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ISRAEL-SYRIA BORDER TENSION RISES; U THANT BIDS RESTRAINT

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FORCE FINANCES

THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA last week both announced further contributions to the finances of the United Nations Peace-Keeping operation in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Britain will contribute one million dollars (US) for each of the three month periods of the current mandate, due to expire on June 26, and Australia is to contribute \$100,000 to help meet expenses for the ninth period of the Force mandate, from 27 June to 26 December last year.

Announcing the new contribution in a letter to the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, Mr Roger Jackling, the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom, said that the contribution was a confirmation of the pledge made in the Security Council by Lord Caradon on 15th December, and was in addition to meeting the costs of the British Contingent of the Force.

In a letter dated 20th January, the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, Mr Patrick Shaw, said that his Government's contribution was in response to the Secretary-General's appeal of June last year for voluntary contributions to meet the costs of UNFICYP.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION TO MEET

FEARS OF A MAJOR CLASH BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES LED THE UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General, U Thant, to address urgent appeals for restraint to both parties last week. He also appealed to them to accept, without pre-conditions, a proposal of the Chief UN Supervisor for an extraordinary meeting of the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission "with a view to reaching an understanding on problems of cultivation in the area which have given rise to the incidents of recent weeks."

Following acceptance by both parties, U Thant instructed the Truce Supervisor, General Odd Bull, to set a time and place for the meeting.

The Secretary-General took this initiative as UN reports from the area told of a large build-up of heavy arms, armoured vehicles and military personnel near and within the Demilitarized Zones on both si-

also took the unusual step of immediately informing the Security Council of this message to the two parties.

Israel's Ambassador, Michael Comay, told newsmen on Monday that his Government was agreeing to the proposal for a meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission as an extraordinary step, and without prejudice to its position that the Commission generally lacks authority to deal with matters relating to the Demilitarized Zone.

Israel maintains the Zone belongs to her and Syria has no rights in it. There have been no regular meetings of the Commission since 1951. Mr. Comay also said that the questions of cultivation in the area were not the only source of tension between his country and Syria and probably not even the major one.

He said that in the past three weeks Israel had been subjected to seven instances of sabotage raids by terrorists from across the border, to shelling of a village outside the Demilitarized Zone, and to attacks on her boats on Lake Tiberias.

Mr. Comay said the UN

IRISH MINISTER ARRIVES

THE IRISH MINISTER OF DEFENCE, MR MICHAEL HILLIARD, accompanied by the Secretary of the Defence Department, Mr Stephen Kearney and the Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Sean MacEoin arrived in Cyprus on Monday for a five day visit to the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP (see IRCON news). Below and on page eight are brief sketches of the three visitors.



PHOTO: G.A. DUNCAN, DUBLIN

MICHAEL HILLIARD

Mr. Michael Hilliard, T.D., Minister of Defence of the Irish Government, was born in County Meath. He has been actively interested in national affairs all his life and was closely associated with the independence movement. He was elected to the Dail Eireann (Parliament) in 1943 as deputy for the constituency of Meath-Westmeath and has sat continuously since then. He became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry and Commerce in 1958 and reached ministerial status in the following year as Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. Mr. Hilliard became Minister of Defence in a cabinet reshuffle in 1965. He lives in Navan, County Meath, is married and the father of six sons and five daughters.

STEPHEN KEARNEY

Mr. Stephen Kearney is a professional Civil Servant who has spent all his active administrative life in the Department of Defence. Joining as a junior administrative officer, his marked ability brought him to



U THANT: Large-scale clash must be avoided

des of the Demarcation Line.

Because of the potential danger, said U Thant, he had advised General Bull to take every step within his authority, including reinforcement of UN Military Observers on both sides of the line, to secure a halt to the build-up and to avoid a large-scale clash. He

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DANCONs FODBOLDHOLD TIL DAMASCUS

DANCON HAR MODTAGET EN INVITATION TIL MED SIT FODBOLDHOLD AT SPILLE NOGLE KAMPE I DAMASCUS. Turen ventes foretaget i sidste halvdel af februar, og for at få holdet i så god kamptræning som muligt, arrangeres inden da kampe mod sandsynligvis SWEDCON, RAF og et kombineret tyrkisk hold. Den første af disse træningskampe spilledes tirsdag den 17. januar mod det tyrkiske hold fra ATAK SPOR på banen ved Kyrenia Gate.

Kampens 1. halvleg var livlig og velspillet, ja vi syntes endda, at holdet spillede betydeligt bedre end det udvalgte FN-hold, der for en halv snes dage siden tabte 3-0 til holdet fra British Army Cyprus, og resultatet af 1. halvleg blev 6-0 til DANCON-holdet.

Tyrkerne var dog ikke så dårlige, som dette resultat kunne tyde på, og det ville nok ikke være ufortjent, hvis de havde fået 1 a 2 mål, men dels var holdet ikke rigtigt med dem, og dels havde den danske målmand, OS B. Sørensen fra A-kompagniet, nogle udmærkede redninger, hvor man faktisk allerede havde set bolden i nettet.

I pausen mellem de to halvlege begyndte en meget kraftig regnbyge, som varede det meste af kampen ud, og inden længe var banen en stor mudderpøl. Det vi fik at se i anden halvleg havde absolut intet med fodbold at gøre, hvilket man dog ikke kan laste spillerne

for, thi banen var glat, som var den smurt over med grøn sæbe, og det varede kun kort tid, før de fleste af spillerne var sølet ind i mudder over hele kroppen.

Der opstod de mest pragtfulde situationer, som var en filmfarce af de bedste værdige, og de standhaftige tilskuere, som blev, da regnen begyndte at strømme ned, overværede en særdeles festlig anden halvleg, og jublen blev ikke mindre, da dommeren et par gange måtte stoppe kampen og tælle spillerne, idet tyrkerne for morskabs skyld havde 12 mand på banen. Det bedste af det hele var næsten, at heller ikke spillerne havde mistet humøret, og at begge hold faktisk syntes at more sig lige så godt som tilskuerne.

Det endelige resultat blev 15-2 til DANCON, og man kunne glæde sig over en fra begge sider fair spillet kamp, idet de to straffespark,

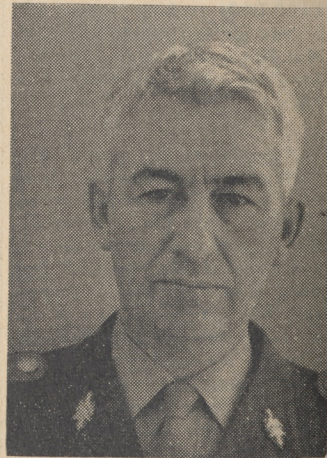
I sidste nummer af The Blue Beret fortalte vi, at der under den nyligt afsluttede helikoptertræning ikke var forekommet andre uheld end kedelige småforbrændinger i håndfladerne. En enkelt var dog mere uheldig end de øvrige. Det var KS 659551 Niels Krogh, STGR i Aarhus, p.t. KDO-DELIA-KMP, der ved et fald pådrog sig et mindre brud på den højre hånd og en kraftig forstuvning af den ene fod. Han blev indlagt på infirmeriet, hvor han her har fået besøg af KS 650801 Frede Andersen fra Louroujina.

der faldt i anden halvleg med et til hvert hold, nok snarere må tilskrives banens tilstand end spillerne. Som før nævnt spillede vore elleve godt og fornuftigt, medens det endnu var muligt at spille fodbold, så vi ser med forventning frem til resultatet af kampene fremover og af Damascus-turen.

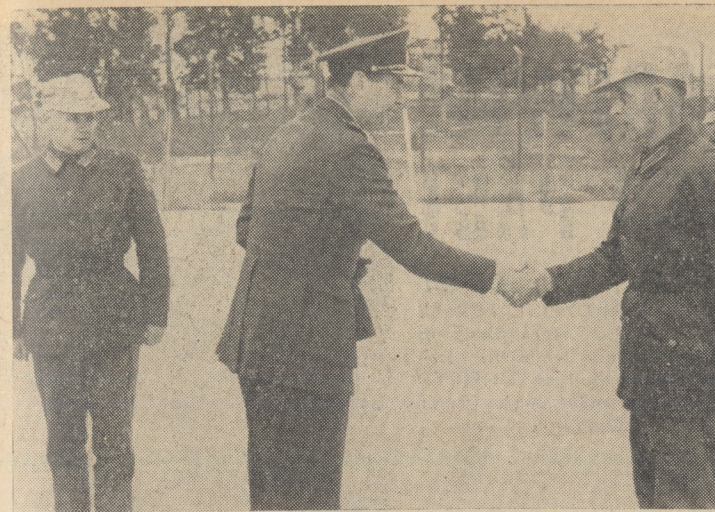
Billederne viser kampen, mens det endnu var fodbold, og da det blev mudderbad.

NY STEDFOR- TRÆDENDE CHEF VED DANCON

MEDE SCACYP'EN, DER ANKOM FREDAG DEN 20. JANUAR, KOM DANCONs NYE STEDFORTRÆDENDE CHEF (deputy), oberstløjtnant B.O. Fabricius, til Cypren. Oberstløjtnanten, der er 43 år og kommer fra

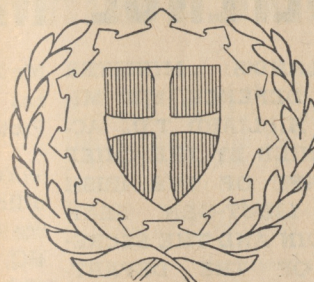


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General Fredrik Löwenhielm skakar hand med stf kompchef vid 2 komp, kapten Harald Åhs, Vänersborg under generalens besök på Gold Fish Camp. Bister åskådare är t v kompanichefen, major Birger Qvist, Borås.

DANCON - NYT



NY CHEF VED DANCON

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Sønderjydske Artilleriregiment i Varde, tiltræder stillingen den 6. februar og benytter bl.a. tiden indtil da til at foretage besøg ved kontingentets forskellige enheder for derved ved selvsyn at sætte sig ind i DANCONs opgaver og til på anden måde at forberede sig til sit nye job. Vi byder oberstløjtnanten hjertelig velkommen og ønsker samtidigt held og lykke med arbejdet i de næste 6 måneder.

Få dage senere forlader den hidtidige stedfortrædende chef, oberst-



løjtnant J. Aubertin-Oxholm, øen for at tage hjem til Danmark, og vi ønsker såvel oberstinden som oberstløjtnanten alt godt på rejsen og i tiden fremover.

CELEBRA SVENSKAR GÄSTER VID BATALJONEN

EN HEL RAD CELEBRA SVENSKA GÄSTER BESÖKTE BATALJONEN UNDER FÖRRA VECKAN. Det började med generalsbesök på onsdagen, då chefen för armésektionen vid Östra milostaben general major Fredrik Löwenhielm anlände till en snålkall Nicosia Airport tillsammans med G Henricsson, P 10, överste S O Björln, Sjö och överstelöjtnant J-E Lagercrantz, AstiFN.



Sergeant Ingvar Svensson, Åsele lämnar av sin styrka ur 3 plut vid OP 213 till general Löwenhielm vid hans besök på den omstridda "fredsbeachen".

Rusch paa resebyraan



Bataljonens resebyrå verksamhet är nu på väg in i högsäsongen. För att kunna erbjuda ännu bättre service har sergeant Bo Zachrisson nyligen flyttat sin resebyrå med alla dess färgglada affischer och broschyrer till större och bättre lokaler i närheten av sektion 3-baracken på Carl Gustaf Camp. Här ger han resetips till fr v Rolf Persson, Nora, fanjunkare Rolf Johansson, Borlänge, stabschefen major David Hermansson, Stockholm och (längst t h) Erik Branting, Vänamo.

Även om gästerna under de två första dagarna inte fick uppleva så mycket av cypervärmen genomförde de i alla fall ett program, som säkerligen höll dem varma. Under de tre dagarna här nere besökte de samtliga kompanier, inspekterade en lång rad OP:n och matades med fakta om bataljonen och Cypren vid åtskilliga briefingar, som det heter på cypersvenska.

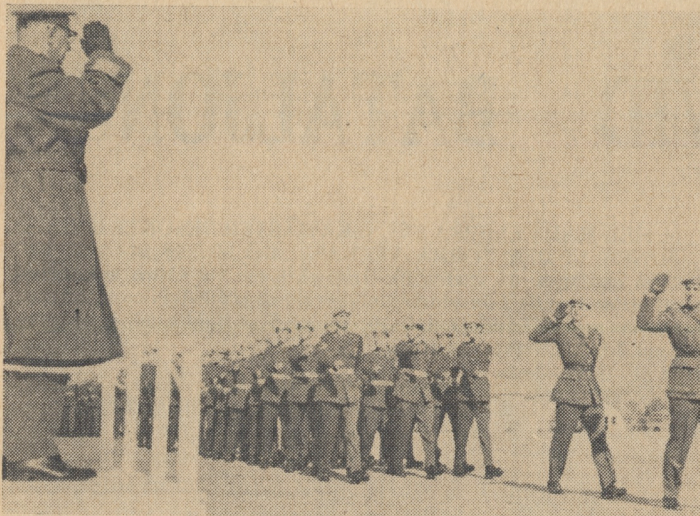
På fredagskvällen utökades raden av gäster med ytterligare tre personer, denna gång inte militärer



utan politiker. Med Herkules - planet medföljde då 2. vice talmanen i första kammaren Ivar Johansson, riksdagsman Anselm Gilläström och krigsrådet Åke Gyllenram, samtliga medlemmar av statsutskottet. Under sin enda hela dag på Cypren bjöds också dessa herrar på ett späckat program i vilket bl a ingick besök hos talmanen i cypriotiska parlamentet Mr. Clerides och vice presidenten dr. Kutchuk.

Gästboken på Carl Gustaf Camp fick alltså många nya namn i samband med den festliga avskedsmiddagen på lördagskvällen, då samtliga gäster sammanträdde på bataljonens HQ. Som väl var bjöd lördagen på sol och värme, så att alla kunde återvända hem till Sverige på söndagen med cypersolsken i blick och intrycken av svajande palmer och mogande apelsiner på näthinna. Som kontrast till snöslasket därhemma.

42 SQUADRON BID FAREWELL WITH PARADE AND MARCH PAST



Lt Gen A.E. Martola takes the salute as 42 Sqn RCT, led by Major Peter Beacon, marched past the dais at the end of their farewell parade at HQ UNFICYP last week.

THE LAST OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN CYPRUS FOR 42 SQUADRON, RCT, took place on the 17th January, when the complete unit paraded at UNFICYP Headquarters under Major Peter Beacon, the Squadron Commander.

The Force Commander, Lieutenant General A. E. Martola, presented the UN (Cyprus) Medal to those members of the Squadron who had not received it during the Unit's earlier tour within UNFICYP. After presentation of the medals, the Force Commander addressed the parade, expressing his "Most grateful and sincere thanks and appreciation" for the efforts made by the members of the Squadron in their role as providers of transport for the Force Headquarters. He added, "You have carried out your work in the true spirit of the United Nations".

The parade then marched past the dais where General Martola took the salute. Afterwards the Force Commander congratulated Major Beacon on the standard of the parade.

42 Squadron left Cyprus on the 19th January to return to UK. After four weeks leave, the Unit will reassemble at Catterick, Yorkshire, to resume its normal duties.

1 SQUADRON TAKE OVER TRANSPORT TASKING

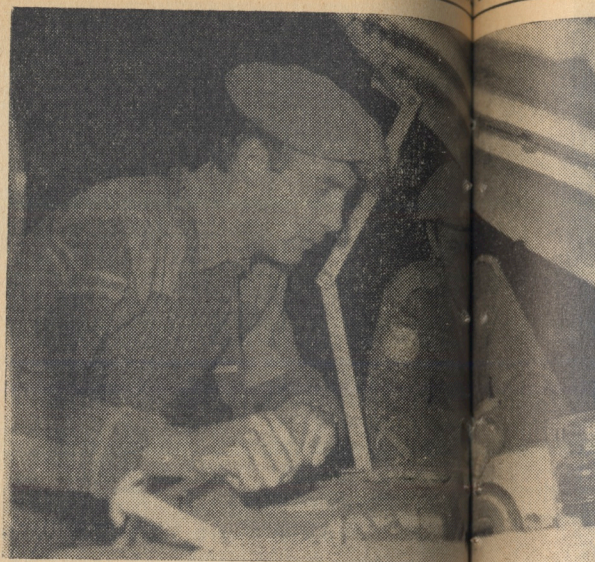
ON THE 16TH JANUARY THE TASKS OF UNFICYP TRANSPORT Squadron RCT were taken over by 1 Sqn RCT which has recently arrived from Colchester, Essex. The Squadron is commanded by Major Don Garner, RCT, and has a strength of four officers and 98 other ranks in Cyprus; whilst at Colchester there is a rear party of 5 officers and 150 men.

Before coming to Cyprus, 1 Squadron formed part of 19 Infantry Brigade which is an element of the UK Strategic Reserve's Mobile Land Force. The Squadron has served in many countries in recent years, including Aden, Borneo, Canada, Germany, Greece, Norway and Turkey, so it has considerable experience upon which it can draw when necessary.

Corporal Doug Mussett, of 42 Sqn RCT receives his UN (Cyprus) Medal from the Force Commander. Doug's home town is Burton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.



2 Lt Adrian Lyons, RCT, receives his UN medal.



Corporal John Mongon (left) and Captain Dwyer, both of 1 Squadron RCT, inspecting one of their recent vehicle acquisitions from 42 Sqn RCT.

Welcome to Cyprus — Mr Hilliard is greeted as he steps off the aircraft by Lieutenant Colonel M. K. Hanley, Commanding Officer of the 7th Infantry Group, and Commander of the Irish Contingent.



DEFENCE MINISTER HERE FOR FIVE DAYS

IRELAND'S MINISTER OF DEFENCE, MR. MICHAEL HILLIARD T.D., ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE IRISH ARMY, LIEUT.-GEN. SEAN MAC EOIN AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, MR. STEPHEN KEARNEY, arrived at Nicosia airport on Monday to visit the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP. The party were met at the airport by the Force Commander, General A.E. Martola, the Secretary-General's Special Representative, Mr. P.P. Spinelli, the UNFICYP Chief of Staff Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, the Irish Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel M.K. Hanley, the Cyprus Defence Ministry Director - General

Mr Anastasiou and the Cyprus Government Chief of Protocol Mr. Pachias.

Yesterday the party was officially received by the Force Commander at UNFICYP HQ, and briefed by the Chief of Staff. They then went to the National Council of Ministers of the Cyprus Government and also before noon an interview with the President of Cyprus, His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, at Presidential Palace. In the afternoon the Irish party to the Vice-President, Dr. N. Kutchuk, and leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community.

The Minister and his party lunched at the Ledra Palace Hotel with the Force Com-

mander and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. P.P. Spinelli. In the evening the party attended a reception given in the Acropole Hotel by Mr. P. Beirne, Chief Administrative Officer of UNFICYP.

Today (Wednesday) the party travels to the Lefka District. After military honours are rendered, the Minister will inspect the Headquarters camp at Xeros and then proceed by helicopter to Kato Pyrgos. After lunch there he will continue his inspection, visiting some of the outlying observation posts and taking in "A" Coy camp at Lefka. The Minister and his party will be enter-

tained to dinner by the Irish officers at District Headquarters.

Tomorrow (Thursday) the Chief of Staff, General Mac Eoin, will visit Limnitis and Kokkina camps and will return to be present at a reception given by the Minister at the Ledra Palace Hotel.

On Friday the party will visit the Irish leave centre at Famagusta and will see Salamis, Dhekelia and Larnaca. On Saturday they will fly out to Jerusalem where they will meet the Irish officers serving there with the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO).

LIFE HAS PRIORITY

PART III
LONG-DISTANCE DRIVING

LONG-DISTANCE DRIVING SHOULD BE EASY, but always leave an extra margin of safety all round. Plan ahead before changing course — switching lanes or leaving a road — and check to make sure conditions are right. Sudden decisions and actions can be dangerous.

The simple obvious rule, KEEP LEFT, bears repetition. Stay in the left lane and, before turning out, to pass another vehicle, be sure nothing is coming up behind and that the vehicle ahead is not about to turn out too. In any kind of driving it helps to know what is behind. Therefore, make full use of the rear-view mirror. And always remember to use direction signals when changing lanes.

Watch road signs carefully.

The speed limit may vary occasionally and, when it does, it is for some very good reason. Trust it quite literally. During sustained fast driving you tend to lose a sense of speed. So check the speedometer frequently, against the permitted speed limit and road signs.

There is one important consideration in long-distance driving — boredom. Do not drive too long without stopping. Change your sitting position occasionally. When driving for long periods, just looking ahead down the road, a sort of hypnosis easily develops, and the reflexes do not react promptly when it becomes necessary to do something. Almost any change or movement will help to snap out of it.

VIPs ARRIVE



The Defence Minister and his party landing at Nicosia international airport on Monday evening. Left to right: Mr Stephen Kearney, Secretary of the Defence Department, Lieutenant General Sean Mac Eoin, Commandant T. Molloy (background), Lieutenant Colonel M. K. Hanley, Commanding Officer 7th Infantry Group, and the Minister, Mr Hilliard.



Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, UNFICYP Chief of Staff and Commander BRITCON, right, greets the Chief of Staff of the Irish Army, Lieutenant-General Mac Eoin, in the lounge at the airport.



The Irish Minister of Defence, Mr Michael Hilliard, TD, with the Director General of the Defence Ministry of the Cyprus Government, Mr Anastasiou and the Cyprus Government's Chief of Protocol, Mr Pelagias.



Jokin aika sitten saarelle saapunut YK:n pääsihteerin erikoisedustaja Pierre Pasquale Spinelli vieraili viime viikolla pataljoonassamme. Kuvassa vieras (keskellä) keskustelelee kontingentin komentajan (vas) ja pataljoonapuseerin kanssa. Taustalla rauhanturvajoukkojen komentajan adjutantti kapt. Palosaari.



Tämä kuva on Famagustasta, ja salamapallo-ottelu on juuri käyty ja menetetty. Joukkueiden edustajat, Ruotsin kapt. Enqvist ja Suomen jääk. Lehto vastaanottavat pelin muistona kunniakirjat valmentajalta, voimistelunopettaja Tarmo Mäki-Kuutilta.

RUOTSALAISET KUKISTIVAT SUOMEN SALAMAPALLOSSA

FAMAGUSTASSA PELATUSSA SALAMAPALLON MAAOTTELUSSA, joka "salama" Mäki-Kuutin mukaan oli korkeatasoinen, minkä hän koskaan oli nähnyt pelattavan, meni voitto Ruotsille luvuin 5 - 2. Suurempi juoksunopeus oli Svean poikien valtti ja antoi heille melko selvän ylivoiman, ja niin sitten kävi kuten kävi. Tappiota ei kuitenkaan tällä kertaa ole vaikea kestää, sillä joka tapauksessa oma joukkueemekin pelasi erinomaisesti, ja miellyttävintä on, että koko ottelun ajan vallitsi rikkomaton reilun pelin henki.

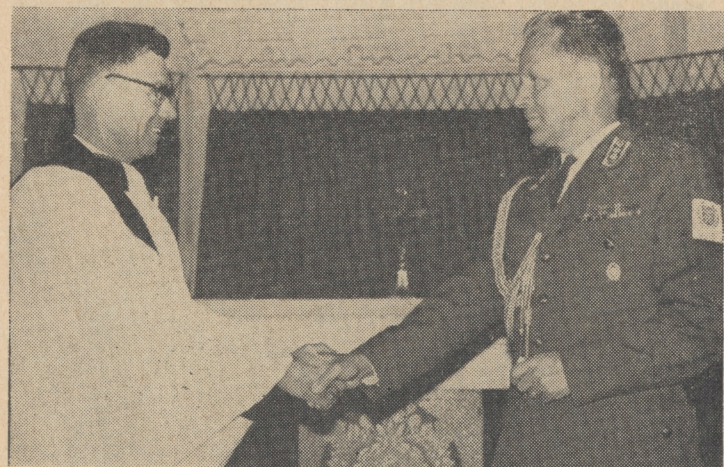
Suomen joukkueessa erottuivat kersantti Junttila nopeiden läpimurtojen ansiosta ja jääkäri Lehto ovelana harhauttajana. Maininnan ansaitsee myös ylikersantti Muuri, jonka peli oli harkittua ja tasaisen tehokasta. Maalintekoyrityksiä suomalaisilla oli yksi enemmän kuin vastustajalla - menetimme niitä kolme ruotsalaisten yhtä vastaan-joten mistään ylivoimasta ei voida puhua. Revanssihenki tuntuikin elävän joukkueen yhtä hyvin kuin katselijoidenkin parissa, ja yhden ja toisen kuuli sanovan, että Nikosiassa vielä tavataan. Saamme sitten nähdä, pystytäänkö uusinta-ottelu joskus tulevaisuudessa järjestämään.

Pataljoonan salamapallocup on nyt myös saatettu päätökseen, ja voittajaksi selviytyi yllättäen huoltokomppania, joka kukisti ennakkosuosikin, 2.K:n, myös luvuin 5 - 2. Joukkueen kovat nimet olivat cup-otteluissa ylik. Muuri, jääk. Ahtiainen ja ylik. Palvalin. Kylmä ja sateinen sää haittasi näitä pelejä pahanlaisesti, ja otteita jouduttiin jopa siirtämään.

Mainittakoon, että nyt jo takaisin Suomeen matkustaneen "Salama" Mäki-Kuutin saarella viettämänä aikana pelattiin yhteensä noin 2000 miespeliä. Toivoo sopii, että salamapallo on löytänyt oman pysyvän paikkansa pataljoonan urheiluharrastuksessa.



Sunnuntaina 22.1 pidettiin pataljoonassa liikennekilpailu, jossa otettiin kolme sarjassa - moottoripyörät, henkilöautot ja kuorma-autot. Yleiskilpailun voitti pyörällään jääkäri Simanen, joka selvisi vain 11 virhepisteellä. Henkilöautosarjan voittaja, jääkäri Suominen, oli aivan kannoilla 12 virhepisteineen. Kuorma-autojen sarjassa peri voiton jääkäri Lintula 16 virhepisteellä. Kuvassa sf-7 kovilla korkeuden arviointikohteissa.

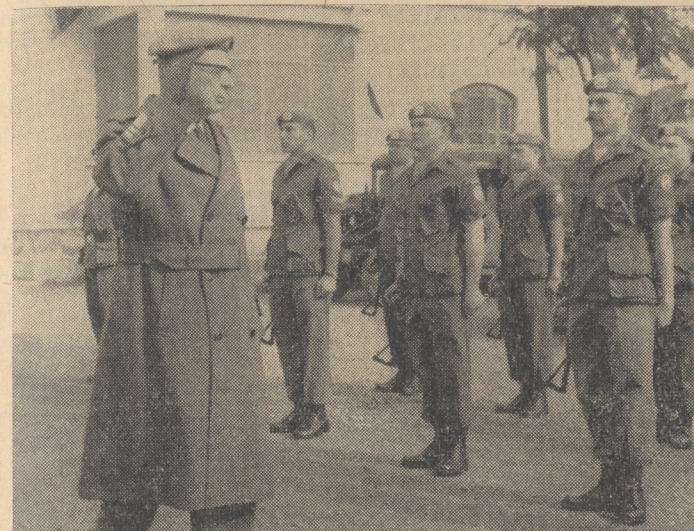


Kyproksella olevat YK-joukot joutuvat hengellisessä työssä olemaan yhteistoiminnassa saaren paikallisten kirkkojen ja seurakuntien kanssa. Suomen pataljoona on alusta alkaen käyttänyt jumalanpalveluspaikkanaan paikallisen anglikaanisen seurakunnan Paavalin kirkkoa (St. Paul Church).

YKSP:n puolesta luovutettiin viime perjantaina tälle seurakunnalle alttarin päällyste, johon tarvittavat varat oli koottu vapaaehtoisena lahjana pataljoonassa palvelevilta. Kuvassa arkkipiispa Peter Chandler kättelee luovutuksen jälkeen kontingentin komentajaa.

'BIGGEST BUG-OUT' BY GARRYS

FORCE COMMANDER WITNESSES SQUADRON SCRAMBLE



GARRY GUARD — The Force Commander inspects a Quarter-Guard of the Fort Garry Horse Reconnaissance Squadron during his formal visit to Fort Worthington last Friday

JOINS IN — In Friday's Squadron scramble the Force Commander, right, rides in a Ferret turret to Mystery House, one of three OPs for which the Recce Squadron is responsible. With the General is Captain Ken Mulligan, Battle Captain of the Garrys in Cyprus.



BIG BUG-OUT — A troop of Ferret scout cars comes roaring round the headquarters of the Fort Garry Horse Recce Squadron during a scramble of the entire Squadron for General Martola. Troop commander in the scout car is Lieutenant Doug Green.

HARDLY PROUD AT ALL, THE FORT GARRYS ENGINEERED THE "BIGGEST BUG-OUT", they believe, in Canadian Contingent history as the entire Squadron 'scrambled' on Friday for the benefit of Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, of Finland, Commander of UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

The Force Commander was briefed by Major Gordon Kitchen, Officer Commanding and, after a walk 'round Fort Worthington accommodation, he witnessed the high speed deployment of more than a score of Ferret scout cars and operational vehicles as they roared off from various parts of the compound.

General Martola boarded a Ferret himself and proceeded to Mystery House, one of three outposts on Nicosia's 'green line' for which the Garrys are responsible. Later he returned for further briefing and lunch with the Reconnaissance Squadron.

The Recce Squadron has five main tasks:

1. Escorting the Nicosia-Kyrenia convoy four times daily.
2. Area surveillance of Kyrenia District.
3. Interpositional defence on the 'green line' in Nicosia.
4. Mobile reserve for Kyrenia District.
5. Mobile reserve for the UN Force anywhere on the island.

Since taking up these duties the Squadron has escorted (through Jan. 19) 37, 673 people in 10,615 vehicles on 396 convoys. The largest convoy to date was 106 vehicles on November 27 last year.

In addition the Squadron

had completed 84 area surveillance patrols in UNFICYP's Kyrenia District.

The forty-six drivers of the Squadron have an outstanding driving record, 97,642 accident free miles logged on squadron vehicles — 60,457 miles in scout cars on operational tasks and 37,185 miles on other vehicles in both operational and administrative tasks.

And, as Major Kitchen told the General at the briefing, by the beginning of this week the Squadron would be started on a second 100,000 miles.

The Fort Garry Horse originated in 1885 with Boulton's Mounted Corps and after various titles first became known as The Fort Garry Horse, in the 34th Regiment of Cavalry, in 1912/13.

The Garrys have served with distinction in both World Wars, gaining a total of 34 battle honours and a VC, won by Lt. Marcus Strachan in the battle of Cambrai, France, 1917. Between the wars they were based on Winnipeg, Manitoba. In the second World War they were in the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, fighting in France and Germany. They returned to Winnipeg, Manitoba, their pre-war base, in 1946.

Since then they have served in Canada, shifting their home base to Calgary, Alberta, and with Canada's NATO Contingent in Germany.

The regiment is allied to the British Army's 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.

SURGEON-GENERAL ARRIVES

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Surgeon Rear-Admiral Walter J. Elliot, Surgeon-General of Canada's armed forces, arrived Monday afternoon in Nicosia and leaves to-day (Wednesday) for Egypt, Gaza and Lebanon during a ten-day investigation of medical problems of Canadians attached to three peace-keeping operations in the Middle East. At Nicosia airport he is greeted by Major Gilles Morissette, centre, Senior Medical Officer of the Canadian Contingent here, and by Colonel W. W. Turner, Contingent Commander.



SOUTH-WEST AFRICA COMMITTEE HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

THE SPECIAL UN COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO RECOMMEND PRACTICAL MEANS of taking over the administration of South-West Africa with a view to its independence held its first meeting at UN Headquarters last week. Max Jakobson of Finland was elected Chairman of the fourteen-member group.

IRISH VISITORS

from front page



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STEPHEN KEARNEY

the top of his department, having earlier filled such posts as Contracts Officer, Finance Officer and Assistant Secretary. He was an Irish representative at the 1964 Ottawa international peace-keeping conference. He became Secretary of the Department in June, 1965.



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SEAN MAC EOIN

Lieutenant-General Sean Mac Eoin needs little introduction to United Nations personnel as he commanded the UN Peace Force in the Congo from January 1961 until March 1962 and also headed an inspection mission to the Gaza Strip in 1965. He joined the Army in 1930 and has had an outstanding military career as a unit commander, instructional officer in the Irish Military College and as a staff officer. He became Chief of Staff as a Major-General in 1960 and was promoted to his present rank the following year. His term as Chief of Staff was extended last April. A native of Cooley, Co Louth, General Mac Eoin at present lives in Dublin.

The Committee is to report to a special session of the General Assembly which will be held not later than April. Opening this week's inaugural meeting, the Secretary-General stressed the historic importance and extraordinary difficulties of the task which had been given to the Committee. He expressed confidence that the result of its efforts would help the appropriate UN bodies to arrive at constructive decisions leading to the just and peaceful solution desired by all.

U Thant recalled that the Committee was set up when the General Assembly decided at its last session to terminate South Africa's League of Nations mandate over South-

West Africa and to place the territory under the direct responsibility of the United Nations.

The Assembly acted on the basis of its finding that South Africa had failed to fulfil her obligations to ensure the moral and material well-being of the people of South-West Africa. South Africa, who has defended her apartheid policies as being in the best interests of all the inhabitants, has taken the position that she is not answerable to the UN for her administration of the territory, and has said that she would resist with all her power any UN attempt at a take-over.

The Secretary-General recalled that the question of South-West Africa had been considered at every session of the General Assembly, beginning with the first in 1946, and that no less than 76 resolutions had been adopted on the subject by that body.

U Thant said that all the efforts of the world Organization had been directed toward persuading South Africa to co-operate with the UN in measures to enable the people of the territory to exercise the rights set forth in the Charter. Had South Africa co-operated, he said, the Committee would not have been faced with its present task.

NARASIMHAN LEAVES ON ASIAN TOUR

UNITED NATIONS UNDER-SECRETARY C.V. NARASIMHAN LEFT NEW YORK LAST WEEK ON A TOUR of several Asian capitals on United Nations matters. His first stop will be Tokyo for talks with the Government of Japan on assistance for the development programme for the Mekong River Basin in South-East Asia.

He will then proceed to Manila for discussions with the President of the newly established Asian Development Bank, and will also call on the President and Foreign Minister of the Philippines.

Mr. Narasimhan will go on to Bangkok to discuss matters relating to the UN Economic Commission for Asia and Far East and the De Ribbing Mission. (Her-

bert de Ribbing, a Swedish diplomat, was designated by the Secretary-General last August as his Special Representative to help alleviate tension between Cambodia and Thailand. His appointment was for a six-month period. The question of the extension of the mission has been under discussion in recent weeks).

Following his visit to Bangkok, Mr. Narasimhan will proceed to Vientiane, Laos, to attend the Mekong Committee meeting which opens on 1 February. He will then travel to Phnompenh, Cambodia, for discussions regarding the De Ribbing Mission.

The Under-Secretary will also hold consultations in New Delhi with the Government of India, and will return to New York on 24 February, following a brief holiday.

UN SECRETARIAT'S AID FOR FLORENCE FLOOD FUND

At a brief ceremony last week, United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, presented to Mr. Piero Vinci, Permanent Representative of Italy to the

UN, a cheque for over \$2,500 contributed by Secretariat staff members at United Nations Headquarters for flood relief in Florence.

ISRAEL - SYRIA BORDER TENSION

Supervision Organization was not capable of acting as a border guard to prevent infiltration, and that responsibility for this, under the Armistice Agreement, rested squarely with the Government from whose territory the raiders came.

Syria's Ambassador, George

Tomeh, told newsmen that Israel had started the current trouble by shooting at Syrian farmers trying to cultivate their land in the Demilitarized Zone. He said Israel was engaged in a policy of expansion and usurpation of Arab terri-

FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF RETURNS TO NICOSIA

Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, the Force Chief of Staff, returned to Nicosia on Saturday, 21st January, following a fortnight's visit to London for private reasons, during which he also addressed the Joint Services Staff College.

UNESCO REPORT

APARTHEID IS SOURCE OF CONFLICT

A UNESCO REPORT MADE PUBLIC THIS WEEK SAID APARTHEID WAS the major source of racial and group conflict in South Africa. It said that poor educational facilities for non-whites, the limited range of subjects offered them in schools, over-crowding and poor teacher training were among the practices which kept Africans at the most menial level of society.

The report concluded that "separate development", as practiced in South Africa, did not mean equality between the various ethnic groups in any of the areas studied by UNESCO.

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tory and was carrying out a pattern of aggression characterized by the submission of many complaints and the creation of incidents along with deliberate obstruction of the work of the Mixed Armistice Commission.