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HERE'S HARRY

Harry Secombe, the popular British comedian and entertainer recently visited Cyprus in an eight show tour for the personnel of the SBAs. He took time out to visit The 1st Battalion the Royal Highland Fusiliers based at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol, and is pictured right with Piper John Blair of the Battalion Pipe Band. Harry, complete with 'irons,' seems very interested in the quickest way to the cook-house.



GDR applies for UN membership

WESTERN POWERS OPPOSE MOVE

THE German Democratic Republic has applied for membership of the United Nations. Its application, signed by Herr Walter Ulbricht as President of the Council of State of the Republic, was transmitted last week to Secretary-General, U Thant, by Ambassador Bohdan Levandowski of Poland. The Secretary-General passed the request on to the President of the Security Council for the month of March, Dr Muhammad H. El-Farra of Jordan.

It is the Security Council which must first recommend the admission of an applicant State to the UN membership before the General Assembly takes a decision. This is the first time that an application for membership has been received from either the German Democratic Republic or the Federal Republic of Germany.

Shortly after the announcement of the German Democratic Republic's request, The United States issued a statement reiterating what it describes as its view that the Federal Republic of Germany is the only German government "free-

ly and legitimately constituted and therefore entitled to speak for the German people in inter-

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U THANT HOLDS TALKS ON CYPRUS - Future of UNFICYP discussed

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, last week called in representatives of Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and Britain for consultations on the situation in Cyprus and on

NEW TASKS FOR BERNARDES

Secretary - General announces broadening of responsibilities of Special - Representative

"TO INCLUDE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE DISCUSSIONS"

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, informed the Security Council on Friday of last week that he has broadened the responsibilities of his Special Representative in Cyprus — Mr Carlos A. Bernardes—to include efforts to achieve discussion at any level, between all parties concerned, of the problems and issues preventing a settlement in Cyprus.

The Secretary-General said in his report that he had informed the representatives of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey of the broadened responsibilities given to Mr Bernardes and he expressed the conviction that he could count on the co-operation of those Governments.

The Secretary-General's report contained the text of a message he had sent to Mr Bernardes authorizing him to employ his good offices and make such approaches to parties in or outside the Island of Cyprus as might be productive. U Thant recalled that his efforts to bring about a resumption of the mediation "have not as yet met with success", and said that while he was continuing these efforts, he felt there should be no interruption in the exploration of all possibilities which might prove helpful in the Cyprus situation.

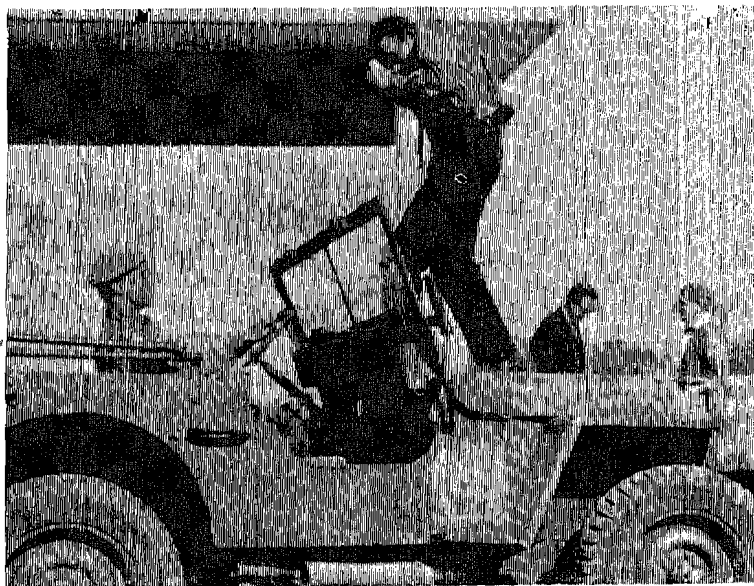
He added that the broadened activities of the Special Representative would be without prejudice to the mediation function as envisaged by the Security Council.



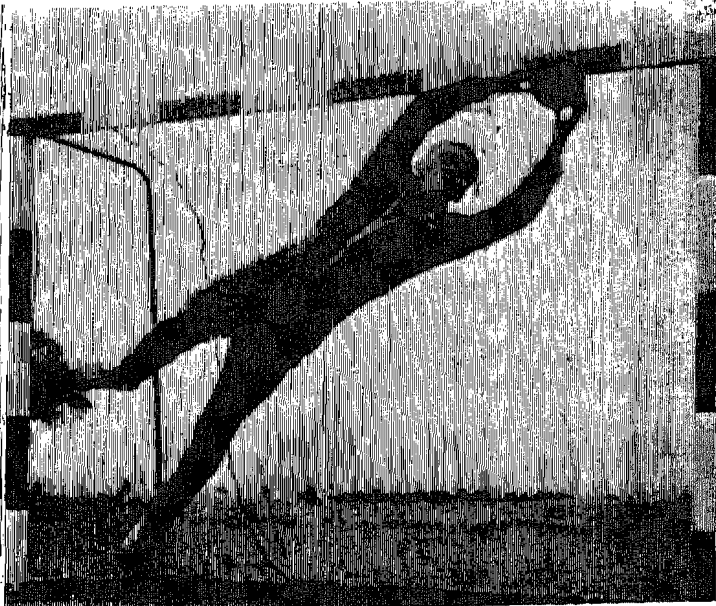
Carlos A. Bernardes

The mediation function was established by the Council in a resolution adopted on March 4th, 1964, for the purpose of trying, to promote "the peaceful solution and agreed settlement" of the problems confronting Cyprus. The mediation effort was called for by the Council in the same resolution which provided for the creation of a United Nations Peace-Keeping Force for Cyprus. The function was interrupted last Spring when Turkey took issue with the report issued by the Mediator — Mr Galo Plaza of Ecuador — and refused to accord him any further recognition. Mr Galo Plaza subsequently resigned and no new Mediator has been appointed since then.

Full text of U Thant's note on page eight



Tre gange Larsen. DANCON-fotografen, konstabel P.E. Larsen fra Kongens Fodregiment har taget dette billede af den internationalt kendte engelske fotograf Peter Larsen, som er ved at tage et billede af konstabel C. Larsen fra Noerrejdske Artilleriregiment bag rattet. Peter Larsen er på vej jorden rundt i sit rullende hjem — et folkevognsrugbroed. Han er engageret af en række af de Forenede Nationers organisationer til optage billeder om FN's virke, og fra slutningen af Januar har han opholdt sig på Cypern. Naar opgaverne her er loest, gaar turen videre til Bagdad og Teheran.



Mange tipper C-kompagniet som storfavorit i haandboldturneringen, ikke alene fordi holdet har vist godt spil, men ogsaa fordi maalmanden, konstabel 296 Hardy M. Christensen fra Fyenske Livregiment, som her er lynskudt under en kamp, naermest maa betegnes som fantastisk, naar det gaelder om at himdre bolden i at smutte mellen maalstolperne — og det goer det jo.

TIL LYKKE

Paa Fredag er det Hans Majestaet Kongens foedselsdag. Kong Frederik IX blev foedt den 11 arts 1899. Den 24 Maj. 1935 blev den daevaerende kronprins gift med Ingrid, prinsesse af Sverige og den 20 April 1947 besteg Kongen Danmarks trone. For danske i udlandet er Kongens foedselsdag tillige Danmarks nationaldag, og dagen vil da ogsaa blive markeret paa saerlig festlig vis her paa Cypern. Den danske Charge d'Affaires hr. P. Ryberg afholder en reception i HQ DANCON's officersmesse for en raekke indbudte gaester.



Flere danske nyheder paa side tre

TJENESTEN
ER MIN
HOBBY



Politiet viser taender. Inspector O.P. Rasch fra DANPO har tabt en guldkrone og her praever vor maritime medarbejder, reservetandlaege H.U. Nielsen om han kan finde den. Tandlaegen assisteres af sin nydelige klinikdame korporal H.S. Lodahl og tandlaegen benytter samtidig lejligheden til at advare alle mod at faa udfoert tandbehandling lokalt. Det er muligt at den blaa barets laesere i fremtiden vil faa O.P. Rasch at se fra en helt anden side. Han er en fremragende tegner, og redaktionen forhandler for tiden om reproduktionsretten til en raekke kunstvaerker.



Konstabel 802 P. Mikkelsen fra Sjaellandske Telegrafregiment er ved at blive behandlet for en AMBUSTIO PSD. DEXT. — hvilket betyder forbraending paa hoejre fod. Han havde faaet gloedende metal ned i skoen under svejsearbejde ved pionerdelingen. Det er infirmeriets oversygeplejerske, korporal Pj Christiansen der er ved at laegge forbindingen, overvaaget af kontingentets nye reservelaege, doktor J. Holst-Christensen.



Eduskuntavaalit ovat alkaneet. Kuvassa vaalilautakunnan puh. joht., läh. neuvos Olli Auer antamassa ohjeita muille lautakuntaan kuuluville, jotka ovat kers. Eero Laine, 21 Riihimäki, vääp. Kluko Ihalainen, 29, Lahti ja sotmest Eino Vuorinen, 45, Nii isalo.

DANCON Nyt

forsat fra side to

Mp ligger stadig paa lur

SELV om antallet af faerdse-
lsforseelser er i dalen, maa
det stadig indskaerpes motorfoe-
rnerne, at de ikke maa koere for
staerkt.

Navnlig efter ulykken i Lou-
rujina er der grund til otter at
taenke paa det snart meget ken-
dte skilt og goere som de gam-
le romare, skynd dig langsomt.

GIVDIGTID

Underhold - ningstruppen forladt Cypern

UNDERHOLDNINGSTRU-
UPPEN har nu forladt Cy-
pern. Den blev scaayppet i
tirsdags efter at have givet
endnu to forestillinger paa
Ledra Palace. Alt taget i bet-
ragtning maa det siges at den
havde stor succes her ved
Dancon. Navnlig sondag af-
ten hvor SG L. Jensen fra
Alfa kampagniet med sin ild-
fulde dans sammen med Jette
Ziegler henrykkede tilskuerne,
var stemningen fin.



Torstain 3.3 vihittiin avioliittoon Nikosiassa Pyhän Paavalin kirkossa tamperelaiset vääpeli Raimo Volin, 23 ja Kaarina Jakonen, 20.

Vaaleista, Matkailusta ja Urheilusta

Eduskuntavaalit suoritetaan Nikosiassa 7-17.3 pataljoonan esikunnan au-messissa. Äänestyspaikka on avolma päivittäin klo 1400-15.30. Vaalilautakunnan päällysmieheksi on saapunut lähetystöneuvos Olli Auer Suomen Rooman suurlähetystöstä ja muina jäseninä toimivat sotmest E Vuorinen, vääp K Ihalainen ja kers E Laine.

Tässä yhteydessä mainittakoon, että, vaikka äänestaminen voidaan-
kin suorittaa suhteellisen pitkän ajanjakson kuluessa, kaikkien on syytä
tehdä se ajoissa.

Matkakuume Huipussaan

Vaikuttaa siltä, että suomalais-
kontingentissa on parhaillaan me-
nossa todellinen matkailusesonki.
Viime sunnuntaina lähti Kar-Airin
kone pitkälle lennolle Intiaan ja
Ceylonille. Perjantaina suunnataan
ties monenhenki kerran, Välime-
ren risteilylle Port Saidiin ja
Kairoon. Siinä sivussa on liiken-
nöity jatkuvana virtana Tel-Aviiviin,

Beirutiin, Jerusalemiin ja rajansa
jälleen avanneeseen Syyriaan.

Matkalle lähti myös ykköspatal-
joonan ajoista tuttu vääpeli Raimo
Volin, joka yhdessä vasta vihityn
Kaarina-vaimonsa kanssa suuntasi
Troodos-vuorten lumisille huipuille
huipuille. Mene ja tiedä lienevat-
kö sillä tavalla sitten lähempänä
tuota vastanaineille tarkeää seit-
semättä taivasta. Jokatapauksessa
Blue Beret yhtyy onnittelijoihin.

Palloilusarjat päätökseen.

Matkalla olivat niinkään myös
pataljoonamme jalkapalloilijat, jot-
ka mennälauantaina käväisivät ot-
tamassa mittaa Famagustan ruot-
salaisista. Tällä kertaa isännät
olivat parempia. Mutta urheilus-
sahan ei ole tärkeintä voitto, vaan
jalo kilpa. Sitä kait poikamme-
kin ajattelivat, kun kulsuivat ruotsalai-
set vastavierailulle Nikosiassa len-
topallo-ottelun merkeissä.

Maastajuoksumestaruuksien li-
säksi ovat palloilusarjat ratkaisui-
vaiheessaan. Jalkapallossa leivot-
tiin mestariksi HK, jonka joukkue
oli selvinnyt finaaliin myös lento-
pallossa. He kuitenkin hävisivät
3JK:lle 3-1. Pesäpallossa ovat lop-
puottelijoina EK ja 4JK. Tulos
santane selville alkuvuikosta.

Kiltosta Kuljettajille.

Pisteitä ovat noukkineet niini-
kaan pataljoonan automiehet, jotka
me-lehden sotapolitiisilta saamien
tietojen mukaan ovat kehittämässä
YKSP 4:aa turvajoukkojen par-
haaksi joukko-osastoksi liikenne-
käyttätymisen sahteen.

Tästä edullisesta kehityskulusta
lankeaa luonnollisesti suurin ansio
suomalaisille kuljettajille, mutta
myös muulle kuljetushenkilöstölle.
Hyvä pojat, jatkeleaan samaan mal-
liin Tuleepa siinä samalla mieleen,
että osattaisiimpaa vain muussakin
käyttätymisessä seurata automies-
ten oivaa esimerkkiä.

MEDAL PRESENTATION

After presenting medals to the main body of the parade, Brigadier Wilson went on to present medals to the Bands. Seen here, left, he decorates Band Sergeant Major Brian Briggs-Watson, and right, presents the UN Cyprus Medal to WO I Bandmaster G.T.S. Cooke.



Brigadier congratulates Fusiliers 'ADMIRABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF SCOTLAND AND BRITISH ARMY'

ON Saturday, officers and men of The 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, on parade at Polemidhia Camp were presented with the United Nations Medal for Peace-Keeping duties in Cyprus. Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC, the Acting Force Commander and Chief of Staff of UNFICYP flew in by Sioux helicopter piloted by Major Ewart Pavey, RA, who commands the recently arrived 4th Air O.P. Troop, Royal Artillery, to present the medals.

After a General Salute ordered by the Battalion's Commanding Officer, Lt Col G.C.R.L. Pender, MBE, and played by The Military Band, Brigadier Wilson inspected the parade, which represented all members of the Battalion and included both the Pipe and Military Bands. In a speech before presenting the

medals the Acting Force Commander said that as the first Scottish Battalion to wear the blue beret in a United Nations Peace-Keeping Operation, it had taken The Royal Highland Fusiliers but a short time to show that the qualities which had made their Regiment famous as fighting soldiers, had made them equally successful in their valuable contribution towards maintaining peace both in Cyprus and, in a wider sense, in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Continuing, Brigadier Wilson said that their efficiency, complete impartiality and deep understanding of others had won the confidence of all with whom they had had to deal and had enabled the Battalion to keep the peace in an area of over 1200 square miles, containing some of

the most difficult country on the island. He added that he wished to pay a particular tribute to the Battalion for its very good discipline and said they had been admirable representatives of Scotland and the British Army and had set a very high standard for others to follow.

Brigadier Wilson had earlier stressed two main points about the UN Medal. First that it represented much hard work on the part of those to whom it was awarded and that the words "In The Service of Peace" exactly described the reasons for the award. Secondly that the medal, unlike those awarded by their own country, represented the thanks of every one of the 117 Members States of the United Nations. In conclusion Brigadier Wilson said that it was his particular pride and pleasure to congratulate The Royal Highland Fusiliers on their excellent work in Cyprus and to present them with their medals on behalf of the UN Secretary General.

Colonel Pender thanked the Acting Commander and invited him to present the medals. Both the Pipe and Military Bands played during the Brigadier's presentation of medals to the main body of the parade under command of Major Colin Mackenzie after which the Bands were in turn presented with their medals. The ceremony ended with the Acting Force Commander taking the salute at a March Past for which the combined Bands and Buglers played "Scotland The Brave".



Brigadier A. J. Wilson, the Acting Force Commander, presents the United Nations Cyprus Medal to Fusilier Sydney Dryden.



SECOMBE VISIT

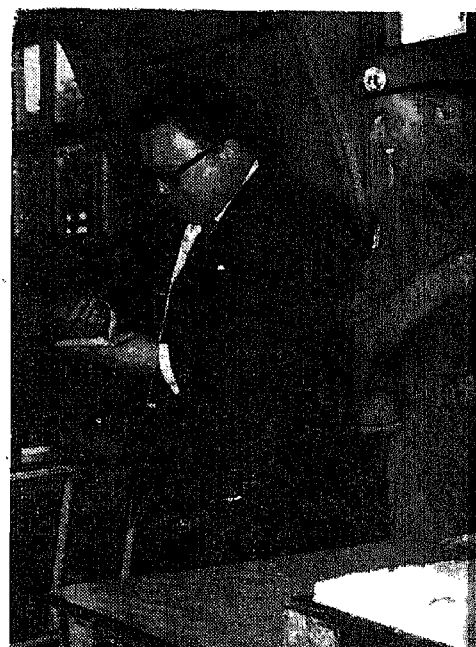
DURING his recent CSE Tour in Cyprus, Harry Secombe, the well known British comedian and entertainer, paid a visit to The 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol. He was greeted by Lt Col G.C.R.L. Pender, MBE, the Commanding Officer, and during his visit met many members of the Battalion.

Secombe, an ex "gunner", joined the Territorial Army in 1939 as a volunteer and served for 7½ years, throughout the North-African and Italian campaigns in World War II, mainly in the Welsh Field Regiment of the former 78 Division. He is proud of his close connections with the British Army, and The Army Benevolent Fund for which he has done so much, is equally proud to count him as one of its greatest friends and supporters.

In 1961 he was one of the principal organisers of the first Royal Variety Performance in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. This has since become a regular bi-annual event and in 1965

alone ran Fund. H many p Forces, a CBE in the Arm On vis "Edinbu quarters Military and spe to WO Cooke, a Band. B Comman Sergeant of the M ed with eight p show in ing Har Band on sit to th Contin through a good h dining joking v at every

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The popular British entertainer finds a photograph as he attempts to sign a piece of William Storie in the dining hall, at Polemidhia.

"So there I was, surrounded...." Harry Secombe finds plenty of eager listeners during his visit to the dining hall at Polemidhia Camp.



On Saturday, 5th March, firing broke out in the Limnitis Area, the area of responsibility of the Cavalry Group of the 5th Irish Infantry Group, and three observation posts manned by Irish personnel were damaged in the cross-fire.

The Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A. J. Wilson, CBE, MC, has sent the following message to Commandant Kevin Nunan, Officer Commanding the Limnitis Camp, on the handling by the Irish personnel of the situation.

"Please convey my thanks and congratulations to those who handled the recent incident at Limnitis with such skill and courage. I look forward to the opportunity of thanking them personally later this week".

Pictured above, Comdt Kevin Nunan and Sergeant Dave Evens examine a bullet taken from the sand-bagged OP 'India'. Right: The three NCOs whose posts came under fire. Left to right: Sergeant John Quirke; OP 'Juliet', Sergeant Larry Poynton; OP 'Hotel' and Corporal John Lynch; OP 'India'.



Irish personnel congratulated on 'skill and courage'



MEDAL PRESENTATION:- On Thursday, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, the Acting Force Commander, presented UN Cyprus medals to members of IRCON Headquarters Camp at Xeros. Pictured above left, Lieutenant Colonel Brian McGurk, Officer Commanding 5th Infantry Group and the Acting Force Commander seem to be enjoying a private joke on this rather formal occasion.

Last week saw the annual outing of the members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association when Paphos was the venue. Pictured left are members of the Association gathered round the pillar in Paphos where Saint Paul was whipped.



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Hunden Kysst visar här sin hoppstil. Förare Harry Teg, 3. komp.



"Boven" Kurt Stattir, STR, anfalls här av Tell. Hans förare Stig Ström, STR, får jobba hårt för att hålla honom.

STORT MÅLKALAS

SLOG FINSKA KONTINGENTSLAGET MED 14-0

Den med spänning emotsedda fotbollmatchen mot finnarna började på utsatt tid. De blågula tog redan från början hand om kommandot och man märkte ett bra samspel speciellt på vänsterkanten. Första målet kom efter 5 min. genom nick av vi Bengt Carlsson, som senare under matchen gjorde

ytterligare tre.

Skyttekungen för dagen Tore Mellbris gjorde dubbelt hat tric och övriga "nätare" var vy Egon Helmersson, två mål, hy Bengt-Olov Andersson och hh Bo Ekroth, ett vardera.

Halvtidsledningen med 5-0 verkade betryggande men den sista

Fotboll och hundshow lördagsnöje i Famagusta

Svenskarna visade sig på styva linan i lördags på Stadion i Old City, Famagusta. Dels gjorde våra hundar en förnämlig uppvisning under överinseende av chefen för hundavdelningen, överfurir Nestlander, STR, och dels paradspelade de våra i fotboll och slog det finska kontingentslaget med 14-0, (5-0).

Lördagen ingick med strålande varmt och vackert väder. Och det var många förväntansfulla åskådare som bänkat sig på Stadion - både stadsbor samt finnar och svenskar. Överfurir Nestlander presenterade de medverkande sju hundarna med sina förare, varpå uppvisningen, som samtidigt var en tävlan, började.

Sju prov avverkades och det var en imponerande uppvisning med jämna och fina prestationer. Som extranummer visades apportering och fasttagning av "bov". Och givetvis lät Stattin sin fyrbente vän ridå på sin rygg under livliga applåder.

Överste Iwan Hörnquist delade ut silvermedalj till de tre främsta, Stattin, Ström och Olsson, samtliga STR-komp, med 196, 195 resp. 191 poäng. Sedan följde Teg, 3. komp, 4081 Olsson, STR, Lindeberg, STR samt Christoff, 1. komp.



Vinst mot österrikarna

Samma dag spelade det svenska B-laget en returmatch mot österrikarna i Nicosia. Målskröden blev inte lika stor där, men österrikarna fick bita i gräset med 3-1 (2-0) i baken. Trots att det första var självmål var svenskarnas övertag betydligt större än siffrorna utvisar. Vid det första mötet vann svenskarna med 5-0.

Möte med 'arvfienden'

På lördag möter svenskarna "arvfienden" Dancon i Famagusta och lördagen den 19 mars spelas returmatchen i Nicosia.

**MER NYTT PA
SVENSKA SID. 7.**



Löjtnant O. Olsson och furir K. Strömquist syns här vid en kontrolli rallyt.

Inga svenska framgångar i Landrover-rallyt

Några större framgångar blev det inte för de fem svenska ekipage som ställde upp i det av engelska 9. signalregementet anordnade Landover-rallyt. Endast två av de svenska paren lyckades placera sig på prislistan, på sjätte, resp. sjunde plats, medan två föll för tiden och ett diskvalifierades.

Banan, som var omkring åtta svenska mil, var mycket krävande efter det ihärdiga regnandet över veckoslutet. På söndagen klarade det emellertid upp, och torkan satte in. Så senare delen av tävlingen blev något lättare för förarna. 14 kontroller avverkades.

Tävlingen kördes över SBA-området med start vid Four Miles Point. Därefter gick rallyt i slingor längs en transportsträcka om Dhekelia.

Segrare blev ett par officerare från 58. skvadronen med 360 pric-

kar. Bästa svenska ekipage hade 1.180 prickar. Det var löjtnant Olof Olsson, Kungälv, tillsammans med furir Kurt Strömquist, Hallsberg, båda från 2. komp.

Tässä yhteydessä mainittakoon, että, vaikka äänestaminen voida ankin suorittaa suhteellisen pitkän ajanjakson kuluessa, kaikkien on syytä tehdä se ajoissa.

KUNG FOTBOLL REGERAR ÄN



"Målspottaren" Tore Melbris i full fart mot det finska målet.

SURVEY SHOWS RISE IN SPEEDING FIGURES

FIVE PER CENT FIGURE TOO HIGH WARN PROVOST STAFF

A recent survey on speeding by Force vehicles carried out in UNFICYP's Nicosia East and West Zones and Kyrenia District by the Force Military Police Company shows that after a fall in the number of drivers charged or warned for speeding over the past two months, figures are rising again.

During December and January, figures of those charged or warned showed a marked decrease, but statistics available up to the 27th February show a steady rise in all areas where speed checks have been operating.

Speed checks have been run on almost three thousand Force vehicles since the beginning of November last year - that is to say each vehicle on the Force strength has been checked approximately five times during the past four months. During this period charges were laid or warnings issued to the drivers of almost one hundred and forty vehicles - about five per cent of the total checked.

Whilst this speeding tenden-

cy - roughly five per cent - is not considered high on good roads, Force Provost staff and road-safety officials feel that is far too high considering local road conditions. The highest number of charges for speeding were laid in areas already known as accident "black spots" - such as the joint - user road past RAF Nicosia main guardroom, the Morphou road and the Kyrenia road.

New 'black spots' which have come to the fore during this period are the Akrotiri-Ktima-Polis road and the Kyrenia road, particularly the approach to Kyrenia itself. Once again, Provost staff stress the danger of the stretch of road between the Pedios Bridge traffic lights in Nicosia and the junction with the Kyrenia road.

BRITCON drivers have been worse speeding offenders during the past four months, with forty-seven checked, one more than the Danish Contingent and fourteen more than CANCON, SWECON, FINCON and IRCON have hardly contributed to the total with only eleven offenders between them.

3000 Speed checks run on Force vehicles in past four months



Jalkapallo-ottelu Ruotsi A - Suomi A Famagustassa päättyi edellisten selvään voittoon. Siitä huolimatta kentällä nähtiin Suomen maalilla monia ylläolevan kaltaisia kiperiä pelitilanteita.

Four States protest Viet-Nam letter

'ATTEMPTED SUMMATION' CRITICIZED
BY U.S.S.R., FRANCE, MALI AND BULGARIA

IN a letter sent to members of the Security Council last week, Akiri Matsui of Japan, the Council President for February, said that serious differences of view on the question of Viet-Nam had "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" (see *Blue Beret*, 2nd March, page seven).

The outgoing President added, however, that from the Council's proceedings of the first two days of February, and from consultations held since then, he "could detect a certain degree of common feeling among many members". He summarized this as a growing anxiety over continued hostilities in Viet-Nam and a strong desire for a peaceful solution; as well as the feeling that the termination of the conflict should be sought through negotiations in an appropriate forum in order to work out the implementation of the Geneva Accords.

Formal protests against the any attempted summation by the President were registered by the Soviet Union, France, Mali and Bulgaria, which were among the States objecting to any Council involvement in the Viet-Nam problem. Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko of the Soviet Union said in a letter to the Council that Mr Matsui's action was illegal and irresponsible and could only be regarded as a blatant attempt to support United States' manoeuvres to use the Council as a cloak for aggression in South-East Asia. The Soviet representative said that Matsui had seen fit to send the letter despite the fact that the Council had not debated the substance of the Viet-Nam question and some members had refused to take part in informal consultations.

Ambassador Milko Tarabonov of Bulgaria similarly ar-

gued that Ambassador Matsui had resorted to unauthorized and unjustified procedure and that in drawing his conclusions he had used expressions carefully chosen to place the aggressor and victim on the same footing.

A letter from Ambassador Roger Seydoux of France recalled his government's position that a Council debate on Viet-Nam would do nothing to bring a peaceful solution any closer. In any event, said the letter, private consultations could not take place on such a debate and France felt "no conclusions should be put forward regarding the feeling of the Security Council or any of its members on the question of Viet-Nam". Ambassador Sori Coulibaly of Mali entered "most express reservations regarding both the principle and conclusions of the letter" from the Council President. In the absence of a Council debate on the substance of the Viet-Nam problem, he said, "there can be no grounds for drawing any conclusions or claiming to detect any common feeling binding members".

GDR APPLIES FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP

national affairs". The US delegation at the same time drew attention to a communication, not previously made public, which had been jointly addressed to the UN Secretariat on 31st January by Lord Caradon of Britain, and Ambassadors Roger Seydoux of France and Arthur Goldberg of the United States. The communication was related to requests made by the delegations of Bulgaria and Poland last autumn for circulation, as official UN documents, of certain letters and statements of the "so-called" German Democratic Republic "implied that there exists a government other than that of the Federal Republic of Germany entitled to speak as a representative of the German people in international affairs."

The three representatives went on to state: "There is no such state or government. East Germany is merely an occupied portion of German territory. The so-called German

INDO-PAKISTANI TROOP WITHDRAWALS

U Thant welcomes 'steps towards peace'

IN messages to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India and President Ayub Khan of Pakistan, the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, welcomed the troop withdrawals carried out by the two

countries as important steps towards peace. The withdrawals, to positions held before last August 5th, were carried out in response to calls by the Security Council and pursuant to the Tashkent Agree-

ment between India and Pakistan.

U Thant expressed the hope that the process of conciliation and accommodation would continue with efforts to solve outstanding differences between the two countries.

UNFICYP COSTS

Finland to make a further contribution

Following is the text of a message dated 17 February to the Secretary-General U. Thant, from the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations, Max Jakobson, regarding the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus:

"With reference to your letter dated January 28, in which you appealed for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-Keeping Operation in Cyprus, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Finland have decided to make a further contributions of \$50,000 to help the United Nations to meet the costs of UNFICYP.

"The voluntary contribution

is subject to parliamentary approval and should in due course be offset against expenses paid by the Finnish Government in connection with the Finnish Contingent to UNFICYP".

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Text of S-G's note to Security Council

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FOLLOWING is the text of the note from the Secretary-General, U Thant, which was circulated to the Security Council on 4 March 1966:

"I wish to inform the members of the Security Council that on 2 March 1966, after having informed the parties directly concerned, I sent the following message to Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, my Special Representative in Cyprus:-

"As you know, my efforts to bring about a resumption of the mediation in Cyprus have not as yet met with success. I am, of course, continuing these efforts. At the same time, I do not believe that there should be any interruption in the exploration of all possibilities which might prove helpful in the Cyprus situation.

"Therefore, having in mind the fine rapport you have established and maintain with all of the parties directly concerned, I authorize you, in your capacity as my Special Representative in Cyprus, to employ your good offices and make such approaches to the parties in or outside the Island of Cyprus, as may seem to you to be likely to be productive, in the sense of achieving in the first instance discussions at any level of problems and issues of either a purely local or a broader nature. I feel confident that this added responsibility will not unduly burden you under prevailing conditions in Cyprus. It goes without saying that your activities under these broader instructions are without prejudice to the mediation function as envisaged in the Security Council resolution. You will, of course, keep me informed as usual.

"I have informed the representatives of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey of my intention to broaden your responsibilities as indicated above, and I am sure that we may count on the cooperation of those governments in your forthcoming efforts. It is my intention to inform the Security Council of this step, possibly by including the text of this message in my next report."

STOP PRESS

In a letter to the Security Council, the Soviet delegate, Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko, expressed full support for the application of the GDR for membership. He suggested that the Federal Republic of Germany could also be admitted. Mr Fedorenko said the absence of important Central European States from the U.N. membership lessened the effectiveness of the World Organization. He pointed out that in its application, the GDR had declared its admission would be conducive to normalization of relations between the two German States and thus to the peaceful re-unification of Germany.

Racial Discrimination

Spur for U.N. action

A resolution designed to spur United Nations action against racial discrimination was adopted this week by the Economic and Social Council of the World Organisation. The resolution asked for the speedy completion of a special study of racial discrimination in political, economic and social fields, and for recommendations to the General Assembly on this basis from the Commission of Human Rights.