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FORCE COMMANDER IN FINLAND

LIEUTENANT - GENERAL A.E. MARTOLA, COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS, left Nicosia on Wednesday, 2 August 1967, for a brief private visit to Finland.

During his stay in Finland, General Martola, who is also President of the Finnish Red Cross, will participate in the Conference of the Presidents of the Scandinavian Red Cross Societies which will take place in Helsinki between 4 and 8 August.

The Commander will return to Nicosia on 15 August 1967. During his absence, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, O.B.E., Chief of Staff, will be officiating Commander of the Force.



OFF TO FINLAND. Seen at the Nicosia Airport bidding bon voyage to the Force Commander who left for a brief holiday to Finland (left to right). Dr. Remy Gorge, Dr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola and Brig. M.N. Harbottle.

MORE U.N. OBSERVERS IN SUEZ

SIX OBSERVERS FROM FRANCE ARRIVED LAST WEEK IN THE SUEZ CANAL AREA TO JOIN THE UN OBSERVATION TEAM WHICH IS CHECKING COMPLIANCE WITH THE ISRAEL-UAR CEASE-FIRE. Three of them will be based in Kantara, on the east bank of the Canal, and the other three will be stationed in Ismalia on the west bank, bringing the strength of the UN observer groups up to a total of 16 on each side of the Canal.

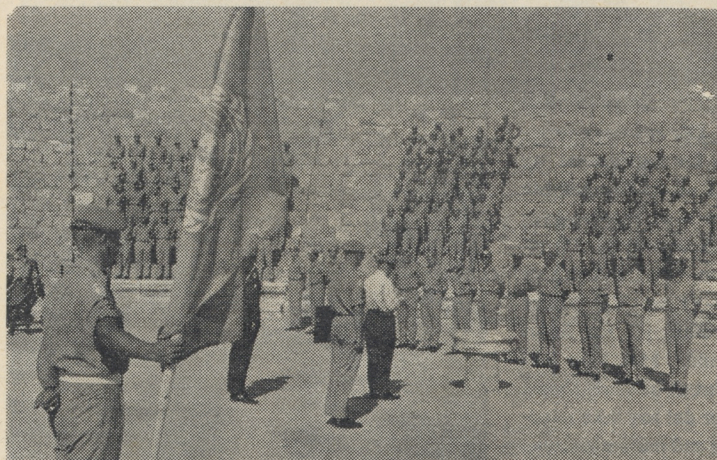
Observers have been conducting patrols on both sides. The situation in general remained quiet, both in the Suez sector and the Israel-Syria sector. Press reports told, however, of the exchange of fire across the Jordan river, where there are no UN observers. Jordan and Israel accused each other of the responsibility for starting the shooting.

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FORCE MEDALS PRESENTED



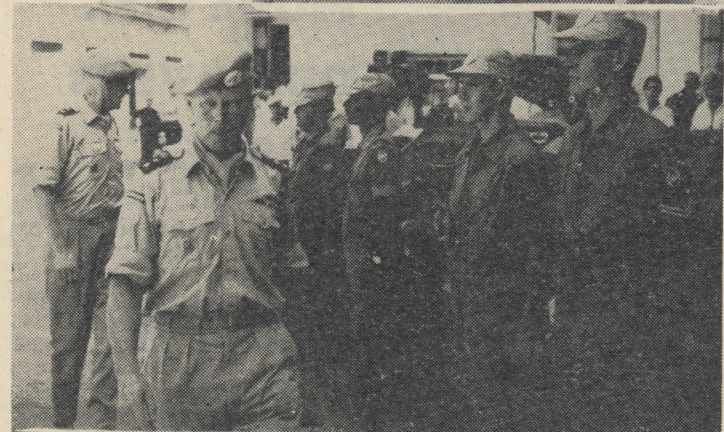
Lieut-General A.E. Martola, Commander UNFICYP, presented UN Medals for service in Cyprus to the Irish Contingent at Xeros on Monday 31st July 1967. Lt-Col James Beary O/C 8th Irish Infantry Group is shown here having his medal pinned on by the Force Commander



The Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola addresses the Swedish UN Bn 38 C at Salamis amphitheatre outside Famagusta after having presented last week UN medals to representatives of the battalion.

In the front row, the first from the right is the Swedish Commander, Col Curt Hermanson. Lt Ingvar Anderson, O/C Guard Platoon, holds the UN flag.

På billedet herover lykønsker CH for DANCON, OL P. Madsen, politikommissær Elkjær Knudsen. Til højre for OL står NK for DANCIVPOL, politikommissær Buus-Jørgensen.

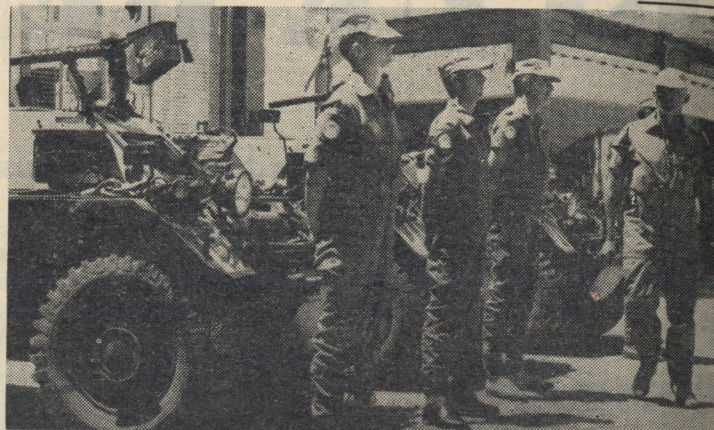


Her er en del af DANCIVPOL opstillet til parade i anledning af politikommissærernes jubilæum.

Der er mange former for vagttjeneste, og en af de behageligste ser vi på billedet, hvor KS 649001 M. Povelsen, GHR, DANCON V-VI og VII venter trofast på sin forlovede. Han kom iøvrigt til at vente længe, for det tog ikke mindre end halvanden time, før sidste person forlod kontrollen. Hun kom!



DANCON NYT



Her inspicerer politikommissær Elkjær Knudsen de to canadiske scoutcar-delinger, der var mødt op i anledning af højtideligheden.



01 AUG HAVDE CHEFEN FOR DET DANSKE POLITIKONTINGENT, politikommissær Elkjær-Knudsen, 25-års jubilæum for sin ansættelse i Rigspolitiet.

Dagen blev markeret med en parade af hele den hjemmевærende styrke samt to delinger scoutcars fra CANCON, som DANCIVPOL samarbejder med under konvojttjenesten mellem Nicosia og Kyrenia. Herudover var der mødt en del gæster for at lykønske, bl. a. chefen for DANCON, OL P. Madsen, der overrakte gaver og lykønskninger.



Onsdag 02 AUG var en dag, som mange glædede sig til. Ved 21-tiden ankom det såkaldte konefly, og der var mange i lufthavnen for at afhente deres kone eller forlovede. Dagen efter fortsatte flyet igen, men denne gang med kurs mod Danmark og en ny last, bestående af svenske og danske soldater, der skulle hjem for at holde ferie.



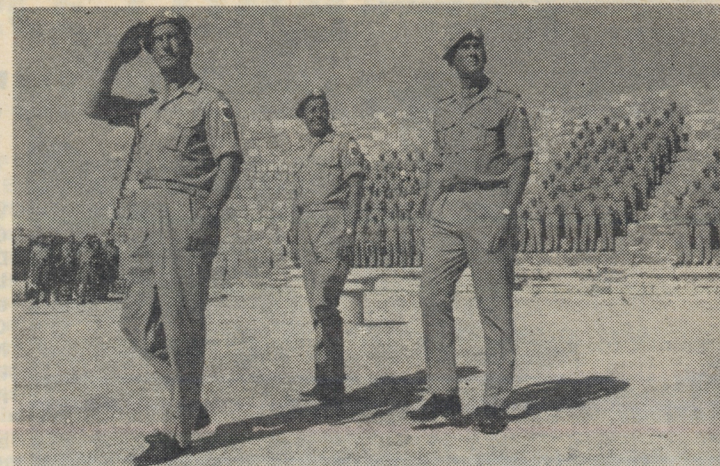
Parad för fanan i Salamis! Gen. Martola (i vit skjorta) omges av fr.v. mj Nils Holmberg, öv Curt Hermanson, mj Arne Rolff och av adjutant kn Heikki Tiilikainen. Skynd bakom mj Holmberg är öv Sven-Olof Everhall.

MEDALJER AT SWEDCON

DEN ANTIKA AMFITEATERN i Salamis hade en eftermiddagsföreläsning. Solen gassade över den grånade arenan, medan Medelhavets svallvågor ett stenkast längre bort påminde ytterligare om den klassiska miljön. Men - det var inte Euripides eller Aiskylos som gavs, i stället Svenska FN-bataljonen 38:s medaljceremoni i regi av Sekt III på batstaben. Huvudperson var Force Commander, gen. löjtn. I.A.E. Martola, som hälsningstalade och medaljerade till den irländska säckpipsorkesterns exotiska toner.



Tack, General! FN-soldat Sten Nilsson från Södertälje får sin cypren-medalj av gen. Martola vid ceremonin i Salamis.



Svenske kontingentschefen, öv. Curt Hermanson, tar emot bat 38 vid Salamis-ceremonin. Eskort är fr.v. öv Sven-Olof Everhall och mj Arne Rolff.



Exotiska säckpipstoner fyllde Salamisteatern, när FN-bat 38 medaljerades. Irländska cyprenkontingentens blåsare svarade för det uppskattade inslaget.



Medaljberedd bat 38 hälsar svenske kontingentschefen, öv Curt Hermanson, i Salamis.

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Our picture shows Tpr O'Neill in the turret of a Ferret armoured car at Zyyi.



Pte Tinnion as "Major Quality" poses with the charming "Miss Sweetly".



The Corps of Drums conducted by Drum Major John Allerton play a martial air at the changing of the guard ceremony.

VARIETY THE SPICE OF LIFE

IMAGINE THE CONSTERNATION THAT REIGNED WHEN TROOPER MICHAEL O'NEILL REPORTED FOR DUTY WITH 5th INNISKILLING DRAGOONS already wearing the UN Cyprus medal. Tpr O'Neill had only enlisted in November 66 and didn't arrive in Cyprus until May 67, or so it seemed.

However, after being asked about his medal it all became clear for Michael O'Neil had come to Cyprus in 1965 as a Medical Corpsman in the 4th Infantry Group of the Irish Army and had been stationed

at Ktima for 6 months. It transpired that Tpr O' Neill was an old UN hand and served in the Congo in 1961 with the 36th Battalion of the Irish Army and again in 1963 with the 39th Battalion.

During the 1939-45 war Michael's uncle had served in a tank regiment and Michael thought that he also would give it a try just for a change. He is a gunner in a Saladin armoured car which is certainly a change from being a Medic but First Aid is always a useful thing to know.

THE SWEET LIFE

IN 1966, AN UNUSUAL ROLE WAS OFFERED TO PTE ALAN TINNIION OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT. Alan found himself in the role of "MAJOR QUALITY" the debonair Major who appears with "MISS SWEETLY" on the front of Mackintosh's Quality Street sweet boxes.

John Mackintosh and Son of Halifax and Norwich were representing Great Britain in an International Food and Drink Festival in Munich. Alan was picked to go there with Miss Sweetly, a German girl from

Munich, to help promote British goods at the Festival. Obviously he went down well for, in February this year, he was again asked to become "Major Quality" at the Berlin Green Week, a popular food and agricultural exhibition in which over twenty countries were officially represented. Alan was flown by courtesy of the firm to Berlin from Osnabruck where he was stationed. During his two weeks in Berlin he met many people including the President of The Federal Republic Dr. Lübke. He says "I had a magnificent time".

A TOUCH OF COLOUR

THE HQ UNFICYP WAS TREATED TO A COLOURFUL AND MUSICAL CEREMONY ON MONDAY 3rd AUGUST when the Duke of Wellington's Regiment took over the guard duties from the Swedish Contingent.

The Dukes marched on parade preceded by the Corps of Drums of the Band of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who were dressed in their scarlet tunics and wearing spiked hel-

metts. The colourful uniforms made a pleasing contrast against the olive green of the Swedish contingent and the khaki of the guard element of the Dukes.

Within a short time the sound of martial music had drawn a crowd of spectators of many nationalities, many of whom, by a strange coincidence, had their cameras with them.



The oncoming guard salute the outgoing guard prior to their marching off the parade. The Dukes Guard commander is Sgt. George Butterfield.



Comdt Nunan, DSM, O/C ICA, inspects the Panhard Armoured Car at Ghaziveran prior to its escorting Lt-Gen A.E. Mortola, Xeros. In turret (L to R) Tpr Jim Byrne & Cpl Eugene Milton. Driver is Tpr Tom Burke.



UNFICYP Commander, Lt-Gen A.E. Martola, being met at Ghaziveran by Lt. Dave Holden, Commander of a Panhard armoured car, which escorted him to Irish HQ. Later Lt Holden, less than a year commissioned, became the first of his Cadet Class to receive a UN service medal.



Lt-Gen Martola, Commander UNFICYP being received at Xeros by Col James Beary, O/C 8th Irish Inf Group. In rear is Cpl Tiilikainen, ADC to the Force Commander.



The Force Commander presenting his UN Cyprus medal to Pte John Eakins, of "A" Coy. Other (L to R) are CPL Jimmy Chris Floody and Cpl Joe O'Donnell.

FORCE COMMANDER PRESENTS UN MEDALS TO IRCON

THE COMMANDER, UNFICYP, LT-GENERAL A.E. MARTOLA, TRAVELLED TO XEROS ON MONDAY, 31st JULY, to present medals for UN service in Cyprus to a representative body of the Irish Contingent. He was met at Ghaziveran by a Troop of Panhard Armoured Cars commanded by Lt Dave Holden, and escorted to Irish HQ. There he was received by the O/C 8th Infantry Group, Lt-Col James Beary. A Guard of Honour with Colour Party and Pipe band rendered honours.

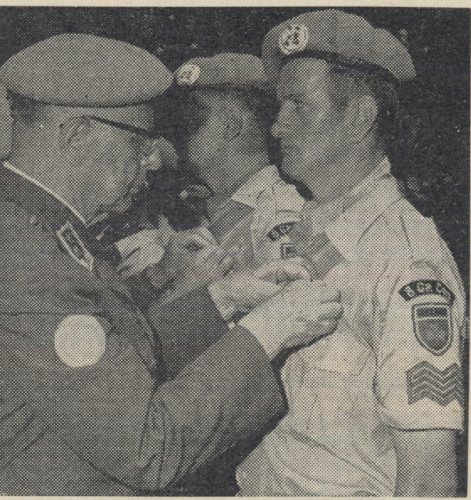
Following the presentation of medals, Lt-Gen Martola congratulated the Irish Contingent for its conscientious and exemplary service to the cause of peace with UNFICYP. The work performed by all its members had contributed to the avoidance of a more dangerous and perhaps bloody situation on the island. It was, therefore, an honour to have received this medal and its recipients should be proud of it.



THANKS
To Photographers, Cpls Jim Corcoran, CANCON; and Roy Dibbin, BRITCON, who took these pictures while IRCON photographer Cpl Jerry Sheahan was on parade to receive his medal.



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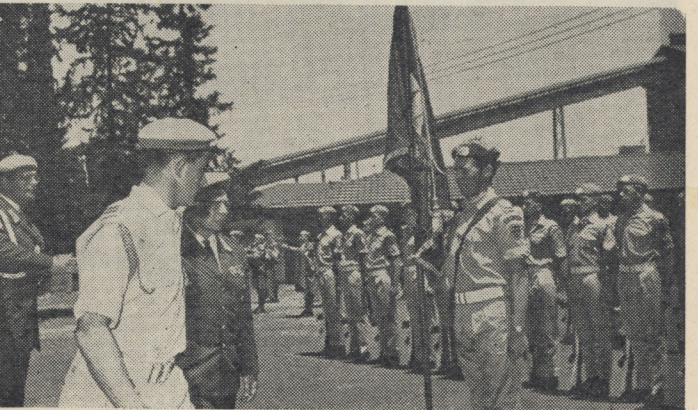
Ircon Photographer, Cpl Jerry Sheahan receiving his UN Cyprus medal from Lt-Gen A.E. Mortola.



Comdt Joe Reynolds (left) Irish L.O. and Comdt Bill Ahern, IRCON OPS E, to whom Lt-Gen A.E. Mortola presented UN Cyprus Medals.



Lt-Gen A.E. Mortola inspecting his Guard of Honour. He is accompanied by Lt Noel Dwyer, officer i/c Guard, and by his ADC.



Lt Noel Dwyer, Officer i/c, escorts Lt-Gen A.E. Mortola to the Guard of Honour. ADC Capt Y.H. Tiilikainen is on left. Flag Officer is Lt John Meenan.

FINCON NEWS



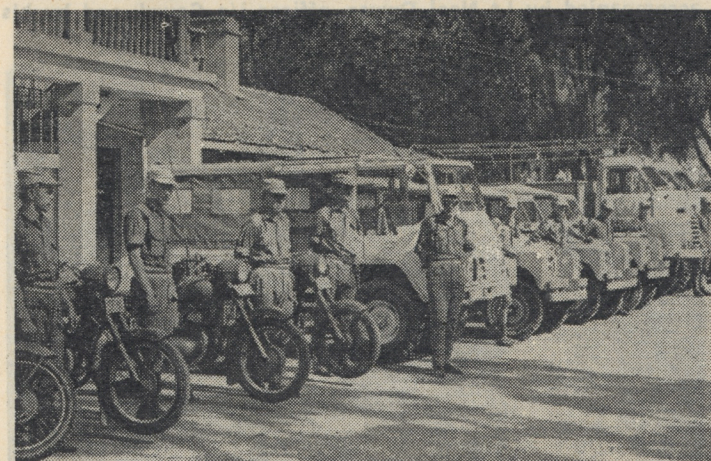
Näin kirmataan lentolaivan suojaista.



Sinkoa tuodaan aseisiin 2 JK:n pihamaalle.



Ja tässä ollaankin jo valmiina toimimaan. Miehet ovat kers Naukarinen, jääk Moilanen, Huhtamäki ja Lehto kaikki 2 JK:sta.



Toisen komppanian ajoneuvot järjestyneinä kapt Sunisen tarkastukseen.



Helikopterikoulusta Wessexillä - tilanne jännittävimmillään.

KYPROKSEN SUOMALAISIA

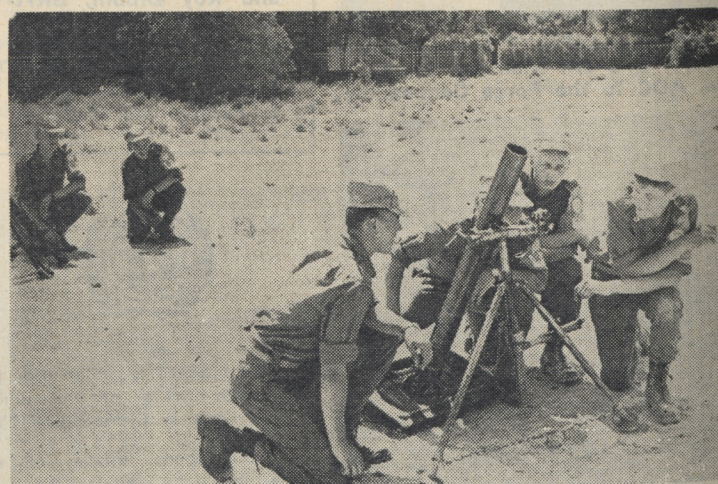
NÄIN SIIS MENNEELLÄ VIIKOLLA. Helikopterikoulutus/ arolla, kovapanosammuntoja niin Ferreteillä kuin kranaatinheittimiläkin Goshi Fieldissä, komppaniailta 2 JK:ssa ltn Siljamäen johdolla, päivärahojen nostoa tutusta paikasta ja kaiken ohella jokapäivästä palvelusta komppanioitten puitteissa.



Urheilurintaman kuulumisista voidaan vielä muistuttaa mieliin pesäpallosarjan lopputulokset:

1. 1 JK 8 pistettä
2. 3 JK 4 "
3. HK 3 "
4. EK 3 "
5. 2 JK 2 "

Jalkapallosarjakin on sitten alkanut. Ensimmäisessä ottelussa 2 JK menestyi huomattavasti kuin 1 JK, tulos 1-0. Kilpa jatkuu.



Myös krh-joukkue pääsi viime viikolla ampumaan kovilla. Tässä kuitenkin vielä harjoitellaan rauhanomaisemmin, miehityksenä vas. jääk Keinonen, Siljama, kers Viitanen ja jääk Sohlman sekä takana jääkärit Sisäharju ja Kolu.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

KYRENIA STAMPEDE

IT WAS THE CALGARY STAMPEDE ALL OVER AGAIN, COMPLETE WITH COWBOYS in white stetsons, beauty queen contest, bucking bronc, Chuckwagon race and a barbecue.

There were some differences of course, the cowboys and the beauty queen contestants were soldiers, men of the Second Battalion of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. The Chuckwagons were jeep trailers, pulled by hot, sweating, teams of soldiers and the bucking bronc was a barrel, suspended by four ropes.

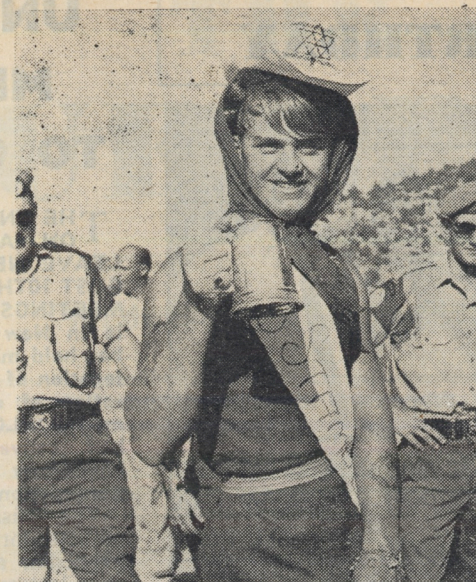
The Second Battalion, when in Canada, is based at Calgary Alberta, which is world famous for its Calgary Stampede. The Stampede is held every summer for seven to ten days and cowboys and aspiring cowboys

from all over North America compete for substantial cash prizes by riding, roping, throwing and getting trampled by various types of livestock, so perhaps it was only natural that when Calgary Day Plans were made, they should include a western flavour.

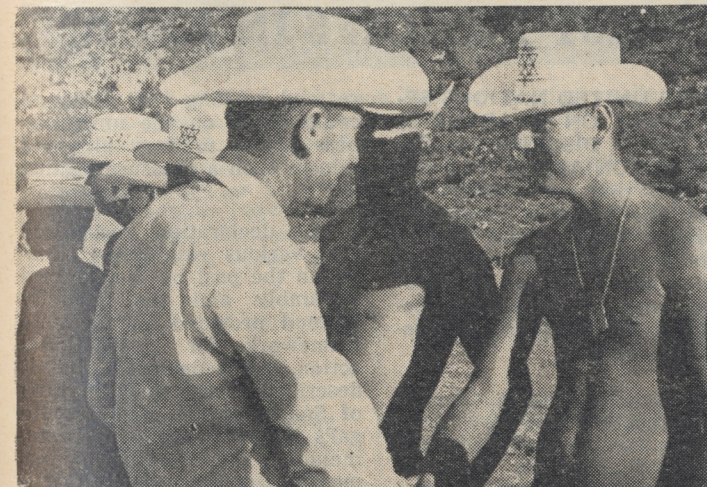
There were other activities, a greasy pole climbing contest, tug-of-war, greased pig, and volley ball. Winners of all the competitions were awarded white cowboy hats.

Although the Mayor of Calgary, Jack Leslie, was unable to attend the celebrations, the City of Calgary contributed nearly 900 T-bone and sirloin steaks which were barbecued over out-door grills. These, along with corn-on-the-cob and baked potatoes provided the main course for the excellent meal that rounded out the day.

BEAUTY QUEEN Miss Stampede, Cpl Bill Johnson, poses with white Stetson and beer mug.



Cpl J. Chenier accepts one of the delicious Calgary steaks from one of the cooks, Cpl Lou Gyrkovics.

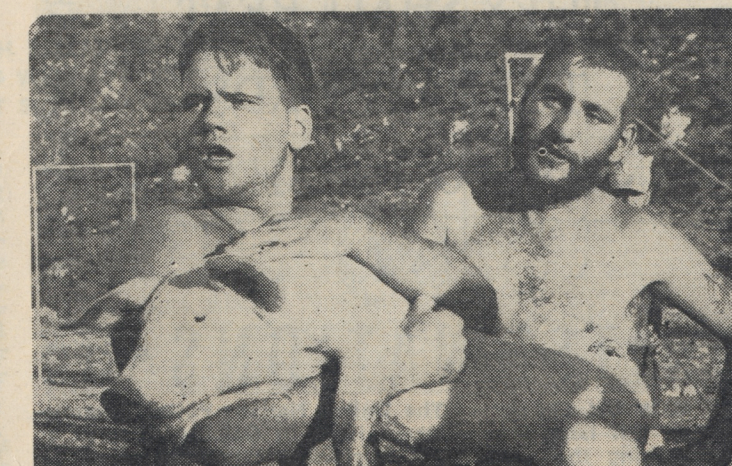


Chariot Race Winners are presented with their white hats by the C.O., Lt Col Robinson.

Lt Col N.A. Robinson, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn QOR, of C, demonstrates his "Fast draw" techniques.



Beauty Queen Contestants, left to right, Miss Kyrenia Company, Rifleman Bill McGinness; Miss B Coy, Cpl Bill Johnson; Cpl Cy Bridger and Charlie the donkey; Miss C Coy, Cpl Ed Anderson; Miss HQ Coy, Rfn Terry Woodworth; and Miss CCASG, Rfn Art Belle Fontaine.



GREASED PIG — captors pose with their quarry, left Rfn Wayne Lewis and Rfn Bernie Kabel.

U THANT URGES EAST - WEST DETENTE

LAST WEEK, SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT, SPOKE OF THE REPERCUSSIONS of the Vietnam war on other situations of crisis and also stressed the element of human suffering in the Middle East situation which, he said, remained ominous.

He spoke in this connection of the long-standing problem of Palestine refugees which had become much graver as a result of the recent military conflict. "I believe, he said, both in Vietnam and in the Middle East, there will be no solution to the problem if the human factor is ignored".

He said, and he emphasized, the need for making a fresh search for peace in the Middle East so that the rights of all countries in the area might be respected.

U Thant felt that if the Vietnam and the Middle East conflicts could be resolved, there might be a resumption of detente between the East and the West which had been developing until the recent escalation of the Vietnam war. Detente between the two super-powers, he said, was an indispensable first step towards the bringing about of peaceful conditions over the rest of the world.

SUEZ From p. 1

Recent press reports have spoken of various proposals being made by General Odd Bull to Israel and the UAR. It was explained at the UN Headquarters last week that General Bull had not been making proposals, but had simply been putting forward suggestions for practical arrangements within the scope of his responsibility for observing the cease-fire.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



UNFICYP HQs HONORS Miss ABEL

AT A HAPPY LITTLE CEREMONY IN THE UN CANTEEN ON THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST, a beautiful bouquet was presented to Miss Evelyn Abel, MBE on the occasion of her birthday.

The presentation was made on behalf of the Secretariat by Mr. A. de Lauro who in 1965 was Chief Administrative Officer at HQ UNFICYP and is passing through Cyprus on his way to New York from Israel. Miss Abel first started "Hibbert House" as the canteen was called in 1965. All members of the Force wish Miss Abel "Many Happy Returns".

Our picture shows Miss Abel with her bouquet after the presentation. Left to right Mr. G. A. Dunn, Chief of General Services, Padre Griffith Sparkham MBE, Miss Evelyn Abel MBE, Mr. A. de Lauro, Mr. W.J.Y. Duke, Chief Administrative Officer.

APARTHEID

U. N. SEMINAR CONDEMNS RACIST POLICIES IN AFRICA

THE UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON APARTHEID, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND COLONIALISM HAS AFFIRMED that an effective international action is imperative if racial tensions are not to transform the southern part of Africa into a cockpit of bloodshed, with incalculable consequences for international peace and security.

In the declaration adopted at its meeting in Kitwe, Zambia, the seminar stated that the forces of apartheid were engaged in a deliberate attempt at undermining the lawful governments in independent Africa, with the "oppressive regime of South Africa playing the primary role in this nefarious activity".

Condemning racist and colonial regimes in Southern Africa, the declaration asserted that the crushing of the illegal racist minority regime in southern Rhodesia was the immediate priority for world community. It expressed the conviction, however, that even the achievement of this immediate objective could not be ensured so long as the South African regime felt itself immune from effective international pressure.

UN ADEN MISSION TO GENEVA

THE UN SPECIAL MISSION ON ADEN PLANS TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON AUGUST 10TH FOR A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN GENEVA. While in New York, the Mission has held meetings with the delegation of "Front for the liberation of occupied south Yemen", (FLOSY) and has also had conversations with Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, British Commissioner in Aden.

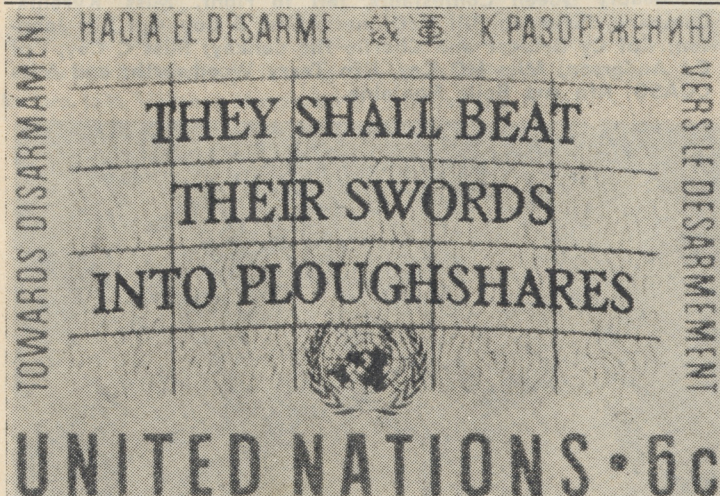
The Mission, consisting of ambassadors of Venezuela, Afghanistan and Mali had been sent last spring to the British controlled territories in the southern part of the Arabian peninsula to find out how the UN could help prepare and oversee the free elections leading to independence, which Britain has scheduled for next year. However, the UN panel left Aden after only five days, declaring that the local British authorities were not cooperating. The charge was denied by Britain. The Mission returned to New York on April 18th following talks with British officials in London.

re, and so long as Portugal could count on the unwillingness of its military allies to join in such a pressure against it.

The declaration recognized that various resolutions adopted in the past by the General Assembly and the Security Council provided an adequate framework for international action, but it deplored what it described as the unwillingness of South Africa's and Portugal's major trading partners, including the three permanent members of the Security Council, to cooperate fully in giving effect to the UN's decisions.

The declaration stated that the seminar attached great importance to persuading those states mainly responsible for preventing the international action to change their attitudes. To this end, it urged active efforts to mobilize world opinion, and especially public opinion within countries unwilling to lend full support to UN policies in favour of effective action against apartheid, racial discrimination and colonialism in southern Africa. The declaration was adopted without formal note.

NEW UNPA STAMP



NEW UN STAMP — The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a new stamp issue in October directed at emphasizing the need for a worldwide concerted effort towards agreement on general and complete disarmament. The issue, design featured above, will consist of six and thirteen cent stamps.