

# THE BLUE BERET

Wednesday, 30th November 1966



Issued by the Information Office of the United Nations Force in Cyprus

Volume Four

No. 33



**SHARP BRIEFING** — Air Marshal Frederick R. Sharp, left, Vice-Chief of Canada's Defence Staff, is briefed on arrival Monday evening by Col. W. W. Turner, Commander Canadian Contingent. Captain Ronald G. Glover, right, is a staff officer at the Canadian Contingent Headquarters.

## DEFENCE CHIEF VISITS CANADIANS

**AIR MARSHAL FREDERICK R. SHARP**, Vice-Chief of Canada's Defence Staff since July, visited the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus on Monday and Tuesday this week in the course of an operational familiarization tour of Canadian forces in Europe and the Middle East.

From Cyprus, Air Marshal Sharp went on to El Arish and Gaza to visit the Canadian Army and RCAF elements serving in the United Nations Emergency Force, and will also see Canadian forces personnel in Jerusalem attached to the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.

Accompanied by Brigadier N. H. Ross, Director-General

Land Forces at Canadian Forces Headquarters, and three staff officers, Air Marshal Sharp left Ottawa last week, visiting the 12,000 Canadian soldiers and airmen under NATO command in Europe before coming to Cyprus.

While on the island he met Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, OBE, Officiating Commander of UNFICYP, and Col. W. W. Turner, Commander of the Canadian Contingent. He toured Canadian operations and facilities in Nicosia and Kyrenia, speaking to officers and men at each locality.

Following his swing through the Middle East, Air Marshal Sharp will inspect Canadian forces in Paris and return by air to Ottawa on December 4th.

DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE MUST RESUME TALKS

## HALT SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

**THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE** last week recommended to the eighteen-nation Geneva Disarmament Committee to promptly resume negotiations, giving special emphasis to halting the further spread of nuclear weapons and to putting a stop to all nuclear weapons tests.

It also asked the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, to prepare a study of the effects which the use of nuclear weapons would have on mankind, and on how their acquisition and development would affect the security and the economy of States. And it called on all States to respect and adhere to the 1925 Geneva Convention prohibiting the use of poisonous gas and germ warfare.

On Friday, the Committee urged all States to sign the partial nuclear weapon test ban and that it be extended to cover underground detonations. There was no opposition to a non-aligned draft resolution with these provisions.

The resolution also hopes for an effective international exchange of seismic information to improve the means of detecting underground blasts at long-range. The vote was 72 in favour and one abstention — France, in accordance with her position over recent years. She contends that the nuclear threat must be dealt

with as a whole, by doing away with stocks and delivery vehicles, and not by isolating the test problem. Along with the People's Republic of China, she has declined to sign the 1963 Moscow Treaty banning tests in the air, under water, and in outer space, and has pursued atmospheric tests in the development of her atomic arsenal.

Extending the Moscow ban to underground detonations has so far been held up by divergent East-West views on inspection. The United States and other Western countries

continued page eight

## ACCIDENT FIGURES RISE: WEATHER CONDITIONS HELP BOOST TOTAL

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FIGURES** for the Force for the month of October, published last week, show an increase of only one accident over the previous month. During the period, Force vehicles covered a total of almost one and a quarter million miles and the average mileage per accident

was approximately 46,500.

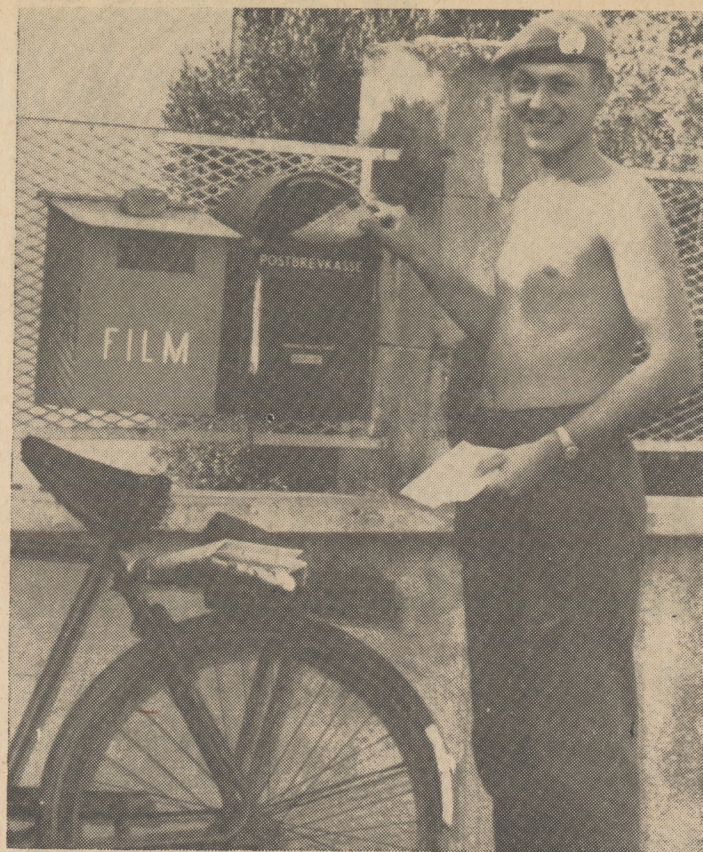
In a month which saw the start of winter weather conditions, heavy rain and greasy road surfaces, the Danish Contingent returned the best safety average with only two accidents at an average mileage of 82,500. The British Contingent, whose vehicles covered

some, 294,000 miles during the period, had eight accidents at an average of 37,000 miles per accident. Once again the Austrian Contingent had an accident free month, but the Swedish and Irish Contingents, both of whom have in the past maintained an excellent safety average slipped to averages of

26,500 and 36,500 miles per accident respectively, vehicles of each Contingent being involved in four accidents.

The twenty-six accidents during the month involved one fatality, four cases required hospitalization and there were three cases of minor injuries.





Med dette billede minder konstabel Erling Olesen fra C-kompagniet os om at sende juleposten i god tid. Han er en erfaren mand at lytte til, veteran baade fra Gaza og flere tidligere DANCON-hold.

Det nye kirkeaar begyndte i søndags. Her er feltpræsten, pastor H.B. Christiansen fotograferet under gudstjenesten foran St. Georgs kirkens gyldne Iconostasis.



## DET ER SNART JUL ...

JULEMAANEDEN ER BEGYNDT, og forberedelserne skulle gerne allerede være godt i gang, idet sidste frist for aflevering af pakker, der skal være fremme i Danmark inden jul, er fredag den 2. december. "Søgaver" skal være bestilt paa velfærdskontoret inden 10. december og blomsterhilsener inden 15. december.

Breve til Danmark skal være postet inden 17. december, og i denne forbindelse henledes opmærksomheden paa, at kantinerne har UNFICYP's eget julekort til salg, og send ingen julepost uden julemærker.

I midten af maaneden paaregner velfærdskontoret at arrangere juletræsfældning. Da der ikke findes "rigtige juletræer" paa Cypern,

DANCON NYT

## LEGENDEN OM St. BARBARA

NU PAA SØNDAG DEN 4. DECEMBER er det St. Barbaras dag. Som vel de fleste ved, er hun Artilleriets skytshelgen, og paa denne hendes helgendag fejres hendes minde paa forskellig vis af artillerister verden over.

Rent historisk ved vi uendelig lidt om Barbara, men ifølge legenden var hun datter af en hedensk sarascenerkonge. Hun blev imidlertid grebet af kristendommen. Faderen forsøgte at faa hende til at afsværge sin tro, men Barbara var urokkelig paa sin egen blide maade, og for at faa hende paa andre tanker spærrede han sin datter inde i et højt taarn. Barbara sad sagtmodigt her, men for at prise Gud benyttede hun tiden til at danne tre smaa vinduer i taarnet, symboliserende Faderen, Sønnen og Helligaanden. Da blev det kongen for meget. Han lod datteren pine og til sidst halshugge. Men Gud fulgte Barbara, og Herrens vrede ud-

løste en lynild, der dræbte saavel sarascenerkongen som Barbaras bødde.

Ved sin martyrdød blev Barbara anerkendt som helgen, og det er hun stadig, saavel af den katolske som af den ortodokse kirke. Lynilden i beretningen har senere gjort Barbara til skytshelgen mod kugler, krudt og lynglimt. I nogle lande er hun værnehelgen for hele hæren eller for forskellige vaabenarter og korps, men fælles for de fleste kristne lande er, at hun er artilleristernes samlingspunkt.

St. Barbara har ingen historisk tilknytning til Cypern, men alligevel er ikke mindre end seks kirker paa øen viet til Ayia Varvara, som hun hedder paa græsk.

Selv i det protestantiske Danmark har helgeninden atter fundet fodfæste, for det var næppe tilfældigt, at det var paa St. Barbaras dag, den 4. december 1958, at Hans Majestæt Kongen overrakte Artilleriet sin første fane.



Chefen for C-kompagniet, major O.P. Olling fra Jydske Luftværnsregiment foran kommandostationen indenfor Nicosias venetianske bymur.



Chefen for A-kompagniet, major P.H. Poulsen fra Fyenske Livregiment foran kompagniets kommandostation. Majoren er forhaabentlig klar over, at mange cypriotiske hunde er farlige smittebærere.

maa vi nøjes med fyrrebuske. Velfærdskontorets charterfly bringer paarende fra Danmark til Nicosia den 19. december, og flyver dem hjem igen den 7. januar. Der er med samme fly mulighed for enten at komme paa juleorlov i Danmark, eller paa nytårsorlov. Den første periode er fra 20. december til 28. december, den anden fra 29. december til 6. januar.

SVENSKNYTT



"Jag skall bevaka synligt område med särskild uppmärksamhet..." Fritjof Haglund spelar in en vaktavlösning på OP 156 mellan Trypimeni och Knodhara. De båda posterna är fr v Hans Kock, Frykeryd och Stellan Green, Västerås. I bakgrunden lyssnar fr v furir Rolf Lundström, Arvidsjaur, chefen för 1 komp major Bertil Lind, Luleå och Ove Ejnarsson, Säter.

## SVERIGES RADIO GÖR PROGRAM OM BATALJON 36C

FÖRRA VECKAN BESÖKTES den svenska FN-bataljonen av reportererna Fritjof Haglund från Sveriges Radio. Han reste runt inom samtliga kompaniers områden och hälsade på vid de flesta av bataljonens detachement och posteringar samt följde på nära håll såväl stabens som civils arbete.

Under sin vecka inom Famagusta zon spelade han in åtskilliga meter band med intervjuer och samtal både med svenska FN-soldater och med representanter för grek- och turkbefolkningen på Cypern. Från Cypern for han vidare till Damaskus för att skildra den svenska FN-insatsen också där och resultatet av hans reportageresa kommer så småningom att kunna avlyssnas i tre halvtimmasprogram i Sveriges Radio.

Det första beräknas sändas under trettondagshelgen. Innan han lämnade bataljonen lovade han att sända oss kopior av programmen. Vi kan alltså räkna med att få höra dem via våra bandspelare här nere i början av januari.

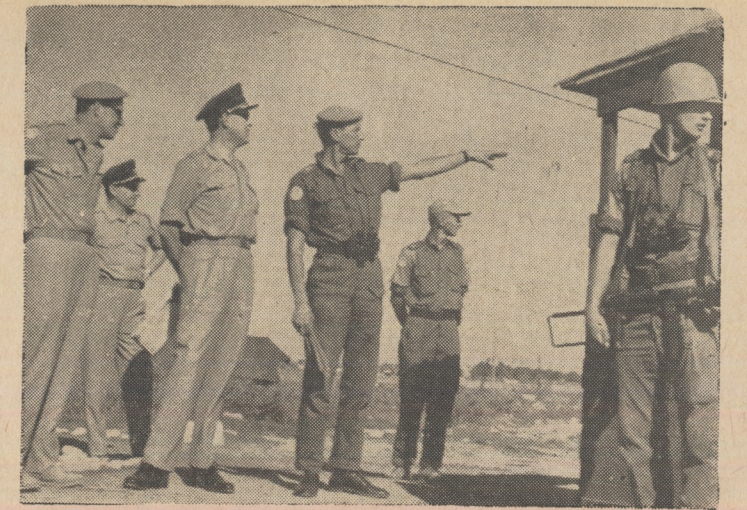
Ytterligare ett besök från Sveriges Radio har bataljonen att se

fram emot under den närmaste tiden. I början av december kommer nämligen Sven Jerring på traditionellt besök till den svenska FN-bataljonen på Cypern för att spela in julkhälsningar till nära och kära hemma i Sverige.

## BATORKESTER DEBUTERAR

BATALJONENS FÖRSTA BATORKESTER, som är så färsk att den ännu inte ens har något namn, gjorde premiärframträdande i Cyperns Radio i bataljonens halvtimmasprogram i söndags.

Bilden ovan togs i inspelningsstudion på Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation i Nicosia, där musi-



Chefen för Arméstabens FN-avdelning, överste N. Stenkvist, besökte tillsammans med överstelöjtnant Einar Schältz och major Terje Markström bataljonen 22-23 november. Ovan orienterar chefen 3 komp, major Ulf Ling Vannerus gästerna om läget vid OP 305. Fr v stf batchefen överstelöjtnant Åke Hessler, överstelöjtnant Einar Schältz och överste N. Stenkvist. I bakgrunden furir Conny Hedlund, Västerås. På post: korpral Inge Haraldsson, Torsö.

Nedan: genomgång på 3 komps camp. Fr v överstelöjtnant Åke Hessler, överste N. Stenkvist och överstelöjtnant Einar Schältz, Vid kartan major Ulf Ling Vannerus.



kinslagen bandades på tisdagen - vilket visade sig vara i grevens tid. På fredagskvällen, när orkestern enligt planerna skulle vara med och sprida glans över bataljonschefens stora välkomstpåty låg hela orkestern nämligen sjuk! Inspelningsen gick i alla fall bra, som allkunde höra, även om bassisten Göran Paulsson lät onormalt hes när han

presenterade sig i miken.

I samma program medverkade också den sjungande furiren Sten Aronsson, Västra Frölunda, (i mitten ovan) med två Taube-visor. Orkester medlemmarna heter fr v batass Martin Westin, Vänersborg, Göran Paulsson, Visby, Tord Karlsson, Jessie och Bengt Olofsson, Olofström.





Constable Rod Bevan from Brisbane, Queensland, establishes radio contact with his headquarters during a routine patrol.



Time for a breather. Chief Superintendent John O'Connor, Captain John Devereux, Commandant Mike Gill and Sergeant Tracey take time out to check the map and relax before continuing the ascent.



At the top. The four climbers survey the slopes they have just conquered.

## BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

# WALLABIES IN THE MOUNTAINS

**T**HERE HAS BEEN NO SUDDEN radical addition to the natural fauna of the island. These 'Wallabies' are tall, Antipodean lawmen. The Australian policemen serving with the UN Force number forty all ranks. Back at home they are members of the various State Police forces. Each of the six States and two Territories are represented in the UNFICYP Contingent.

The Aussie territory on the island covers the whole of the Lefka and Polis Districts in the North-West of the Republic. The Contingent HQ is located at Kakopetria village in the foothills of the Troodos, at an elevation barely 2,000 feet above sea-level. But the duties of the Wallaby patrolmen take them into some of the most rugged — albeit picturesque — parts of the island. This region, which includes Mt Olympus — at 6,400 feet the highest point in Cyprus — has an overall area of about 1,000 square miles, much of it precipitous

mountain woodland. The few roads are narrow; some of them almost impassable at times.

The work of the Aussie policemen, however, is no head-in-the-clouds matter. In conjunction with the British and Irish military contingents of UNFICYP, their duties include, inter alia, observation in sensitive areas within their 'parish'. Results are achieved, in the main, by frequent patrolling, unremitting observation, and constant, close liaison with the local leaders. In all their duties UNCIVPOL members are unarmed.

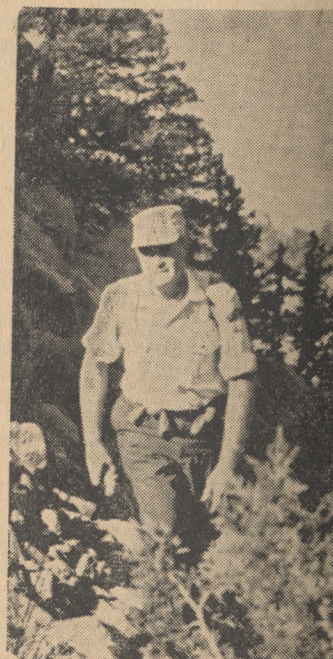
The 'Wallabies' are led by Chief Superintendent John O'Connor, from Melbourne, Victoria. All the present members of his command, — they have been in the island since May 1966 — are due to remain in Cyprus, — provided the Force mandate is extended beyond December 1966 — until May next year.

## OLYMPIAN STROLLERS SETTING THE PACE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION

**T**HE views from the summit of Mount Olympus, 6,400 feet above sea-level, are superb on a clear day. The broken ground tumbles steeply away on all sides. The surface is covered with shale and loose stones and rocks of diverse dimensions, interspersed with trees and scrub. The scarred and rugged foothills bar all ways to the top. The time is 1340 hrs on Saturday, 26 November 1966. Four men are stood on the top-most point, surveying the panorama below them. They feel on top of the world, and with good reason. Exactly five hours earlier, at 0840 hrs that same morning, these very men were standing at the Australian UNCIVPOL Headquarters in Kakopetria, looking upwards to Mount Olympus.

As the proverbial crow flies, the distance from the village to the peak is about five miles; by road it is fifteen miles; across country it is roughly ten miles. Our four men were resolved to walk to the very summit of the great mountain over the shortest practicable route. Since they are not crows, they have chosen the ten-mile cross-country route.

The leader of the party is Commandant Michael Gill, aged 48, from Tipperary. His wife and family are at Cork whilst Mike is



Sergeant Gerard Tracey picks his way through the countryside en route to the summit of Mount Olympus.

## THE BLUE IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS



Sgt. Jackson (right) doing a welding job, assisted by Corporal Martin O'Brien.

serving with Irish 7th Infantry Group, and also from 7 Inf Bn, Captain John Devereux, aged 41, who comes from Waterford. His family are staying at Clonsilla, Co. Dublin.

The other members of the team are both Australian; Chief Superintendent John O'Connor, aged 50, from Melbourne, Victoria, and Sergeant Gerard Tracey, aged 39, who comes from Caringbah, Sydney, N.W. The Australians are taking part in the climb because, several days earlier the two Irishmen — having walked all the way from Xeros to Kakopetria — had so beguiled their listeners with the undoubted pleasures and delights of Saturday strolling, that they were quite unable to refrain from offering to accompany them on their next excursion. Each of the four carried a knapsack on his back in which is clean clothing, a woolly jersey for after the climb, and fresh water.

The selected route which none of them had ever travelled before, led along narrow goat-tracks, down steep, rocky beds of dried-up streams and over wooded, rocky slopes which led forever upward. At one stage the party found themselves climbing a

series of steep ladders in order to find a way through to their goal. The route rose from 2,000 feet to 6,400 feet over the ten miles.

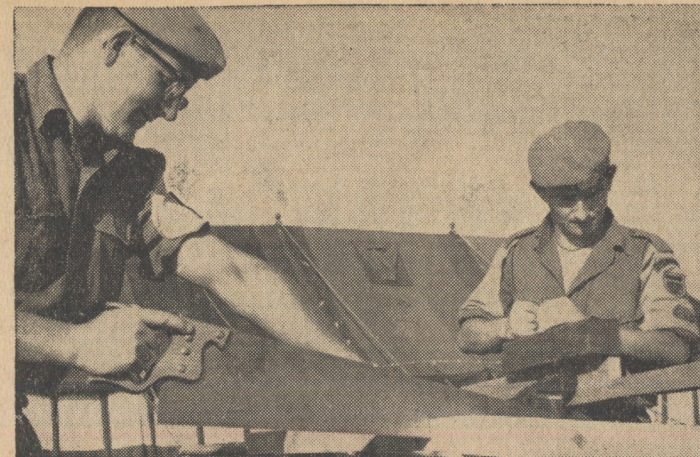
The party stopped for ten minutes every hour in order to check their position and catch their breath. Not only is map reading itself a tricky business in unfamiliar, hilly terrain, but also the concentration required to lift oneself vertically through an average of 450 feet in every mile of rough country traversed in warm weather, demands intense effort.

Exactly five hours after they had left the start point, the group set foot on the summit. Each of the climbers, all looking surprisingly fresh after what must have been a strenuous morning for the group whose combined ages total 182 years, agreed that the climb had been a very pleasant and stimulating affair; and that they ought to be able to reduce their time for the walk by anything up to an hour. If any of the younger generation think this performance insignificant, perhaps they should think again!

# BUSIEST UNIT IN 7th INF GROUP

**T**HE ENGINEER SECTION OF THE 7th INF GROUP composed of nine NCOs and men with two unqualified assistants, who are under the command of Comdt Mick Ryan, are probably one of the busiest sections of the whole Group. Arriving as they did, just at the change of seasons, the added burdens of winterization programmes came on top of the normal maintenance schedules of work. In addition, when they arrived, quite a lot of what may be termed operational work had accumulated in the area.

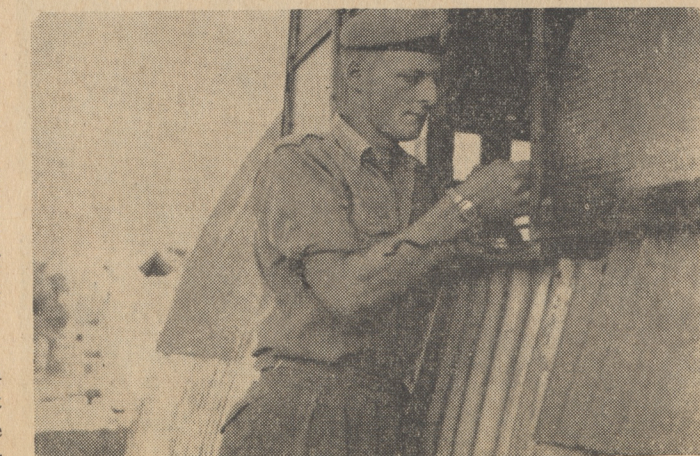
The section, however, set to their tasks with a will and seem to have enjoyed their constant activity. Varied indeed are the tasks that have been completed — from the installation of a new Church floor and altar at Kato Pyrgos



Sgt. Eddie O'Carroll (left) and Private Mick Neyille get down to a bit of carpentry.



Private Dermot O'Brien adjusting an electrical transformer.



Cpl Pat Culleton repairing a widow.

continued page seven

JATK 5. 4.

(vas) ja uuden nuortopaikkon evi L. Kuosmasen (oik) kanssa.





Aske tain saarella vierailut suurlahettilaamme T. Oskar Vahervuori keskustelussa vastaanimitetyn kunniapaakonsulimme Zenon Severiksen ja varakonsulimme Stelios Lissiotiksen kanssa.



Rauhanturvajoukkojen kansainvälisen esikunnan operaatiotaimistossa työskentelevät suomalaiset upseerit kom. kapt. 'Kaku' Lehtonen ja kapt. 'Hank' Hamalainen neuvottelussa virkaveljiensä 'finnadian' Jim MacElroyn ja itävaltalaisen Obrlt 'Herb' Weissin kanssa.



# SOTILASPARTIOVOITTO KOLMOSEEN

PERJANTAINA 25.11 JÄRJESTETTIIN KONTINGENTIN urheiluoikeuden ensimmäinen suurtahtuma - 25 km sotilaspartiokilpa Reitti kulki Nikosian kolkilla ja kaakkosilla alueilla. Ottelu muodostui vaihtelevasta jännittävästä ja monivaihteisesta niin kilpailijoiden kuin järjestäjien joutuessa ponnistelemaan parhaansa monien, vaikeitten mieltä ratkaisemattomiksi jääneiden tehtävien parissa.

Kilpailuja suosi aurinkoinen ja vuodenaikaan nähden lämmin sää.

## Alku Helppoa Ajoa

Lähtöpaikka oli Nikosia itäinen esikunnan pohjalla, josta lähdettiin ajamaan pikapöyryillä neljän miehen partiona Vanhan Famagustan tien varrella olevalle tarkastusasemalle. Ensimmäinen partio lähti matkaan aamukahvin jälkeen klo 9.15.

Vanhan Famagustan tien 5 M kiven tuntumassa olevalle tarkastusasemalle jatkettiin edelleen parin mailin verran ja poikettiin mastoon Palekythron vainioille sijoitetulle tarkastusasemalle, jonka erikoistehäviin kuului etäisyyden arviointi. Ykkösen 'Fiksu' Takkisen partio osoittautui tarkkasilmäisimmäksi. Mutta kilpailu oli vasta alullaan.

Kakkosrastilta ajettiin Bey Kein ja Kythrean tuntumassa olevalle tarkastusasemalle. Täällä kuului tehtäviin ko-ordinaattien määrääminen kartalta. Gridien otto sujui hyvin eikä mikään partio syölistynyt suurempiin virheisiin tässä rauhanturvamistöiminnälle tärkeässä tehtävässä.

Kythreasta jatkettiin valtamaantietä ajaen Mia Milean, josta käännyttiin vuorille. Paleoklishassa lähellä entistä vahti 8 jätettiin pyörät sivuun, hajoitettiin partiot, etsittiin Hamid Mandrekseen ja amerikkalaisen radioaseman lähimaastossa olevat rastit ja kokoonnuttiin neljäntenä tarkastusasemana toimineelle kolmoskomppanian pesäkkeelle 212 pikataivalta varten. Pikataival kulki 212:sta Pohjois-Omorphan vihreän linjan kolkkiin, jossa suoritettiin käsikranaatin heitto ja jatkettiin maaliin. - Niin oli lähes kuusi - joittenkin kohdalla melkein seitsemän tuntia kestänyt urakka saatu kunniaksi loppuun.

## Kolmoselle Kaksoisvoitto.

Lopullisten tarkistuslaskelmien ollessa vielä kesken, julkaisemme seuraavassa epäviralliset lopputulokset:

## TULOKSET:

1. Lt. Heikinaron joukkue 3JK
2. Lt. Korpisalon joukkue 3JK

3. Lt. Alangon joukkue EK
4. Lt. Lampisen joukkue 1JK
5. Ylil. Palvalinin joukkue HK

Kolmosen joukkueet näyttävät selvinneen parhaiten, mutta olihan heillä osaltaan vaikeimmaksi osoittautuneen jalkavaiheen aikana Mandrekseen maisemien suoma koki-enttätietä yms.

## PALLOILUSARJAT PYÖRIVÄT

PALLOILUSARJOISSA ON PÄÄSTY jo alkua pitemmälle ja mestarit rupeavat hämmöyttämään kaikissa sarjoissa. Tässä vaiheessa näyttää nimittäin siltä, että Esikunnan Älyn joukkueet vievät voitot niin pesä-, lento- kuin jalkapallossakin.

## JALKAPALLO:

1 JK - 2 JK	1 - 1
3 JK - EK	2 - 2
2 JK - 3 JK	1 - 0
EK - HK	1 - 0
2 JK - EK	0 - 0

Ykkösen ja kolmosen välinen ottelu jouduttiin siirtämään myöhemmään.

## PESÄPALLO:

1 JK - 3 JK	31 - 6
EK - HK	25 - 10
EK - 1 JK	34 - 8
EK - 2 JK	16 - 11

Kakkosen ja Kykkon Pehtoorien ottelu on jouduttu siirtämään myöhempään. Esikunnan älymhet tuntuvat kuitenkin jo nyt varmoilta mestareilta.

## LENTOPALLO:

EK - HK	3 - 0
2 JK - 1 JK	3 - 0
EK - 3 JK	3 - 0
3 JK - 2 JK	3 - 0

Myös lentopallosta tuntuivat esikuntalaiset urheilumiehet olevan matkalla mestaruutta kohti.

Pallo on kuitenkin pyöreä ja esikuntaryhmän huutosakkia apunaan käyttäen sarjatilanteeseen saatta hyvinkin tulla kohtalokkaita muutoksia.

Lotta on mukana Kyproksenkin kahinoissa. Siitä ovat pitäneet huolen terhakkaat tiedustelijajimme Neapolin klinikalta.

## CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

# CBC SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK

THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S third concert party tour of Cyprus, 'Hits and Mistletoe' will play to the Canadian contingent and other UN peace-keeping personnel in Cyprus from December 6th to 11th at afternoon and evening concerts to be held in Nicosia and Kyrenia.

The CBC group, totalling thirty-five, includes Gordie Tapp as master of ceremonies, Tommy Hunter and the

Rhythm Pals, Bert Niosi and his band of 14, Maritime folksinger Catherine McKinnon, Peter Appleyard on vibes, the baton twirling Lounsburies, champion fiddler Al Cherny and Miss Canada 1966, Barbara Kelly of Vancouver. Several of the troupe — MC Tapp, Al Cherny and the Lounsbury sisters, will be visiting the island for the third time.

In addition to the Nicosia and Kyrenia evening concerts, there will also be daytime

shows in the hills, at Camp Maple Leaf and at Fort Worthington for Canadian units in those localities.

Dave Thomas heads a CBC camera crew travelling with the party, shooting colour for the network's Tommy Hunter show telecast of December 23rd. Radio network material being recorded will be broadcast on the CBC Showcase of December 18th and on several of Gordie Tapp's daily programmes.



Lovely folk-singer Cathy McKinnon will be among the stars of CBC's "Hits and Mistletoe" show which opens on the island on December 6th.

## CANADIAN GIFT TO UNICEF TO BE 'LIVING MEMORIAL'

THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) announced at UN Headquarters in New York last week that Canada will make a special contribution of \$100,000 to UNICEF as a "living" memorial to the hundred children killed by an avalanche of coal slag in Aberfan, Wales, and the nineteen children killed in a bus accident at Dorion, Quebec, Canada, last month.

In announcing Canada's decision, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson said that his Government "was confident that UNICEF will use this money to bring hope

and health to children living in the under-developed countries of the world... a fitting gesture in memory of the children whose lives were lost."

The Prime Minister stated that the contribution to UNICEF "will be recognized and appreciated by the parents of Aberfan and Dorion alike as a most appropriate way in which... Canadians can express our sympathy."

The decision of the Canadian Government was conveyed to UNICEF in a letter from its Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Mr. George Ignatieff.

## HEADLINERS

### BLACK WATCH CO HONOURED

FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT from the Court Circular published by THE TIMES of London in their issue of Friday 25th November:

"Clarence House, November 24th.

Lieutenant Colonel E. W. Nicoll today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), on assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion of the Regiment."

## NEWS FLASHES FROM THE CONTINGENTS

### BLOOD DONORS AID CYPRIOT

THIS WEEK THE IRISH 7th INFANTRY Group received a call from the Cyprus Mines Corporation's Hospital at Pendaria to aid a Cypriot who had received serious wounds, from which he later died, in an explosion.

Out of a large number of NCOs and men from the Group who volunteered, nine men of suitable blood group were chosen. Thirteen pints of blood donated by the nine and by four members of the Australian Civilian Police Contingent were used in transfusions.



The BLUE BERET is published by the Information Office of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, (UNFICYP).

Communications, articles or enquiries should be addressed to: The Editor

THE BLUE BERET  
WOLSELEY BARRACKS  
HQ UNFICYP

## STAFF OF THE BLUE BERET

Editor, Lt Col. C. CHETTLIE, MC.  
Sub Editor: Sgt J. CLEAL  
Tel. No. Nicosia 77061 Ext. 14

### Correspondents:-

British Contingent  
Capt. J. A. BOSWORTH  
Tel. Nicosia 76291 Ext. 237

Canadian Contingent  
Lt Cdr H.C. WALLACE  
Tel. Nicosia 76206

Danish Contingent  
Maj. Baron O.H.M. MAXTHAUSEN  
Tel. Nicosia 3101 Ext. 210.

Finnish Contingent  
Capt V. KAUKONEN  
Tel. Nicosia 76291 Ext. 333

Irish Contingent  
Comdt P.J. McGANN  
Tel. Nicosia 76291 Ext. 237

Swedish Contingent  
Maj. I. LUNDGREN  
Tel. Nicosia 76201 Ext. 244

(vas) ja uuden nuortopäämikon evi L. Kuosmasen (oik) kanssa.



# NO AGREEMENT ON PEACE-KEEPING ISSUE

SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE STAND FIRM

**THE PROBLEM OF PEACE-KEEPING operations and their financing continued under discussion last week in the UN General Assembly's Special Political Committee.**

On Tuesday of last week, the Soviet Union and France reaffirmed their view that the Security Council had the exclusive right to authorize any UN peace-keeping operation and to arrange for its financing. They said the General Assembly's powers in this field were limited to making recommendations for possible Council action.

The Soviet Union explicitly opposed, and France said it

could not support, two draft resolutions which are before the Committee.

One of the drafts, submitted by Canada and six other States, would have the brunt of peace-keeping expenses borne by the great Powers and other affluent countries. It would also have Member States inform the UN of what forces they might contribute to peace-keeping operations and it asks the Security Council to find out what stand-by forces Members might hold available for its call.

The second draft, sponsored by Ireland and nine other countries, would provide for a

steeply-graduated scale of assessments for peace-keeping operations, with the burden on the rich nations.

The United States has expressed support for the Canadian draft, saying it would make a substantial and significant step forward in the field of peace-keeping.

Great Britain, speaking in the Committee, said that although it believed that the primary responsibility in peace-keeping was with the Security Council, the Assembly had certain complementary functions. Financing Britain said, was a collective responsibility of all members.

## SPREAD OF ATOMIC WEAPONS MUST BE HALTED

... from front page

hold that despite technical progress, long-range seismographs are often unable to determine if the shocks in the lower range are underground atomic explosions or natural earthquakes. Consequently, they declare, a small number of on-site inspections must be allowed lest an underground ban collapse of mistrust.

The Soviet Union along with its East European colleagues contends that detection from afar is fully able to police an underground ban. They oppose on-site inspections as unnecessary and as opening the door to illicit intelligence operations.

Poland and the Ukraine withdrew their proposals that all States be asked not to send aircraft carrying nuclear weapons beyond their frontiers. Several Western speakers argued this was unenforceable and described it as a propaganda move, directed against the United States as a result of a crash of a US bomber in Spain earlier this year. Poland said the sponsors still felt their proposal was sound and voiced general concern, but they did not want it voted on in a "heated" atmosphere engendered by the debate.

Iran withdrew its proposal asking States to allocate a small part of their military expenditures to a UNESCO campaign against illiteracy, reduce their military budgets, and devote the savings effected to aiding the poorer countries. It suggested that the matter might be taken up later, perhaps at a joint meeting of the Political and Economic Committees of the Assembly.

## COUNCIL CENSURES ISRAEL

WARNING AGAINST FURTHER ACTION

**THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ON FRIDAY LAST adopted — by a vote of fourteen in favour to none against, and with one abstention (New Zealand) — a resolution "censuring" Israel for its "large-scale military action" against Jordan on 13 November, and deploring the loss of life and heavy damage to property caused by that action.**

The draft resolution adopted was submitted by Mali and Nigeria. It deplored the loss of life and heavy damage occasioned by the attack.

The Council also emphasized to Israel that actions of military reprisal could not be tolerated and that, if they were repeated, the Council would have to consider "further and more effective steps as envisaged in the

Charter to ensure against the repetition of such acts."

**UN observers placed the dead at eighteen and the wounded at over fifty. The damage included destruction of more than one hundred houses.**

The Secretary-General was asked to keep the situation under review and to report to the Council as appropriate.

Following the vote, Ambassador Comay of Israel said that the resolution failed to recognize the fundamental cause of the Arab-Israel tension; and that, he declared, was the persistent and avowed hostility of the Arab countries which had led to the series of terrorist and sabotage raids into Israel. These raids, he declared, were either actively supported or at

least countenanced by Arab Governments. Under these circumstances, he said, Israel was bound to defend herself.

Ambassador Muhammed El-Farra of Jordan said that actual sanctions should have been imposed on Israel, but that he had gone along with the resolution so as to give the "aggressor" a last chance. He said the root of the problem was the forcible occupation of Arab territory by foreigners and Israel's refusal to allow Palestinian Arabs back to their home.

The Soviet Union and Bulgaria said the resolution represented the minimum. The Netherlands, Uganda, and Uruguay felt the Council should have taken a broader view of the whole situation but hoped that the resolution would help restore peace.

## CHINA DEBATE CONTINUES

STUDY COMMITTEE PROPOSED

**THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, in plenary session, continued last week to debate the issue of China's representation in the United Nations. It had before it, three formal proposals and some "guidelines" suggested by Canada as fundamental to an interim solution.**

The United States and fourteen other countries submitted a draft resolution which would have the Assembly reaffirm its decision that any action to change the Chinese representation would require a two-thirds vote.

Albania, Cambodia and eight other States proposed that the Assembly should

"restore all its rights to the Peoples' Republic of China", accept its representatives as the only lawful Chinese delegation, and expel from the UN the present representatives, described as representing only Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Italy, supported by several other States, introduced a proposal that the Assembly set up a Committee to study the situation in all its aspects and to make recommendations for an equitable and practical solution to the next session of the Assembly.

Without submitting any formal draft resolution, Canada argued that the essential

guidelines for a solution were recognition of the People's Republic of China as representing the 700 million Chinese on the mainland, continued recognition of China — the Government now headquartered on Taiwan — as representing the territory it controls, and the assumption of the seat of China as a permanent member of the Security Council by the Government of the People's Republic of China. He said this in no way implied the recognition of "two China's". The jurisdictional issue, he said, must be resolved by the two parties directly concerned, not by the United Nations.

## STOP PRESS

**AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS FORCE**

Dr. Ludwig Steiner, the Austrian Ambassador to Greece, accompanied by a member of his staff, arrived in Nicosia from Athens last night (Tuesday) to begin a week's visit to the Force. The primary purpose of Dr. Steiner's visit is to see the work of the Austrian Contingent serving with the Field Hospital unit and with UNCIVPOL.