilton, Lcpl Wilkinson and Pte Sample. (For a complete list of results see page 8).

SQUASH CHAMPION



Pictured above taking a low shot on the backhand is Sgt Peter Murr from Gillingham, Kent. When not busy as Chief Clerk to the MPIO, Sgt Murr spends a lot of time on the Squash Courts at RAF Nicosia.

He recently won the HQ UNFICYP 'Novice Championships', open to those who had taken up Squash since arriving on the island. As the first prize was £4 voucher, it is not surprising that Sgt Murr looks so determined and has a keen eye on the ball.

Squash is a game which has gained in popularity in the British Army during the past few years and there are courts in most Army Barracks. Basically the game is played between two with a small hollow rubber ball and lightweight rackets. The court is a four walled room and the ball has to be played off the front wall before pitching onto the court. To assist you to reach the front wall, or baffle your opponents you may make use of the side or even back walls.

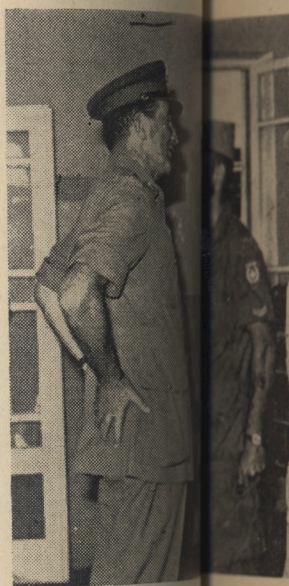
If you are competent you can be quite sadistic, by dominating the centre of the court and forcing your opponent to run around in circles! In this way the latter will lose 3lbs in weight and possibly the match.



VCGLS Visits



Inspecting the Quarter Guard, The VCGS speaks to Sgt Charles Bailey of 7 platoon. The high standard of turnout was well worth the effort as they were all looking forward to a weekend at Famagusta!



At Ayios Theodoros found
Bombardier Wayne — on a
weeks exchange visit to the
ton — acting as a volunteer
Bdr Webber — "One of the worst
of it! A seven day tour
0400 hrs!"

On a world tour of British overseas bases, to coincide with the release of the White Paper on Defence, the Vice Chief of the General Staff, Lt Gen Sir Victor Fitzgeorge-Balfour, took time off from his visit to the SBA to meet officers and men of 4 LI.

He was met at Polemidhia Camp by Commander Britton, Brig M. N. Harbottle and Lt Col J. H. Jacob, CO 4 LI. After inspecting the Quarter Guard, the VCGS was briefed on the duties and part played by 4 LI in UNFICYP.

The VCGS lunched with the Officers and afterwards flew

Crossing the bridge at Ayios Theodoros, left to right, The VCGS, Maj R. B. Macgregor-Oakford, and Lt Col J. H. Jacob.

SWIMMING GALA



A very pleasant inter-contingent swimming gala was held during the week at the Ledra Palace Pool.

Our photo shows Capt Shane Grey on the winners stand after he had won the 100 metres breaststroke. In the 100 metres backstroke, Lt Mick Lucey was third. (For a complete list of results see page 8).



The photo above shows Cpl Barclay (No. 7) and Cpl Kinsella (No 4) in play against the Finns.

INTER- CONTINGENT VOLLEY BALL

Last week an inter-contingent volleyball championship was held at Xeros in which teams from all the contingents and services took part.

Having disposed of the SWEDCON team in the first round, the IRCON team was itself beaten in the semi-final by the FINCON team which then went on to win the championship.

If the shadow counted here, Cpl Barclay (in the air) seems to have this shot "sewed up" but the doubt of reality is reflected in the face of Cpl Fitzgerald as he waits below for the outcome.

There is no record as to the outcome of this tussel but either way it would appear to have been won by a "long hand": In the air No. 6 Cpl Fitzgerald valiantly tries to beat the odds, while watching his effort is Cpl Cooper.



IRON NEWS



RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS:-

In the important task of UN peace-keeping duties, reliable communications play a major role. The field troops manning the outposts must be capable of reporting any unusual incidents in a matter of seconds. This is demonstrated here by Private D.R. (Barney) Barnes, a member of the Trails End Outpost complement as he passes a situation report (sit rep) to the Headquarters Kyrenia Company.



Strolling outside his hut at the Oneisha farm outpost in Cyprus and plucking a bunch of grapes from the vine for breakfast is normal routine for Corporal Roger Dubuc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus Dubuc of 8 Rue Rouleau, Hull, P.Q. A member of "X" Battery, 3rd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, he has completed three months of his six month tour of UN duty.



CANCON NEWS

At Mountain Side outpost, one of the 18 outposts manned by Canadians on UN peace-keeping duties in Cyprus, Corporal J.N. (Norm) Levesque of "X" Battery (RCHA) fills in the "modern" homemade shower apparatus. Although a far cry from the normal shower facilities found at home, the Corporal and the five other members of the Battery manning the post find shower time quite a luxury after a day with the temperature hovering at some 100° F.



In addition to being a worth-while, interesting and professional task, peace-keeping duties for Canadians on the island of Cyprus also offer many opportunities for sightseeing and the purchasing of a few souvenirs to bring home. Here Sergeant R.C. (Bob) of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps bargains with a local merchant on the purchase of a projector.

← Keeping a log of all happenings around a United Nations Outpost is of vital importance to the smooth functioning of United Nations Operations in Cyprus. Every detail must be noted in depth. Doing the job at Paquins Hill outpost is Private W. F. McMaster of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.