



IRISH AND DANISH NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Last week's national presentations by Ircon and Dancon were both most enjoyable, and both quite different. It has in fact been amusing to speculate how each of the contingents would tackle the problem which has, perhaps unfortunately, become something of a "prestige" event.

The Ircon team, probably to most people's surprise, chose a strictly conventional approach. Lieutenant Colonel T. Tracey, in his introductory remarks, confessed that their greatest problem had been in trying to see themselves objectively as through the eyes of others. It was certainly an unusual spectacle witnessing the Irish taking themselves so seriously. But this was no fulsome eulogy, no cloying hymn of praise. This was Erin with the tear as well as the smile in her eye; and all discussed with a most refreshing candour.

Captains H. Johnston, H. Smith, C. Dodd, and Lieutenants K. Heery and D. Murphy all spoke with great sincerity and obvious pride of their national heritage. In fact, the most impressive feature of the Ircon presentation was the really excellent delivery and stage presence of all the speakers. It befell to Reverend, Father F. Moriarty, to provide the "blarney" and his riotous comments on the Irish personality were worthy of an "Oscar". His final words, however, neatly summed up the whole tone of the presentation. "We are a small nation and a humble people, we are a terribly, terribly proud people!"

The Dane's choice of Limnitis as their venue created administrative problems which possibly they had underestimated. However, such munda-

ne matters as a burnt out projector bulb, and a decidedly precarious looking stage and scenery were cheerfully disregarded, and such is the warmth of Danish hospitality that no one seemed to mind at all.

There was a village carnival atmosphere about the whole affair from the moment that Lieutenant P. E. P. Skov donned his Viking helmet to introduce the show. Major F. M. Soerensen and Lieutenant P. Woetmann provided a music hall continuity act between the films and the only speaker, Police Inspector H.



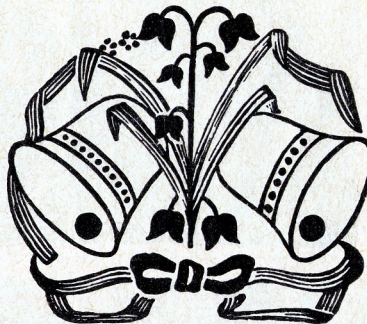
● One of the Vikings blowing his horn at the Danish presentation.



Aggergaard, whose light hearted review of Danish history and institutions was both instructive and amusing. There were naturally references to "permissiveness" but these were glossed over. Not so the Vikings! They kept cropping up throughout the whole presentation. We had been invited to "Meet the Danes" and meet them we did — in the flesh. A musical troupe of ten performers from the town of Frederikssund provided the high spot of the evening's entertainment and had everyone joining in the singing.

It was all typically Danish, typically light hearted — and thoroughly enjoyable!

EASTER GREETINGS



MEDAL OF HONOUR FOR SWEDISH OFFICER

At a ceremony last Friday at the Austrian Field Hospital, the ADC of the Swedish UN Battalion in Cyprus, Major S. Wiberg, was awarded the Austrian Medal of Honour for good work in cooperation with the Austrian Army during previous service with UN Observer Courses in Sweden. The medal was presented by the Austrian Ambassador to Cyprus, His Excellency Dr. L. Steiner, who visited Cyprus from his Athens office.

The picture (above) shows (left to right) Major W. Beier, Commanding Officer Austrian Police Contingent, Lieutenant Colonel Koch-Langentreu, The Ambassador, Dr. Schmidt, Major S. Wiberg, Major L. Maier, and Lieutenant Colonel L. Effenberg, Commanding Officer Austrian Field Hospital.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

Three more countries have made contributions towards the upkeep of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The Italian Government has decided to make a further contribution of US \$180,000 for the period from 16th December, 1970, to 15th June, 1971, and the Danish contribution, covering the same period, amounts US \$120,000. The Government of Japan has decided to make an additional contribution in the amount of US \$50,000.

● Viking atmosphere at Limnitis Camp.



MEET THE DANES

Fredag aften holdt Dancon sin national presentation, "Meet the Danes", i Limnitis lejren.

Gæsterne blev, da alle var samlet, trakteret med dansk bød, "hakkedrenge", og rødgrød, hvorefter alle gode kræfter var mobiliseret for gennem film og foredrag at give et uheldigt billede af Danmark. Et særligt festligt indslag var de fra Frederikssund tilsendte 8 vikinger med to yndige skjoldmøer, som havde deres store andel i, at dagen fik en festlig afslutning, såvel som de tilsendte brochurer og effekter, der blev udleveret til gæsterne, vil gøre sit til, at kendskabet til Danmark bliver yderligere uddybet.



●Som et festligt indslag deltog 8 vikinger og 2 skjoldmøer fra Danmark. Her drages samlet i ledning mod højbordet.



●Tilskuerne følger opmærksomt begivenhedernes udvikling på scenen. Forrest Force Commander og Mr. Osorio-Tafall.

●To lurblæsere indvarsler, at taflet kan begynde.



●Efter at have nydt bordets glæder, giver "skjoldmø" Anne Marie en sang til bedste.

●At det ikke kun var vikingerne, der nød traktementet, fremgår af gæsternes tilfredse miner.



●Den ærede taler synes at være i vanskeligheder, i hvert fald støttes han kraftigt af "suffløren", LT N. Nichum.



SIMNING

Litet grand i skymundan har CANCON arrangeret UNFICYP-mästerskapet i simning i Nicosia. Tävlingsarna omfattade nio grenar. Deltagarantalet var omkring sextio från de kanadensiska, irländska, finländska och svenska kontingenterna. Sverige representerades av ett ensamt lejon i form av Karl Gustav Ragnarsson, som tog en guld- och en silvermedalj. Ragnarsson vann 200 meter fritt och blev tvåa på 100 meter fritt efter en kanadensare. På bilden lägger Ragnar in en välförtjänt prilla som pris för segrarna.



RIDNING

En kurs i ridning har pågått sedan i höstas under ledning av överfurir Ragnar Nilsson. Ett femtontal har deltagit i ridträningen och flera av deltagarna har sedan fortsatt att rida efter avslutad kurs. På bilden ses några av Swedcons ryttere, fr v civilpolis Kurt Olsson, Kjell Nilsson, Lars-Göran Jacobsson, kursledaren överfurir Ragnar Nilsson och Bo Johansson.



BOCKARRUNDAN

Förra veckan kunde Blue Beret redovisa grävningen av den nya Camprundan inom Carl Gustav camps område. Nu har Bockarrundan, som den kallats, invigts med pomp och ståt. För det svrade Stor-Nisse Nilsson och hans fjärde pluton.

Och det blev en invigning, som går till historien, om inte annat genom alla de bilder som togs den eftermiddagen, då svenska bataljonen verkligen gjorde skäl för namnet kamerabataljonen.

Arrangemangen var som sagt superba, från saften vid varvningen till de skräckinjagande blodstänkta (!) sjukvårdarna med sina köttsgår och radiorapporterna ute från banan.

Dagens segerherre blev som sig bör initiativtagaren till Bockarrundan, major Sten Wiberg, som lagerkransades av den sexigaste kranskullan på den här sidan Gibraltar.

På den övre bilden är atleterna uppställda för fotografering före start. På knä fr v Roland von Dolwitz, Sten Wiberg, Lennart Avendal, Rolf Bergström. Stående Frans Forssblad, Harald Deuschl, Kent Rustsäter, Bruno Söderberg, Lars Strandell, Kenneth Englund, Roland Maaherra och Freddie Hellström samt till häst Ragnar Nilsson.

Bilden till vänster: "Med sin stora kroppshydda, tillhör banans bäst prydda", ja just det, Bruno Söderberg. Kavalleristen Nilsson kommer på innerspår med öket i släptåg.

ALBYLER

Nu har de kommit, de första "albylerna", d v s personal från vår avlösande bataljon 46 C. Albyler kallas de förstas för att de inte ännu hunnit tillägna sig den vackra solbränna vi har. På bilden ses fem man ur förtruppen utanför huvudförrådet, där de just fått ut utrustning. Från vänster majorerna Rune Arthursson och Helmer Hansson, furir Anders Andersson, sergeant Gunnar Kronberg och löjtnant Janis Mieritis.

DAVIS CUP

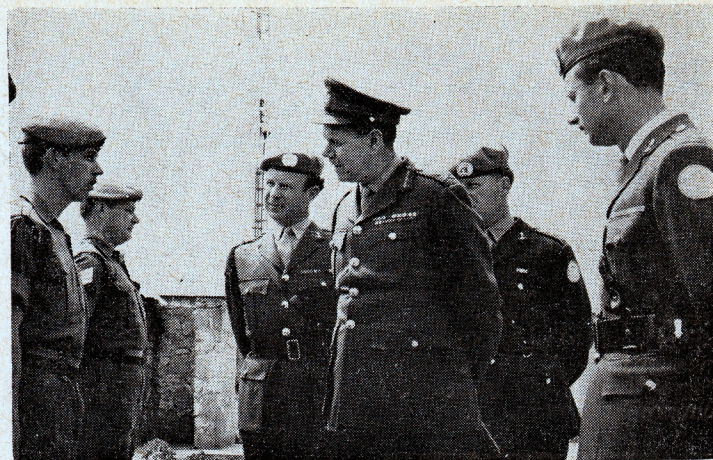
Swedcon föll i semifinalen mot Force Reserve i Davis Cup i tennis med 3-0. Resultaten: Captain P M Roe - Rüstmästare B A Nordahl 6-3, 6-3. Fänrik O C Howard - Korpral B Bernefalk 6-2, 6-1. I dubbelmatchen vann engelsmännen med 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Force Reserve vann sedan finalen mot Royal Green Jackets med 2-1.

VISITORS TO UNFIGYP

A flying visitor to HQ UNFIGYP last week was Colonel L. Brooks, the Officer in charge of RAOC Records Office. He is seen here talking to WO I R. Elliott, who is in charge of the Stores Section attached to the REME workshops.

Also in the picture are the workshops commander, Major R.H. Bellis and the Force Ordnance Officer, Major B.S. Towers.

Major General P.F. Pentreath MBE, Signal Officer in Chief (Army) visited UNFIGYP on 30th March and carried out a tour of inspection of all Signals installations. With the General (from L to R) are Signalman J. Crick, Sergeant M.J. Shaw, Lieutenant Colonel D. D. Ranft, Captain G.M. Finney and Lieutenant M. Butler.



● Air Marshal Sir Derek Hodgkinson, Commander British Forces Near East, paid a farewell call on the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Green Jackets at Polemidhia on Friday March 26th. He is here talking to Corporal F.R. Bartlett, a member of the Battalion quarter guard. Also on the picture are Lieutenant Colonel J.M. Glover MBE, and Sergeant G.N. Evans, the guard commander.



GAP BADGE

The badge worn by the Royal Green Jackets differs considerably from that of infantry battalions, in that the battle honours of the regiment are inscribed on the badge. This dates back some 200 years from the time when armies went to war carrying their 'colours' which served as a rallying point for the regiment when in action.

being raised as scouts and skirmishers, did not advertise their presence on the battlefield. They therefore did not carry colours, and their battle honours were worn on the badge which each man wore.

This tradition persists to the present day. The battle honours of all three regiments that went to form the Royal Green Jackets in 1966 proved too numerous to put on a single badge and a representative selection was made.

The Royal Green Jackets however are primarily formed from Rifle Regiments, who,

It is hoped that there are no hard feelings in Dancon for COPENHAGEN, 2nd April 1801!



Britcon News

● Lance Corporal "Geordie" Foster and Lance Corporal Mick Menzies of 1 Squadron RCT unload supplies from the refrigerator wagon or "White Lady" as she is more affectionately known. It can be cold work in the early morning even here in sunny Cyprus.



KEEPING COOL

PRESENTATION TEAM

Ircon personnel who took part in the National Presentation on Wednesday 31st March 1971 at Zyyi. A representative audience drawn from all contingents attended the presentation.

(From L to R) Captain C. Dodd, Captain H. Johnston, Lieutenant K. Heery, Sergeant T. Scully, Commandant J. Egan (Producer), Captain H. Smith, Reverend Father Moriarty, Lieutenant D. Murphy.



EXPERIENCED 'A' STAFF AT LARNACA

Captain Jim Harold, Second in Command of 'A' Company, (Larnaca), Corporal P. McSweeney (Cork), and Company Sergeant P. Woods (Cork).

'Q' BRANCH

The 'Q' Branch is a hive of activity these days, preparing for Group Rotation which is due in the next few weeks.

All personnel of the 19th Infantry Group will have rotated by the 26th April 1971. With such a wealth of experience behind them the 'Q' men are making light of the work involved, as can be seen in the pictures below.



● From left: Corporal J. Mullarkey (Athlone), Captain H. Smith (Group Quartermaster), Company Quartermaster Sergeant P. Woods (Athlone) and Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant J. Lawless (Curragh).



IRCON NEWS

● Inspecting the 84mm Carl Gustav Recoilless Rifles at 'A' Company, Quartermaster Sergeant M. Costello (Limerick) on left and Corporal J. Warren (Limerick).



● From left: Corporal J. Devine (Mullingar), Company Quartermaster Sergeant M. Nolan (Galway) and Private J. Rooney 19 Bn, check helmets at 'B' Company Kophinou.



AS OTHERS SEE US.

Mr. Daug Stuebing, Toronto Telegram, on a recent visit to the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus, writes:

"On your second visit to Cyprus one is torn between the cultural features of the island and the tourist attractions.

Previously, when Canadian troops were responsible for such places as Op Saddle, I was impressed with the quality and the moxy of the men handling the great responsibilities of

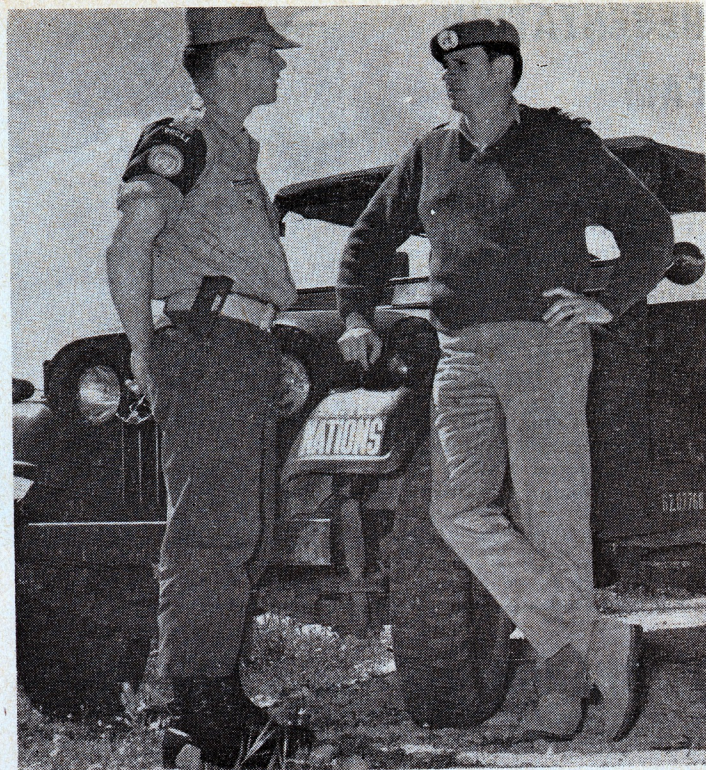
But in spite of the undoubted problem of being a buffer between two local factions, the soldiers I met at the outposts standing lonely guard for five hours at a stretch-impressed me as being good humored and careful that nothing they did could produce an incident.

One soldier on the Green Line close to the police station assured us it wasn't like being back home in Sydney Mines, N.S. His rifle was unloaded, "but I have a bag full of live shells if anything happens, but I hope it doesn't."

Driver Ron MacNaughton of Westphale N.S., also was impressive in his knowledge of the country. Although he had just been in Cyprus a week, he knew the points of interest, where the action had occurred five and six years ago, and where the sensitive areas were.

"It's the best posting I've had in my service career", said red-haired Ron, as he detailed the locations of UN outposts.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry can be justly proud of its men, if they are all of the calibre of those I met this time during a brief visit."



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

being a buffer between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communities. I remember particularly Cpl. Turcotte, of Rivers, Quebec of the Van Doo's calmly assuring the locals with the aid of his phrase book that the sound they heard was not a shot while his men were practising their rope escape route.

The move of the Canadians into the city of Nicosia seemed to me pretty tame stuff until I learned that it was in the city that some of the most bitter inter-communal differences occur.

As an old soldier myself, I was also impressed with the intelligence of the men. These Chaps were professionals and they indicated that they were aware of the touchy nature of their assignment.

Hugh Whittington of Canadian Aviation News, posed the question that had most of us thinking. Said Hugh: "I wonder how I would feel if there were a bunch of UN jeeps prowling the streets in my home town of Hamilton I think I probably wouldn't feel too happy about it."



● Corporal John H. Venasse is presented with the UN Medal by Brigadier General E. M. D. Leslie at a ceremony at HQ UNFICYP. Corporal Venasse is from the 2nd Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Petewawa, and is the personal driver of General Leslie, the Chief of Staff at HQ UNFICYP.

● It may take time, and it may be on another continent, but "Maritimers" have ways of getting news from the home town. Cancon Base Commander, Major W. Pettipas, and Private Ron MacNaughton discuss Nova Scotia politics and the state of the economy in their home town of Westphal. Private MacNaughton is on the PIO staff at Blue Beret Camp.



● Cancon Roundup will go the airways each Wednesday night at 8.0 p.m., 602 on your radio dial. With announcers Sergeant Don Rittler and Corporal Pete Derochie, the roundup will talk about sports, play dedications, keep up to date on the local events and give you a chance to make £5.000 in the weekly contest.

THROUGH THE "SAUSAGE MACHINE"

Incoming troops of the 1st Regiment PPCLI are hardly off the aircraft before they are pressed through the administrative process called the sausage machine. McNeil, Swanson, Rushworth, and Gee, just names in a new environment, but soon to become a very real part of the personality that make up a regiment on its six month United Nations tour in Cyprus.



Sot mest "Hermanni" Autio testaa lähtöpaikalla ylik J Nikkilää

LIIKENNEKILPAILU

Pataljoonan hyvin järjestetyt liikennekilpailut pidettiin Tjikloksen - Kyrenian maastossa Land Rover autoilla. Kilpailun suoritti loppuun yhteensä 50 YK-ajokortin haltijaa, jotka ohittivat kaksitoista näkyvää tai salaista tarkkailuasemaa. Jokaisessa tarkkailupisteessä oli useita eri tehtäviä ja virhemahdollisuuksia.

Asetetut liikenne- ja liikenne-merkkikysymykset sekä ensiaputehtävä tuottivat eniten vaikeuksia kilpailijoille. Salaiset tarkkailukohteet ajettiin yllättävän hyvin ja ylinopeuteen tutkapaikalla syyllistyi vain yksi kilpailija.

Liikennekilpailun ylivoimainen voittaja oli kersantti Hakala EK: sta, mutta seuraavista sijoista käytiin tasaväkinen kamppailu. Parhaat tulokset:

1. kers Hakala H EK 39 p.
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2. väep Harjunmaa M 1.JK 0.32
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jääk Kempainen O 2.JK 0.35
5. kapt Hietalahti M 1.JK 0.37
ylik Nikkilä J 2.JK 0.37
jääk Mattila K 1.JK 0.37

FINCON NEWS



Yliv I Suoheimo tunnistaa moottorijoneuvojen osia

LIIKENNETURVALLISUUS



MP-kapteeni M Wilson seuraa ylik M Pesosen liikenne-merkkikysymyksiä

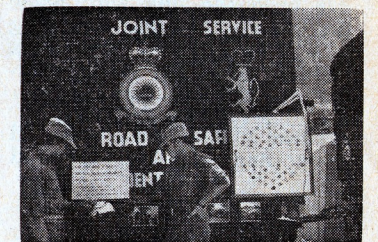
UNFICYP:n sotilaspoliisikomppanian Nicosian osaston päällikkö kapt M. Wilson seurasi liikennekilpailuja tyytyväisin ilmein ja totesi, että on jatkuvasti kiinnitettävä huomiota tieliikenteeseen ja liikennekurin.

Kapt Wilson kertoi vuoden 1971 kolmen ensimmäisen kuukauden onnettomuustilaston olevan seuraavan: BRITCON 25, CANCON 17, DANCON 12, FINCON 4, IRCON 3, SWEDCON 3, UN-CIVPOL 16, HQ/UNFICYP 4 ja AFH 2 onnettomuutta

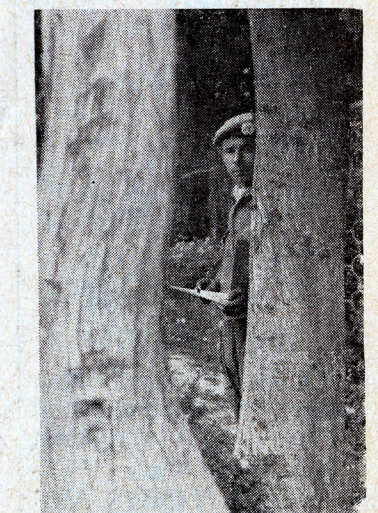
Edelleen vieras kertoi, että useimmat ns YK-kolarit ajetaan nopeusrajoitusalueilla, mikä viittaa varomattomuuteen. Valtaosa onnettomuuksista ajetaan nykyisin vapaa-aikana yksityisesti vuokratuilla

la autoilla, mikä aiheuttaa lukuisia oikeus- ja vakuutusriitoja.

Jokaisen onnettomuuteen joutuneen pitäisi itse oma-aloitteisesti tehdä havaintoja vastapuolesta, sen ajo- ja jarrutusjäljistä sekä selvittää nämä sotilaspoliisille. Lopuksi kapt Wilson toteaa, että VAARALLISIN KILOMETRI EI OLE MATKALLA ST HILARIONIIN EIKÄ LEDRA KADULLA RUUHKA-AIKANA, VAAN SE ON SINUN JOKAINEN SEURAAVA KILOMETRISI.



Jääkärit R Koivuharju ja PHY värinen tutkivat liikenneonnettomuudessa rikkoontunutta kypärää



Väep M Halmineva salaisella tarkkailuasemalla.

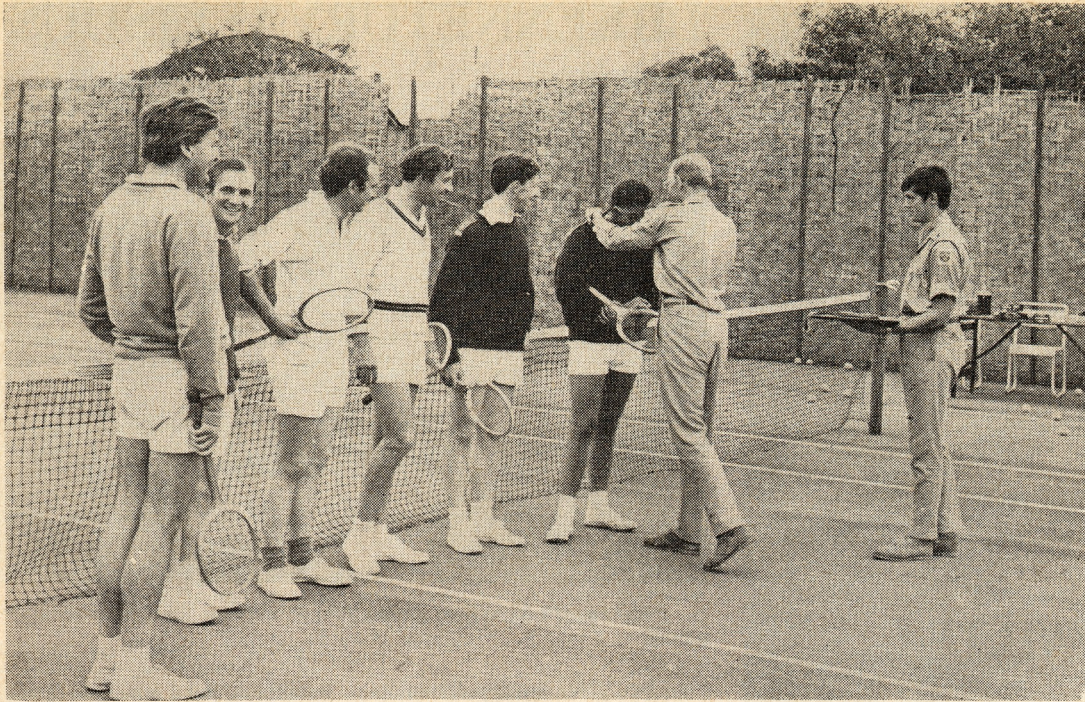
POSTINKULKU NOPEUTUU

Kansainvälisen lentoliikenteen siirryttyä kesäaikatauluun kuluvaan kuun alusta lukien postinkulkuamme välillä Helsinki-Nikosia nopeutuu. Suomesta saapuu posti päivittäin kello 16.50 - 17.45 välillä Nikosian lentokentälle, mistä se noudetaan, lajitellaan ja jaetaan yksiköihin entistä tapaa noudattaen. Keski- viikon ja sunnuntain postin saapuminen siirtyy seuraavan päivän puolelle.

Kyprokselta lähtee posti joka päivä. Lähtevä posti on tuotava yksiköistä kenttäpostikonttoriin viimeistään lähtöpäivän aamuna kello 7.30.

Suomesta Kyprokselle saapuvien pakettien päällä tulee olla ns. YK-lipuke, jotta paketti otetaan postin käsiteltäväksi Suomessa. Lipukeita voi noutaa kenttäpostikonttorista. Paketin suurin paino on 2 kg. Pakettien pitää olla Helsingissä viikkoa ennen lennon lähtöä osoitteella YKSP 14/Helsinki 10.

Kyprokselta Suomeen lähtevät postipaketit lähetetään kaikki etu-ilennossa. Takalennossa ei voida lähettää postipaketteja. Pakettien vastaanotto on jo alkanut kenttäpostikonttorissa. Paketin usuurin paino on 30 kg. Paketi eivät saa sisältää alkoholia eikä savukkeita.



UNFIGYP DAVIS CUP TENNIS

The final of the UNFIGYP "Davis Cup" Tennis tournament turned out to be an all British affair.

The Force Reserve team having beaten Swedcon 3-0 in the Semi-final became "giant killers" when they scored a 2-1 victory over the Third Battalion The Royal Green Jackets in the final at Nicosia on 30th March.

Results of the matches were as follows:-

P. Roe — C.G.C. Vyvyan 6-1, 6-3.

O. Howard — C.E.W. Jones 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

M. Radmore/P. Roe — H. P. Dumas/C.G.C. Vyvyan 4-6, 7-5, 3-6.

The picture shows the two teams lined up for the prize giving ceremony. Presenting the medals is Major Frans Forsspjad attended by Corporal Bengt Bernefalk, a member of the Swedish team.



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NICOSIA Cyprus

YUKON AIRCRAFT TO RETIRE

On 1st April, the last of the fleet of twelve Yukons of 437 Transport Squadron, Canadian Air Transport Command, was taken out of commission and replaced by the Boeing 707, newest transport aircraft of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The ageing workhorse of the Air Transport Command, which has been the link with home for Canadian soldiers serving with the UN in Cyprus, is pictured leaving Nicosia Airport for the last time.

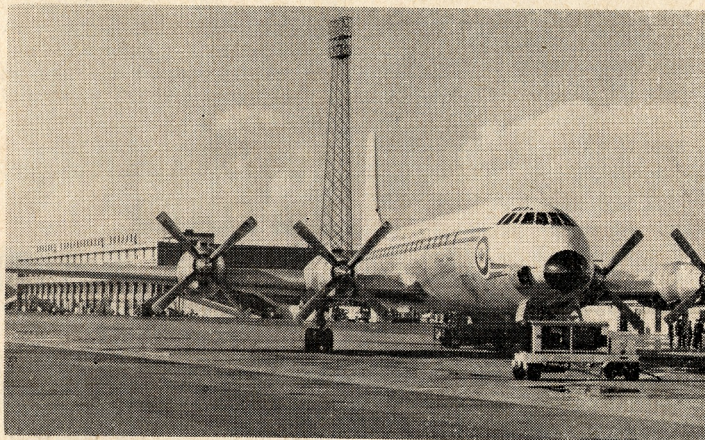
These planes have carried more than 16,000 troops and

tens of thousands of tons of supplies, mail and comforts in and out of Nicosia during the past seven years.

Now, loaded with soldiers from the 3rd Regiment PPCLI returning to their home base in Victoria, the Yukon will stage through Lahr, Trenton, Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Vic-

toria on its way home to its base in Trenton, and final retirement.

The Yukon has had a distinguished career since coming into service in 1962. In that same year it captured the western world air record aloft, of 23 hours and 51 minutes, and since then their fatality free record flights have taken them all over the world.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFIGYP

Week Ending		
3 April 1971	—	6
Same Period		
Last Year	—	2
Total This Year	—	74
Same Period		
Last Year	—	111

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"JUMPING" THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS"

SAFETY TWIST

10 little drivers, cruising down the line; one had a heavy foot and then there were nine.

SPEED LIMITS ARE SET FOR YOUR SAFETY.