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FAREWELL MEXICAN "CONTINGENT"



Mr. Luis Moreno-Verdin, popular Principal Information Officer of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, left Nicosia on Thursday 27 June, 1968, on the conclusion of his assignment with the Force. He is seen here with his wife and five daughters bound for Jerusalem. The 'contingent' will be charming their way through Europe en route for Mexico City, where they are due 28 July. Apart from Jerusalem, they will stop off at Istanbul, Athens, Venice, Rome, Paris, Madrid and Lisbon.

DE-COLONIZATION COMMITTEE

NATO ALLIES TOLD "NO AID TO PORTUGAL"

The De-colonization Committee, last Thursday, reiterated a request to all states, and particularly Portugal's NATO Allies, to desist forthwith from providing Portugal with any aid that encourages her to continue repression in African territories under her rule.

An African-Asian resolution to this effect was approved by a vote of 18 in favour, 3 againsts — Britain, the United States of America and Australia, and 2 abstentions — Finland and Italy. The resolution condemned

the rendering of any form of military aid to Portugal — direct or indirect — as well as activities of financial interests operating in her territories — activities which, it said, "Impeded the progress of the

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NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

CHINA INVITED TO ATTEND UN CONFERENCE

All the nuclear powers, including the Peoples Republic of China, have been invited to participate in a forthcoming UN Conference of non-nuclear states in Geneva.

The Secretary-General, U Thant, has sent identical messages to them, as well as to non-nuclear member states of the UN and its Agencies.

Under the terms of the General Assembly Resolution asking him to arrange for a convening of the conference on 29 August, in accordance with the recommendations of a preparatory committee, U Thant noted in his communications that the General Assembly decided last December to invite non-nuclear members of the UN and its agencies, and had approved the preparatory groups recommendation that nuclear states should be invited to participate without the right to vote.

The Secretary-General's message, addressed to the Foreign Ministers concerned, requested an early reply regarding their intention to participate.

The conference is scheduled to last from 29 August to 28 September.

The decision to convene the conference was taken by the General Assembly in November 1966 with a view to looking into the questions concerning the security of non-nuclear states and related issues.

The Peoples Republic of China, which is not represented at the United Nations, has been invited

to attend a UN meeting only on one other occasion. That was in 1950, when the Security Council invited the Peoples Republic of China to address it in connection with charges of aggression against Taiwan.

STOP PRESS

The Peoples Republic of China have refused to accept the invitation, made by U Thant, to participate in the forthcoming UN conference in Geneva. See story column 3.

U THANT'S ITINERARY

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, left New York on Friday for visits to Sofia, Bucharest, Vienna, Geneva and Dublin.

U Thant will visit the Bulgarian capital from 29 June to 2 July, and from 2 to 5 July he will stay in the Romanian capital, where he will attend a meeting of the committee which co-ordinates the work of the UN and its Agencies.

On 5 July the Secretary-General will pay a one-day visit to the Austrian capital, where he will inaugurate a new Headquarters site of the UN Industrial Development Organization.

From 6 to 11 July, U Thant will attend a summer session at the UN Economic and Social Council in Geneva, and he will deliver an address to that body.

On 12 July he will address the International Bar Association in Dublin, returning to UN Headquarters on the same day.

New USA Representative At United Nations

Mr. George Ball, on Thursday 27 June, 1968, presented his credentials to the Secretary-General, U Thant, as the new Permanent United States Representative to the United Nations.

Mr Ball is succeeding Mr Arthur Goldberg, who has resigned.

Mr Ball was formerly the USA Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.



LIVGARDEN

FYLDTE 310 AAR

Den 30. Juni er Den Kongelige Livgardes fødselsdag, og da regimentet blev oprettet i 1658 fyldte det altså 310 i søndags. Her ved DANCON blev begivenheden fejret ved en reception, der var arrangeret af de herværende gardeofficerer med major P.E. Hüffeldt i spidsen.

Reservelæge O.B. Grove er fra mandags tillagt grad af midlertidig overlæge. Med undævelsen følger retten til at bære majorstjerne. Overlegen har forrettet tjeneste ved DANCON siden midten af Marts og skal blive her til udgangen af November.



Alfas første deling havde beredskabsvagt under prøvealarmeringen i torsdags. I første geled står første gruppe, og det er fra venstre, konstablerne K.C. Lund, J.G. Kristensen, L.J. Klaaby, E. Jensen og H.P. Boe.



Til venstre.

St. Hans aften blev fejret med stor fest i Nicosia Club. DANCON havde inviteret en række gæster, der således fik lejlighed til at overvære vore sære skikke med bål, hekse og midsommervisen - men under betydelig gunstigere vejforhold end man nogensinde kan opleve det i Danmark. Her ses chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant O.M. Athon under båltalen.

DANCON
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Til højre.

Blandt de mere originale gaver, der i anledning af Den Kongelige Livgardes fødselsdag blev overrakt regimentets ældste officer på Cypern, major P.E. Hüffeldt, skal nævnes et næsten originalt dansk skilderhus og et asel. Her afprøver major Hüffeldt sin nye scooter, der var skasket af C-Kompagniets befalingsmænd.



JAPANSK VISIT

I sidste uge havde DANCON besøg af Mr. Kazuhiko Furusawa fra Japan. Mr. Furusawa er rådgiver ved Japans nationale forsvarsråd. Han var kommet til Cypern for at studere De Forenede Nations fredsbevarende virksomhed på øen. På grundlag af en rapport han skal lave om sine iagttagelser, skal det japanske forsvarsråd tage stilling til om det kan anbefale, at Japan yder økonomisk støtte til opretholdelsen af UNFICYP. Under besøget ved DANCON var Mr. Furusawa en tur på den grønne linie, og her ses han sammen med, fra venstre, premierlöjtnant P.H.W. Heldorf, premierlöjtnant H.N. Weje, kontingentets O-officer major E. Bülow og chefen for C-kompagniet, major P.E. Hüffeldt. Selv om det mandat, der er grundlaget for at UNFICYP kan virke på Cypern, nu er blevet forlænget for en periode af seks måneder, beror styrkens eksistens stading i høj grad på frivillige bidrag fra FN's medlemslande.



DUBBELSEGER FÖR DE SVENSKE

Famagusta Town Race blev svenska- men också UNFICYPs. I stadsbornas ögon gjorde loppet ett fantastiskt inträck, ty det är inte var dag som medlemmar i samtliga FN-kontingenter samlas i staden så som skedde fredagen den 21 juni.

Den svenska FN-bataljonen stälde upp med två lag, och många varo de protester som kunde höras bland HQ-folket i Nicosia. Kanadensarna kom på sista plats, men någon ansåg att de vunnit på sitt sätt - tack vare 20-mannas orkester The Battalion Corps of Drums.

Resultattabellen återfinns på sidan, 8 och där framgår alltså att de svenska basatte de båda översta platserna på listan.

Det är många internationella tävlingar vi har att se fram emot, och något av detta berättade vi om i förra veckans nummer av The Blue Beret.

I Lefka den 9 och 10 juli blir det en blixturnering mellan kontingenterna i volleyboll. Men det som våra sportintresserade vänner i andra bataljoner med största spänning ser fram emot, är den kurs i orientering som ordnas i Troodos. Preliminärt datum för detta evenemang är 12 till 15 juli. Vet ni för resten att ordet "orientering" har upptagits i engelska språket, bara med en enda obetydlig förändring, nämligen orientering.

I förra veckans BB berättade vi, att UNFICYP-mästerskapet i simning skulle avgöras den 19 juli. Det är riktigt, men vi glömde att tala om, att zonmästerskapstävlingarna i samma idrottsgren inträffar några dagar tidigare, nämligen den 16, också de på Ledra Palace swimming-pool.

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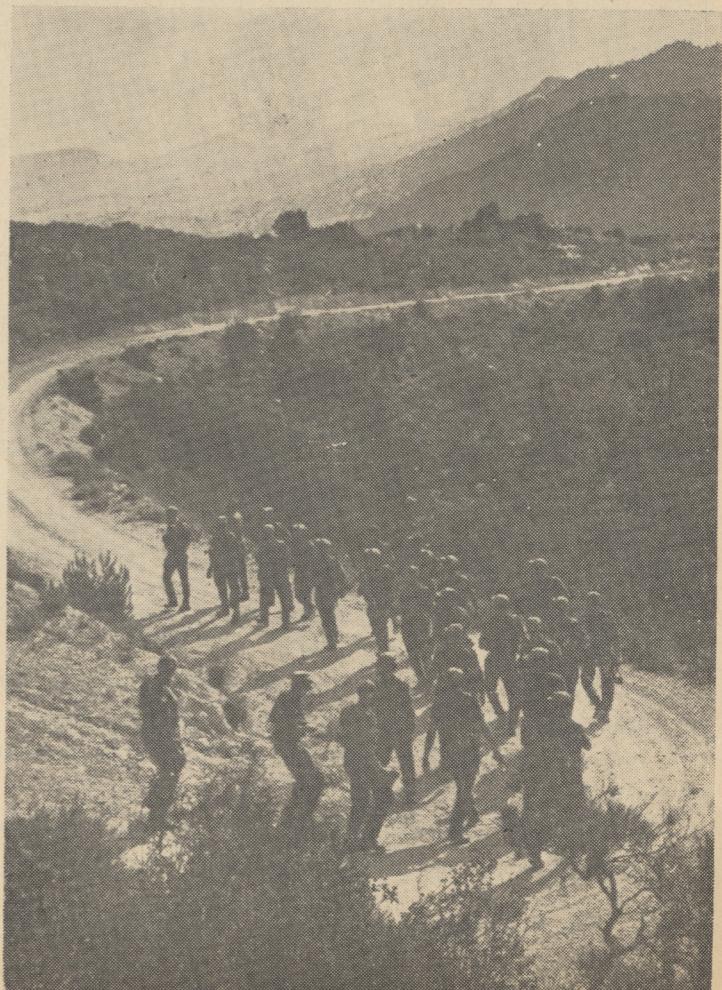
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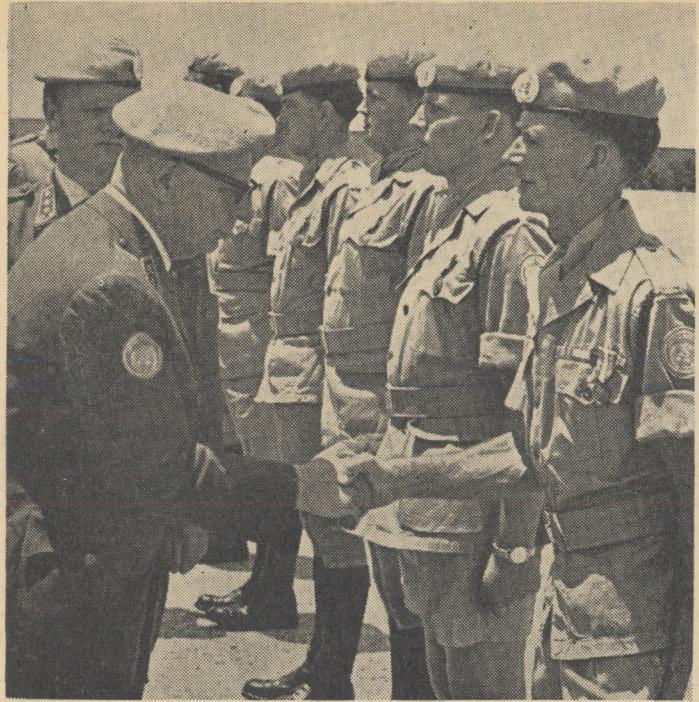
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SWEDCON
NEWSVI GÅ ÖVER
DAGGSTÄNKT
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SQUADRON SHUNTED OFF PARADE

At 8 Sqn RCT Medal Parade last Thursday, 27th June, the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola, accompanied by the Commander Britcon, Brig M. N. Harbottle, presented peace-keeping medals to men of 8 Sqn RCT, commanded by Maj Charles Matthew.

Soon 8 Sqn, will be departing these shores for Longmoor, UK, to resume their railway and road transportation duties.

Towards the end of the Parade Capt Peter Hollins, Parade commander presented both Gen Martola and Brig Harbottle with a 'shunting horn' specially embossed with the Royal Corps of Transport badge. The shunting horn is a reed instrument similar to a hunting horn, but instead of moving hounds, it is used to move railway carriages.

Lieutenant General Martola presenting the UN Cyprus Peace-keeping medal to Corporal 'Joe' King, longest serving member of 8 Squadron. Cpl King has served in Korea, Malaya, Aden, Germany and Japan during his nineteen years of soldiering.

OFFICERS' MESS STAFF GARDEN!



Tending to their garden is the daily ritual of Lance Bombardier David Weeks and Sapper John Ross, seen here watering the geranium bed "planted" in February and doing well. Hidden out of sight is a fine bed of tomatoes, due to ripen soon, and heavily guarded!

To date, no bitter rivalry has been noted though perhaps the arguments regarding the merits of Gunners and Sappers goes on behind the scenes.

Nearly all Regiments and Corps have been represented on the Officers' Mess staff during the fifty-one months of the Force's existence.

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On duty at the main entrance, Sgmn John Gallagher (2 F Sig Coy Dublin) (right) is seen ensuring that no unauthorised persons gain admission to UN HQ.



Last week members of 10 Inf Group from "A" Coy handed over the duties of Camp Guard at UN HQ to members of the Swedish Contingent.

Our photo (above) shows the new guard paying compliments to the old guard as the latter marches off the parade ground led by Cpl John Ballard. At a pinch John could have provided his own "guard" as he is the father of twelve children, nine of whom are boys.



IRCON NEWS

NEW ARRIVAL

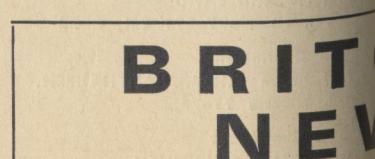


In the office at UN HQ, Chief Clerk to the Liaison Officer, Coy Sgt. Jerry Benson, (Ord Room Sgt, 12 Bn Limerick) (right) welcomes and prepares to hand over duties to his successor, Coy Sgt. Victor Aston, (Southern Command Headquarters, Cork). A veteran with 33 years service to his credit — but not an old timer as he still has 10 years to go before final retirement (in case you think your sums are wrong, don't recheck as he did fool the recruiting officer!).

Coy Sgt Aston from an early stage in his career and mainly through his association with the Irish International and European Champion of that period, Cpl. Charlie Evenden, became interested in boxing, though he did not follow through beyond the junior stage. devotion to aspirants of the Irish ring have been rewarded for, just before his departure from Ireland for Cyprus, he was honoured by being selected as one of the eight Irish members on the International Panel of Referees.

All through the years between he has been "the third man" in the ring — from Cork, through the National Stadium, Dublin to London where last year he refereed the Home Countries match against England. Now his long years of

While regretting the departure of the ever-helpful and obliging Jerry Benson, we hasten to congratulate Victor Aston on his unique distinction and wish him a successful and pleasant tour of duty in UN HQ.



THE BEST IN THE MUSICAL WORLD



The "T Birds" a group of four talented Canadian artists have been entertaining UN troops serving in Cyprus since April 1968. In great demand throughout the contingents, they are: Joe Durelle (lead guitar), George McCord (Rhythm), Taffy Gray (Drummer) and Ron Danyluk (Rhythm).

GOT YOUR GOAT?



Sgt A.S. Davis, currently serving with the Canadian Contingent, United Nations Forces in Cyprus, and British Sergeant J.R. Woodward have got this Cypriot shepherd's goat, but he doesn't mind. A passing word with the local shepherds is all in a day's peace-keeping work and by now the shepherd is used to friendly blue berets.



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Skin Diving



There are few places in the world that can offer as ideal condition for skin diving as the island of Cyprus. Two members of the Canadian contingent take the opportunity of their six month tour to get acquainted with this fascinating sport. Sgt. Al Lewis instructor for the course, which runs weekly, gives last minute instructions to Pte Tom Fenton prior to a fifty foot dive.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

TELEPHONE OPERATOR CYPRUS STYLE



The Canadian armed forces telephone operators who handle more than 8,000 United Nations internal calls weekly may be placed far behind those lovely operators back home in curves but for efficiency they meet the standards. Corporal L.S. (Loyd) Walker, X Battery RCHA is one of that team.

TOISET SAAPUVAT, TOISET LÄHTEVÄT



Harvinainen vieras Nicosian kansainvälisellä lentokentällä, Finnair Super Caravelle, OH-LSF. Lento n:o 5585 Porista Nicosiaan toi tullessaan 30 mielen etukomennuskunnan.

Kolme kuukautta on kulunut, on käsillä rotaation aika. Miehiä on jo lähtenyt ja lisää lähtee Suomeen, mutta uusia on saatu ja saamme vielä lisääkin heidän tilalleen. Pataljoona jatkaa entisen vahvuisena vielä ainakin 3-4 kk, sitten on taas uusi rotaatio ja uudet suunnitelmat.

Etukomennuskunta saapui Finnair Super Caravellellä tiistaina 18.6. jolloin saapuivat mm. pataljoonan uusi komentaja, ev A Purhonen, ops, A, jääkärikomppanioiden pääliköt ja varapääliköt sekä pataljoonan sotilaspastori. Etukomennuskunnan mukana tulivat 30 rauhananturvaaja.

Tämänkertainen rotaatio käsitteää yhteensä 235 mielen vaihtumisen. Pataljoona jatkaa rauhananturvaamistehväänsä saman vahvuisena kuin ennenkin, vaikka sotilashuhut yrityivät välttää toista.

THE BLUE BERETin suomalaistoimittus toivottaa uudet miehet tervetulleeksi saarelle, lähteille toivotetaan hyvää matkaa ja hyvää kesän jatkoaa kotimaassa.

FINCON NEWS



Pataljoonan entinen komentaja lähti Suomeen 27.6. Kuvassa komentaja Zephyr Ferret-saattueessa matkalla lentokentälle.

JUHANNUSVERAS SUOMSTA

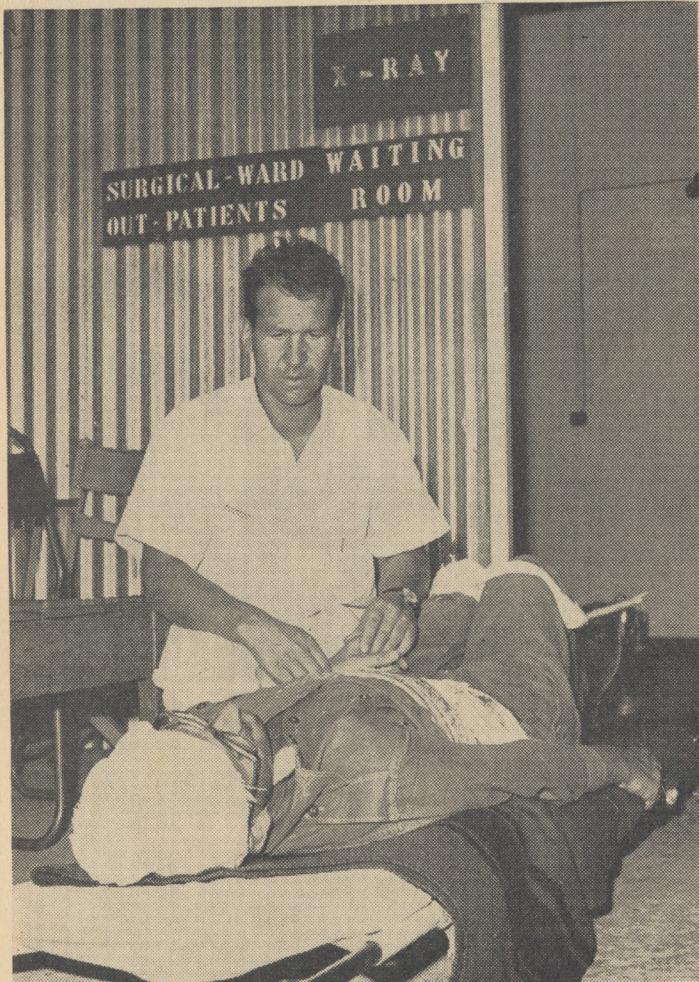


21.6.68 Kykossa vietettiin juhannusjuhlaan osallistui myös elokuva- ja näyttelijä Tuula Elomaa, joka on kuvassa sulhasensa, vääpä T Mannerin kanssa.

Rotaatiotahtumiin niveltyy myös vihreän linjan juoksu. Maalialähestyvä vas. Iltv Hirvonsalo, ylit Kakkonen ja ylik Johansson. Juoksun tulokset löytyvät Me-lehdestä n:o 13.



Captain Hans Merkel on the left of No. 1 Emergency Team, supervises the unloading of casualties during the Austrian Field Hospital Exercise, "Fast Jump".



Cpl Hans Messner comforts the wounded, Ensign Buckinger on arrival at the Surgical Ward.

Road Safety Corner

Your health is important, particularly when you are driving.

If you are in poor physical condition you can be a danger to yourself and other road users.

If you are ill, see a doctor.

If you wear spectacles, make sure they do their job.

If you are overtired—don't drive.

If your senses are impaired, your reactions will be slower than usual so drive slower than usual.

AID TO PORTUGAL...

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people towards freedom and independence".

Also the resolution recommended that the Security Council urgently consider the imposition of mandatory diplomatic and economic sanctions against Portugal to get her to give up her hold on African territories.

Portugal maintains the territories are an integral part of her national domain.

'CASEVAC' ALERT

Last week two Mobile Emergency Teams of the Austrian Field Hospital were put to the test by the Chief Medical Officer, Colonel Tommy Pace, with Exercise "Fast Jump" which tested their speed and efficiency in dealing with field casualties, using helicopter and road transport.

The idea was to see how quickly the Mobile Emergency Teams could collect and treat serious casualties and evacuate them to a hospital. The centre of the exercise was at a well, just east of Angastina on the Nicosia—Famagusta Road. It was assumed that serious fighting had taken place to gain control of this spot and several casualties had been suffered. Within 15 minutes of receiving a request for assistance No 1 Team had collected its equipment and was on its way, having been duly briefed by Colonel Robert Wech, Commandant AFH.

On arrival a sitrep was radioed back to AFH: "Three stretcher cases, send helicopter". Everything worked smoothly, and within 45 minutes a Whirlwind helicopter from 230 Sqn RAF UNFICYP having collected No 2 Team from the AFH and flown it to the scene of the fighting, was already on its way back to the AFH with three of the most serious casualties aboard.

TRUST TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS MORE FREEDOM IN MANAGEMENT

The 15-Nation Security Council last week recommended that the Peoples of Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands under USA administration, and New Guinea under Australian administration, be more closely associated with the management of their own affairs in preparation for self-government.

The Security Council sought to speed up their economic, social and political advance.

WATER POLO RESULTS
At RAF Nicosia on 27 July, 1968.
BHC/MET 10
230 Sqn (RAF) 5
UNFICYP.

STUDY OF UN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

A special committee set up to look into the over-all problem of peace-keeping operations and their financing this week approved the progress report to the General Assembly.

Various members of the 33-Nation group among them the Soviet Union and the United States of America — indicated that the report reflected, perhaps for the first time, general agreement to specific tasks.

Last year the General Assembly asked the committee to prepare a study on the matters related to the facilities, services, and personnel which member states might provide for UN peace-keeping operations.

Following consultations by a working group of the committee, it has agreed to begin with a study of UN Military Observers established or authorized by the Security Council.

The report said that the Secretary-General had been asked to compile certain material relating to the study on the basis of UN documentation, and that he had informed the committee that it would be available at the beginning of September.

FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

The Famagusta Road Race, a distance of 5 miles, was run as a relay between Contingents on the 21 June, 1968.

The race started at HQ 2 Coy SWEDCON and ran along Democracia Street towards the harbour, with the finish at Carl Gustaf Camp where, after the race, the competitors had dinner.

See photos on pages 3 and 7.

RESULTS

No 1 SWEDCON I	22.25,2
(Fransson, Semren, Granström, Wassberg Wernersson, Nordlund, Ekwall, Josefsson Mansson, Hansson).	
No 2 SWEDCON II	23.15,0
(Fredriksson, Malm, Evansson, Eriksson, Pettersson, Eriksson, Johansson, Larsson, Holgersson, Boberg).	
No 3 FINCON	23.47,3
(Blom, Lönfors, Lintala, Muikkula, Koljonen, Kuvaja, Palmi, Ahomaki, Simell).	
No 4 IRCON	24.00,0
No 5 BRITCON	24.05,2
No 6 DANCON	24.20,9
No 7 CANCON	25.45,2