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ROLZ-BENNET COMPLETES HIS ROUND OF TALKS

Mr Jose Rolz-Bennett, the United Nations Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs wound up his series of talks on Cyprus this week when he visited London and Dublin for

consultations with the British and Irish governments before returning to United Nations Headquarters in New York to report to the Secretary-General.

Mr Rolz-Bennett arrived in London

from Copenhagen where he had had talks with the Danish Foreign Minister, Per Hacknerup and the Minister of Defence, Victor Gram.

During his visit to London, Mr Rolz-

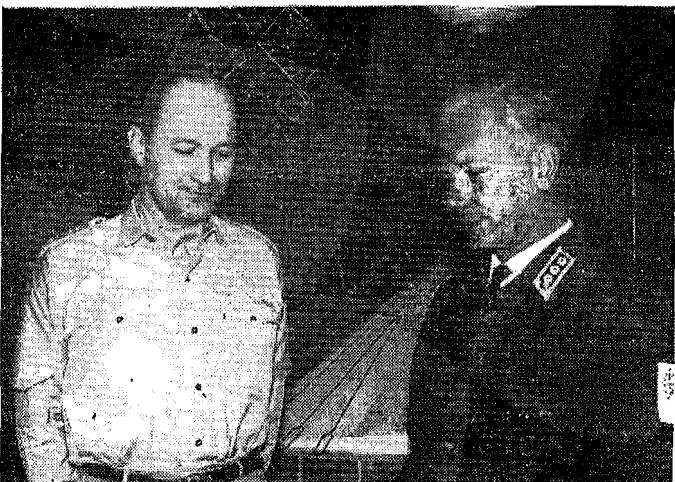
Bennett had talks with Mr Walter Padley, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and officials of the Foreign Office and Commonwealth Relations Office. After lunching with the Minister of

State at the Commonwealth Relations Office, Mr Clewyn Hughes, at Melborough House, he had further discussions at the Foreign Office.

The U.N. Under-Secretary left for

Dublin on Friday for talks with representatives of the Irish Government and of the Department of External Relations. He left Ireland on Saturday to return to the Americas.

New OPS I at FINCON



Lieutenant Colonel H.V. Nielsen, DANCON, who will shortly take over the position of Ops I at HQ UNFICYP, has recently been touring UNFICYP Zones and Districts to get a first hand impression of conditions. Pictured above, left, he talks to Colonel Lauri Boldt, FINCON, Commander of the Nicosia East District.

Successful end for UNIPOM task

U THANT REPORTS INDO-PAKISTAN TROOP WITHDRAWALS COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, reported to the Security Council last week on the successful conclusion of a major phase of the U.N.'s continuing efforts to ease conflict and tension between India and Pakistan. The report said that the withdrawal of Indian and Pakistani troops to positions held by them before last August 5th — the start of the flare up along the 1949 cease-fire line in Kashmir — was moving towards completion by the target date of February 25th.

The withdrawal was in compliance with repeated calls by the Security Council. It brought to fulfilment the tasks of the United Nations India-Pakistan Observation Mission — UNIPOM — and the special mission undertaken by General Julio Marambio on behalf of the Secretary-General. These missions were undertaken in

response to the crisis which began along the cease-fire line in Kashmir and broadened and intensified until it extended for more than a thousand miles along the India-Pakistan border and threatened to engulf the whole area.

The crisis kept the Security Council in emergency session through much of last September, with both sides charging each other with aggression and offering conflicting arguments regarding the underlying causes of the trouble as well as measures needed to restore peace. India argued that Kashmir was an integral part of the Indian Union, and she had no alternative but to defend her territory in the face of massive infiltration of personnel across the cease-fire line which was organised by Pakistan for the purposes of sabotage and rebellion. In order to restore peace to the area, said India, it was necessary for Pakistan to accept the full responsibility for withdrawing all armed and unarmed personnel and to undertake to prevent any recurrence of the infiltrations.

Pakistan argued that India

ECOSOC opens new session

THE United Nations Economic and Social Council opened its new session at U.N. Headquarters in New York last week — the first since the Council's membership was enlarged from eighteen to twenty-seven nations.

Ambassador Tewfik Bouattoura of Algeria was unanimously elected Council President for 1966. In assuming the Presidency, Mr Bouattoura observed that this was the first time an African representative had been given the privilege of presiding over the Council. Pointing to the expansion of U.N. activities in the economic

and social field, the new President said, "the search for new horizons should be accompanied by new methods" in the Council's work.

In the course of the new session, expected to last until March 4th, the Council will examine reports on the activities of the International Monetary

Fund, the World Bank and its affiliates, new proposals by the Secretary-General for a five-year survey programme for development of natural resources and reports on international control of narcotic drugs. The Council will also examine activities in the field of industrial development.

BERNARDES VISITS ISRAEL

MR Carlos A. Bernardes, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, left Nicosia on Friday morning, accom-

panied by his family, for a week long private visit to Israel. Mr Bernardes is expected to return to Cyprus on Friday, March 4th.

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Det af Hakon Edelings numre, der vel nok gjorde størst lykke, var tricket med spør syv. Her har en af vores svenske gæster trukket det famøse kort — senere kommer det samme kort til syn i et tankeoverføringsfotografiapparat, men hvordan?



Det er et haardt program underholdningstruppen skal igennem. Der er ikke megen tid til at slappe af i og nyde det gode vejr og den smukke natur. Lige før truppen tog til Louroujina lykkedes det imidlertid DANCON-fotograferne at snappe dette gruppebillede. Fra venstre ses konstabel 125 P. Andersen; konstabel 679 P. Pedersen; Jette Ziegler; Grete Tange; konstabel 211 H. H. Nielsen; Jutta Rohard; sekondløjtnant Kjeld Ingrish; Hakon Edeling i hudsiddende skydestilling) og konstabel 814 S. Oestergaard.



Kontingentets skriver, premierløjtnant af specialgruppen H. A. S. Moeller har nu efter hjemkomst fra orlov modtaget sin FN-medaille, og her lykønskes han af kommandobefalingsmanden ved stabskompaniet, overfører E. H. Sørensen.

MP lurer lidt endnu

Færdskampagnen har for så vidt været en stor succes. MP hævder at der koeres langt bedre end tidligere, og at det ikke har været muligt at optage ret mange rapporter, fordi der næsten ingen fejl begaas. Men kampagnen er ikke hermed slut. Den opnæade standard skal holdes og om muligt yderligere forbedres, så MP vil endnu en tid med opmærksomhed følge situationen og "Den blaa Baret" minder Dem endnu en gang om skiltet fra de danske de landeveje:

Ud fra den gamle regel om at det er bedre at forebygge end at helbrede minder vi om bruger-vældigeholdestjernen og starteftersynene.

SOLID SUCCES EFTER SVAG START

Den danske underholdningstrup kom på en haard proeve ved premieren i børsalen paa Ledra Palace i Torsdags. Salen er i sig selv ikke særlig velegnet til forestillinger af denne art og navnlig scenebelysningen var ret daarlig. Publikum var veloplagt, men mon ikke man havde skruet forventningerne lidt for højt i vejret.

Det kneb navnlig i starten med kontakten mellem kunstnerne paa scenen og publikum i salen, maaske fordi programmet var lidt anderledes end man havde ventet, maaske paa grund af vanskelligheder ved at forstaa sproget hos vores finske og svenske gæster, maaske fordi tempoet var for smaat i begyndelsen. Men mod slutningen gik det helt godt, og

aften var premierenervesitet forduftet og programmet "strammet op", og nu var det "livstykket". Jette Ziegler, der med sit smittende humør og koenne stemme fik klapsalverne til at rulle - haardt fulgt af yndige Grete Tange og sekondløjtnant Kjeld Ingrish.

Ved eftermiddagsforestillingen paa skolen i Louroujina i Loerdags blev succeen slaet fast. Det mindre lokale viste sig trods tekniske svagheder meget velegnet til en forestilling som denne, og begejstringen var enorm, ikke mindst blandt de indbudte cypritiske gæster.

Turneen er som bekendt nu i Gaza, men den kommer tilbage paa Loerdag. Søndag og Mandag aften bliver der endnu to forestillinger paa Ledra Palace Hotel, og de der endnu ikke har faaet set showet kan glæde sig til en festlig aften — og en herlig kold Brandy Sour.



Jutta Rohard hoesede et stort og velfortjent bifald for sit eminente harmonikaspil, ligesom den uforlignelige trolmand, idraetsmand og verdensmester Hakon Edeling fortryllede alle ved at trælle for dem.

Ved forestillingen Fredag



En af betingelserne for at man kan koere ordentlig er nu engang at vognen er orden, og det kunne jo være at MP netop i denne uge fik lyst til at kontrollere Deres vogn. Statistikken viser, at mange uehd sker i forbindelse med overhalinger. Husk de simple regler: Tag ingen chancer; Pas paa i tusmoerke og taage; Overhal til højre undtagen, hvis vognen foran har givet tegn til at dreje til højre og der er plads til venstre; Soeg paa plads i den rigtige bane efter overhalingen, men drej aldrig skarpt ind foran det overhalede koeretøj.

Presse -
visit
fra
Norge

Sammen med underholdningstruppen har DANCON ogsaa haft besøg fra Norge. Det er journalisten Kjell Aarstein fra Tromsøe, der efter et kursus paa journalisthøjskolen i Aarhus fik interesse for nærmere at studere FN's fredsbevarende virksomhed paa Cypern (som Norge ikke deltager i). Besoget er arrangeret med den danske Haerkommandos bemyndigelse.



Tiedotusjaoston touhun miehet Markku Asunta Jyväskylästä ja Esko Rajala Ilmajoen tarkastelussa juankoskelaisen filmimiehen Heikki Pulkkisen tilannekuvia.



Väimeisen parin kuukauden aikana, on pat tiedotusseerina toiminut toimekas Asko Linna Mäntsälästä



Tiedustelijoukkueen heinäalkoiset, jäärärit Lajunen, Korkeamäki ja Engberg esikunnan helikopterikentän heinankorjuupuuhissa. Vehkeet vain tuntuvat oudon sopimattomilta.



Aina herrojen kohdatessa tapaavat myös heidän kuljettajansa. Kuvaassa tuttu ruotsalainen rallimies Gidlund suomalaisen virkaveljensä Rehnin ja Salon piirittämänä.



Kymenlaaksolainen yli. Peter Murman englantilaisen hiihtovalmennettava rinnalla Aurinkolaakson hiihtohississä.

KEVÄT ON KOITANUT

Kevät on koittanut Kyprokselle, niityt viheriövät ja kedotukkivat. Viimeiset suomalaiset hiihtotaidon-opettajat ovat palaneet Troodokselta. Uusia ei enää

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tarvitse lähtää, sillä lumi on ruvennut sulamaan.

Me-lehti on jälleen ilmestynyt ajallaan, virkeänä ja sisältörikäana. Vaikka, koville se otti toimitushenkilökunnalta, kun kansilehdet sineäkin jouduttiin etsimään sen seitsemästä paikasta. Muutentämäntälviset ilmestymiskerrat ovat olleet täsmällisiä ja monilukisia. Toivottavasti trendi tulee jatkumaan samanlaisena myös tulevaisuudessa, kun tämänhetkinen toimituskunta miltei kokonaisuudessaan on palannut kotimaahan.

Kevään merkkeihin kuuluu myös esikunnan helikopterikentän heinankorjuu ja kotimaahan suunnistavien aamujen laskenta, 'molliken otto' ja tuliaisten hankinta. Eikä tuo tuosta enää kauaakaa viene, kun ensimmäiset etukomennuskuntalaiset saapuvat saarelle.

CASTLES OF CYPRUS

Major O.H.M. HAXTHAUSEN concludes his series on the Castles of Cyprus in Lusignan and Venetian times with an appraisal of the fortified city of NICOSIA.

In my encyclopedia I read, "The theoretical considerations of the renaissance regarding the ideal of a city were inspired by the Italian City-State and took its point of origin in the technique of fortifications of the time. A characteristic example of a polygonal fortified city is Palma Nuove in the north-east of Italy". I am not going to argue with an encyclopedia, but personally I feel that the fortifications of Nicosia are a much better example and certainly more impressive (just as the best preserved and most typical Roman ruins are not found in Rome but in Jordan).

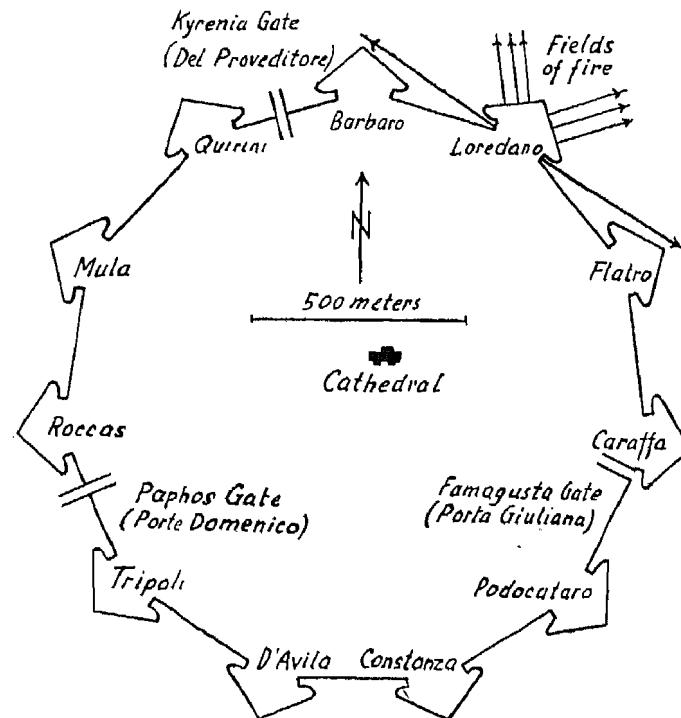
Nicosia was originally fortified by the Lusignans, but when the Venetians took over it was realized that it would be impossible for the inhabitants to guard and defend the great length of straggling walls. Therefore, in 1565, the Signiority of Venice despatched Ascanio Savorgano to report on the fortifications. His report was not encouraging. "I am of the opinion that, even though it were in other respects suitable, the Most Serene Republic would be ill advised to fortify it, and this for many reasons apart from reasons of State, as to which I am not competent to speak."

However, two years later the present fortifications were begun from Savorgano's designs, under the superintendence of Francesco Barbaro and their form when completed was very much as we see them to-day. The original mediaeval walls were pulled down and the old circumference reduced by three miles. Everything outside the new circumvallation was destroyed so that a free field of fire would be left for the artillery mounted on the bastions (—not on the walls between the bastions). In this general destruction nothing was spared; churches and palaces alike perished irrespective of their interest or beauty.

Nicosia was turned into an up to date fort but the work was hardly finished before the storm burst. In 1570 the siege of Nicosia was begun by Mustafa Pasha and after only seven weeks the city was taken by assault.

It is not easy to-day to explain exactly why and how it was possible to capture such a modern fortress, but at least one factor may have played a part. If we study the many books of the time on fortifications we will find that many engineers were of the opinion that too high walls were a disadvantage to the defence. The walls of Nicosia are not very high and originally they only

had facings of stone half way up their height forming a retaining wall for the lower portion, above this the scarped face of the earthwork was intended to form a grassy slope. It is possible that such a wall was an effective defence if each bastion was a nobleman belonging



bastion were manned, as they should have been according to the plan, with 500 men, and had they had the artillery required.

The Venetians could only muster about 200 men per bastion and that they were very short of artillery and powder.

The bastions are named after the committee of officers who built the fortifications. Some of

ing the ancient crusader family of De Nores.

After the Venetian period the walls of Nicosia were completed and it also seems as if the minor forts at Larnaca, Limassol and Paphos were built or rebuilt, but the two great periods of castellation were over and with this the series about the Castles of Cyprus must end.

General MacEoin reappointed COS

The President of Ireland, acting on the advice of the Government has reappointed Lieutenant-General Sean MacEoin to be Chief of Staff for a term of five years with effect from April 1st next.

Lt-Gen MacEoin commanded the United Nations Forces in the Congo in 1961 and last year headed a UN fact-finding mis-

sion to the United Nations Emergency Force in Gaza.

Last month the Government of Ireland turned down a request by the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, for General MacEoin to command the UN Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus in succession to the late General K.S. Thimayya, DSO.

UNFICYP

The Reverend R.L.N. Pratt and Mrs Anthea Pratt left Nicosia for the United Kingdom during the past week. April Padre Pratt who joined the Royal Air Force twenty-five years ago has acted as the UNFICYP Church of England Padre Chaplain since the Interna-

Irish team Cypriot cha

The basketball team of the 5th Irish Infantry Group brought off a great coup recently when they defeated the Cyprus champions Morphou in a friendly match. This was the first time that Morphou had been beaten by an Irish team and they put up a great fight before going down by thirty-seven points to forty-nine.

The Group team, captained



Pictured above are the Group basketball team to right: Corporals Tom Hynes (captain) McKenna and Sergeant Philip Fanning. Corporal Dave Sharpe, Private John F Twamley and Private Tom Sheridan.



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re returns to U.K.

ing Force mander, General K.S. Thi- was presented with an UN- original in mayya, was one among a FICYP tie as a token of his number who became close association with the friends of the Padre and his Force. We are sure that all family. Mrs Pratt's association with the Force will also be remembered for her welfare work.

Before leaving, Padre Pratt all happiness and success in their new sphere of work.



CAMP OFFICE

The HQ UNFICYP Camp Office Staff left to right (back row) Cpl Calvin Newport, RAPC, Cpl Ronald Fitzgerald, RAPC, Pte Desmond Skeates, RAOC, Lpl Thomas Wake, 15/19th Hussars, Cpl Stan Andrews RAOC, Gnr Bill Sanderson, RA. (front row) Sgt Vic Crowther, RAPC, WO II Derry Leader, RSG, Major Phillip Cunningham, RA, Lt William Bernard Ibbotson, Green Howards and Sgt Pete Edmondson, 1 PWO. This photograph was taken immediately prior to Major Cunningham's recent departure.

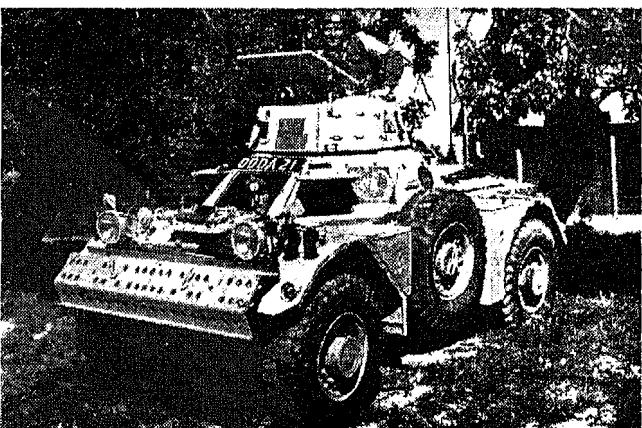


The 3rd Troop line up ready to move off on patrol. Car Commanders are, left to right: Trooper Hugo Meenan, Corporal Peter Butterfield, Lance-Corporal William Elliott and Lt R.D. Kinsella-Bevan, the Troop Commander.

New 'A' Squadron settles in at Zyyi

The "Blue Beret" of 19th January reported the arrival of "A" Squadron, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards from Aden to take over from "A" Squadron of the 14/20th King Hussars. A recent visit to Squadron Headquarters and the two Troops stationed at Zyyi has found everyone well settled in and prepared to make the best of their current tour with UNFICYP.

For many of the senior members of the Squadron who saw action in Korea, this is not the first tour of duty with a United Nations Force. Among those who served with their Regiment in Korea is WO II Squadron Sergeant Major Rannan Cook. A considerable majority of the men in the Squadron are



Car Commander Sergeant David Barter and his driver Trooper Douglas Adams of the 5th Troop.

The new Squadron, Commanded by Major G.M.G. (Mike) Swindells, is now equipped with the Ferret Mk 2 Scout Car - vastly different to the Centurion tanks they have used for the last 20 years. Although given little or no time to retrain, all members of the Squadron appear to have mastered the new equipment without difficulty.

Three Troops are deployed in patrolling the Paphos District from Ktima, Annadliou and Polis, where they work in close co-operation with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers. The two remaining Troops are stationed with Squadron Headquarters at its

recruited from Northern Ireland from where their Regiment derives part of its distinguished title in the name of Enniskillen. Personnel of the Squadron have been fairly constantly on the move since early 1964 and have seen much of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries.

After exercising with Centurion tanks in North Africa, the Squadron returned to Tidworth in April '64 as a unit of the Strategic Reserve. December '64 saw them on the move again, this time to Aden. From then until their recent arrival in Cyprus they alternated every few months

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'A' Squadron settle in at Zyyi

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between Aden and Bahrain.

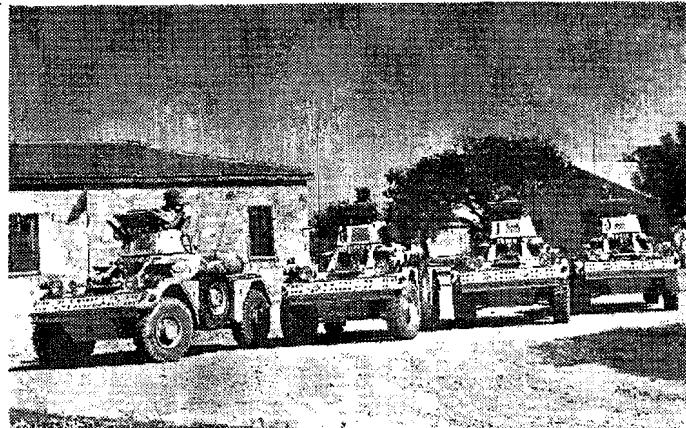
As part of a sea-borne Task Force with their tanks embarked in Landing Ships Tank of the Amphibious Warfare Squadron of the Royal Navy, they frequently put to sea on exercises. These generally lasted seven to nine days depending much upon sea weather, and included assault landings from the L.S.T.'s when the temperature in their tanks often reached the 150 degree mark.

Apart from the added interests of their new and important role in peace-keeping operations on the Island and meeting and working with troops of so many other nationalities, the move to Cyprus with its pleasant and comparatively temperate climate and many other attractions, has come as a welcome change.

With the Squadron so fully deployed and occupied over such a wide stretch of territory it is far from easy to muster and organise teams for competitive games. They have, however, managed to play a number of games of soccer against local teams from the Limassol/Zyyi area and have fielded a Squadron side in the Minor Units League Cup at Dhekkella. They will also be producing a Squadron Polo Team and members of the Squadron are playing in matches against visiting teams from Jordan in early March at Episkopi.

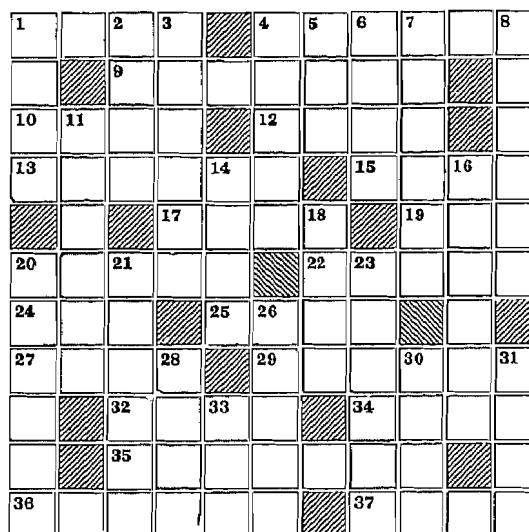
The Squadron takes pride in having its own very enthusiastic and expert five-man beat group, excellently equipped and looking forward to engagements in Cyprus when time permits. Having recently played for some two hundred and fifty at the Trafalgar Ball in Bahrain with considerable success the Group look forward in confidence to future audiences. The Squadron also boasts its own club - 'The Triangle' - named after the unit Tac Sign and run by Corporal Pete 'Whiskers' Holden.

Having as they do, their own horses, two sailing dinghies, a power boat and water-ski equipment and fine sea fishing facilities, one might wonder how a unit already so fully occupied could find time for all the recreational outlets available at Zyyi, however, 'A' Squadron have already shown such spirit and good will that they should find no difficulty.



The 3rd Troop commanded by Lieutenant Richard Kinsella-Bevan moving out on patrol from the Squadron Base at Zyyi.

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



ACROSS:- 1. Sculpture (4), 4. Fag! (6), 9. Story (7), 10. Ancient king (4), 12. Nonsense writer (4), 13. Ring (6), 15. Silent (4), 17. Facility (4), 19. Pronoun (3), 20. Clever (5), 22. Imagine (5), 24. Salt (3), 25. Enormous (4), 27. Insects (4), 29. Made a home (6), 32. Tennis star (4), 34. Jot (4), 35. Relaxes (7), 36. Rushed (6), 37. Notice (4). **DOWN:-** 1. Finest (4), 2. Whirled (4), 3. Conversationalist (6), 4. Winds (5), 5. Short name (3), 6. Shut noisily (4), 7. Read (6), 8. Ransom (6), 11. Flier (6), 14. Wood strip (4), 16. Kentish "Isle" (6), 18. Sidle (4), 20. Standing (6), 21. Masculine name (6), 23. Dwell (6), 26. Unfastened (5), 28. Words and music (4), 30. Throw (4), 31. --- Jones" (4), 33. Reverential fear (3).

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PRINTED 16.2.66.:- ACROSS:- 1. Clap. 5. Glance. 10. Lolita. 11. Lead. 12. Avon. 13. Poland. 14. Seethe. 16. Roy. 17. Saddled. 19. Yon. 22. Dad. 24. Rejects. 27. Mac. 28. Hoisted. 31. Attune. 33. Lulu. 34. Moon. 35. Static. 36. Arrant. 37. Sect. **DOWN:-** 1. Classy. 2. Love. 3. Aloe. 4. Pints. 5. Gaped. 6. All. 7. Neared. 8. Canada. 9. Eddy. 15. Hale. 18. Data. 20. Orator. 21. Nectar. 23. Deduct. 25. Chest. 26. Silas. 27. Mama. 29. Lute. 30. Elia. 32. Una.

UN aid in mineral development reviewed at HQ seminar

UNITED Nations aid in the field of mineral development was reviewed last week at a seminar at U.N. Headquarters in New York. The seminar, with participants from twenty-six developing countries, examined advanced mineral processing techniques suitable for areas lacking the large quantities of water nor-

mally used in the conventional methods.

On its final day, the seminar heard a review of how United Nations aid is promoting the use of modern technology to search for new mineral resources, exploit known deposits more fully and extract exportable products from ores once considered uneconomic. The re-

S. Africa Trust Fund Committee holds first meeting

THE Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa held its first meeting at the world Organisation's Headquarters in New York last week and elected Sven Astom of Sweden as its chairman.

At the opening meeting, the Secretary-General, U Thant, recalled that in 1963 the General Assembly had requested him to seek ways of providing relief and assistance, through appropriate international agencies, to families of those persecuted by the South African government for opposition to policies of apartheid.

In response to an appeal made by the Special U.N. Committee concerned with apartheid, U Thant reported, twelve member states had contributed about \$300,000 to voluntary organisations for this purpose.

The Trust Fund Chairman, Mr Astom, spoke of the international community's growing concern over the plight of prisoners and their families. The Committee hoped, he said, that generous contributions would be forthcoming from governments, organisations and individuals. Participating on the Committee of Trustees along with Mr Astom are; Javier Illanes of Chile, Dey Ould Sidi Baba of Morocco, J.T.F. Iyalla of Nigeria, and Ahmed Ali of Pakistan.

view, given by Norbert Falton, chief of the geology and mining section in the U.N.'s Department of Economic and Social Affairs, reported that the United Nations is now aiding in more than 100 projects relating to development of mineral resources, with some 200 experts at work in developing countries.



Här ses eldledarpatrullen bestående av Bengt Inghammar, Kinna, och signalisten Torsten Lundin, Askum.

FIN UPPVISNING AV GRK OCH GRG

I tisdags förra veckan arrangerade 1.komp. en demonstrationsskjutning med granatkastare och granatgevär vid Lefkoniko Range. Utöver danska, irländska och finländska FN-officerare märktes även bland gästerna grekiska officerare, civila grekcyriotter samt landshövdingarna i Famagusta och Larnaca.

Man besåg först pjäsplatsen och för sedan med bil till observationsplatsen ett par km. längre bort. Där demonstrerades först granatkastarnas funktionering samt beskjutning av olika mål. Gästerna fick sedan utpeka ett mål - en kulle - som några minuter senare träffades av ett flertal granater.

Men frågan är om inte den svenska granatgevärsgruppen imponerade mest genom att effektivt nedkämpa sina stridsvagnsmål. Fanjunkare Ib Larsen från Karlskrona kunde vara synnerligen belåten med sina skyttar.

Idrottsnytt ...

Svenska bataljonslaget var på söndagen inbjudet till Nicosia att spela fotboll mot det turkiska stadsLAGET i Old City. Det ska med en gång sägas att turkarna vann med hela 7-2.

Svenskarna är ju kända för bortförlaringar. Vi hade inte vår ordinarie målvakt med utan fick sätta in en utespelare. Denne blev emellertid justerad efter bara några minuters spel, varför en annan fick ta plats mellan stolarna.

Turkarna spelade ett snabbt och effektivt spel som vanligt men även de våra spelade en bra och juster fotboll, enligt turkpressen idag. Halvtidsresultatet var 4-1 och de svenska målgörarna var Bengt Andersson, 2. komp och givetvis h. Tore Mellbris. (Han leder väl snart skytteligan?).

Som plåster på såren fick det svenska laget en stor pokal som skänkts av dr. Kutchuk.

Viet-Nam :

'Inopportune time' for further debate

BUT SECURITY COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT STRESSES NEED FOR CONTINUED PEACE EFFORTS

IN a letter to members of the Security Council over the weekend, Akira Matsui of Japan, the Council President for February, has said that serious differences of view on the question of Viet-Nam have "given rise to the general feeling that it would be inopportune for the Council to hold a further debate" on the problem at this time.

The President added, however, that from the Council's proceedings of the 1st and 2nd February and from consultations which have been held since then, he "could detect a certain degree of common feeling among many members".

He summarized this as follows: "1. There is a general grave concern and growing anxiety over the continuation of hostilities in Viet-Nam and a strong desire for the early cessation of hostilities and a peaceful solution of the Viet-Nam problem; 2. There appears also to be a feeling that the termination of the conflict in Viet-Nam should be sought through negotiations in an appropriate form in order to work out the implementation of the Geneva Accords".

Matsui concluded his letter by expressing the personal hope that efforts would be continued,

within and outside the United Nations, "by whatever means may be deemed appropriate, to find an early, peaceful solution of the Viet-Nam question".

In answer to questions by newsmen about the procedure he adopted in sending out the letter, the President said it was his thinking that at least eleven of the fifteen members of the Council approved the letter. He said the Soviet Union and Bulgaria had declined to participate in the consultations he had held, so it could be assumed they objected to the procedure, and that one or two other members had made reservations. Matsui said that in the face of two extremes of view on whether the Council should or should not act on Viet-Nam, he had felt a letter, such as the one he addressed to members, was the best middle course.

RHODESIA :

Oil embargo proves effective:

Report to U Thant by oil expert

THE oil embargo against Rhodesia applied by Britain and a number of other countries since the Ian Smith regime's unilateral declaration of independence is already the cause of a major and most overt upset in the Rhodesian economy and society "and will increasingly be so". This is the conclusion presented by oil-expert Walter Levy in a report he prepared on the situation at the request of the Secretary-General which was made public over the weekend.

The unilateral declaration of independence of the self-governing British colony was made on the 11th November last by Ian Smith, the then Prime Minister. Britain immediately declared the declaration illegal, an act of treason and called for a meeting of the Security Council. On November 19th the Council called on all States, among other measures, to apply an embargo on oil and petroleum products as part of the effort to bring

down the Smith regime.

In his report, Levy states that although oil is not the dominant factor in Rhodesia's overall energy balance, since coal and hydroelectric power supply the bulk of energy for industry and agriculture, it is critical in the field of road transport. He estimates that the country's remaining stocks of petroleum by the second half of January were sufficient to sustain normal consumption of some nine thousand barrels a day for some ten weeks, or perhaps fifteen weeks under rationing. On a siege basis, he suggests Rhodesia could probably make do until mid-year or beyond, although the economy would be significantly affected. He suggests, however, that the pressure upon the regime of diminishing stocks would intensify. The oil embargo, he declared, could thus be of even greater psychological and political import than the as-yet real and immediate economic impact.





NEW I.A.E.A. SAFETY - MEASURES PLANNED

THE International Atomic Energy Agency is preparing to apply its safeguards to plants for chemical reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, and may inspect a plant in the United States later this year. This was one of the matters discussed by the Agency's Board of Governors at meetings held in Vienna last week.

The Agency's safeguards against diversion to military use of materials supplied for peaceful purposes have, to date, been applied mainly to reactors, but the extension of safeguards to cover phases of the fuel cycle outside reactors has always been regarded as a logical development.



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Cancer Research Agency Director Named by W.H.O.

THE World Health Organisation has named Doctor John Higginson of Kansas University Medical Centre as the first director of the International Agency for Cancer Research in Lyon, France.

Dr Higginson, who was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, is on two year leave from his chair of geographical pathology of cancer which was created by the United States Cancer Society in 1961. He will take up his duties as head of the new research agency in July.



WOMENS' STATUS COMMISSION OPEN NEW SESSION AT GENEVA

THE United Nations Commission on the Status of Women opened a new session at Geneva last week under the Presidency of Mrs Helena Be-

nitez of the Philippines. A draft declaration seeking to eliminate discrimination against women is one of the main items on the agenda.

UNIPOM

KASHMIR MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP ALSO TO BE REDUCED

must not be allowed to continue to flout U.N. resolutions calling for self-determination for the people of Kashmir. She said that to seek only to restore the cease-fire there, without going to the heart of the problem would only serve to perpetuate the injustice done to the Kashmiri people. Charging that India had nullified the cease-fire line by military crossings last Spring and then gone on to invade Pakistan under the pretext of police action, Pakistan called for enforcement action by the Council to end Indian aggression.

The Council's September meetings were climaxed by a series of resolutions demanding a cease-fire and withdrawal of armed personnel to positions held before August 5th and, at the same time, pledging efforts to help settle the eighteen-year old dispute over Kashmir. The Secretary-General

mission completed

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ral was asked to provide the necessary assistance to ensure supervision of the cease-fire and withdrawal. To carry out this task, U Thant set up a team of about one hundred military observers along with about sixty supporting personnel, and also took steps to strengthen the U.N. military observer team in Kashmir.

The September resolutions were followed by an often broken cease-fire and by virtually no compliance with the call for a military pull-back. This led the Council to insist, in its resolution of November 5th, that its decisions be carried out, and to demand that India and Pakistan make prompt arrangements with the representative of the Secretary-General on pulling back their armed personnel.

On January 10th came the news of the Tashkent Decla-

ration in which leaders of both sides agreed to comply with the Council's call for withdrawals by February 25th. Premier Alexei Kosygin of the Soviet Union took the initiative in bringing the parties together. The Declaration was signed by President Ayub Khan of Pakistan and Prime-Minister Lal Bhadur Shastri of India just a few hours before the Indian Premier died of a heart attack.

With General Marambio helping to work out details of the withdrawals, and with UNIPOM assisting in supervision, the operation proceeded as planned and the two U.N. Missions were completed by the end of last month. In addition the Secretary-General reported he also intended to begin a gradual reduction of the fifty-nine new observers who were added to the group of forty-three already on duty in Kashmir when the crisis erupted.

DRAGOONS TREAT BLIND CHILDREN

Patrol visits Nicosia School

A THREE car patrol from the Royal Canadian Dragoons Reconnaissance Squadron recently visited the Nicosia School for Blind Children to demonstrate their Ferret scout cars to the youngsters. The patrol was under the command of Lieutenant M.D. Kennedy and Corporal K.J. Delaney.

When the armoured cars arrived at the school, the children were first given a verbal description of the vehicles and were then allowed to move freely around the scout cars while they were in static positions. The operation of the radio sets, machine guns, engine and the general size, shape and layout of the Ferrets seemed to hold the youngsters' interest.

Later came the high spot of the afternoon for the children when they were taken for ten-minute rides in the scout cars and during that time they were delighted to find that they could talk to their friends in the other vehicles over the radio.

Pictured above, top left: The children find out what a Ferret looks like — by climbing all over it. Above left: Corporal K.J. Delaney (far left) explains the Ferret to one of the School's instruc-