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AUSTRIAN DEFENCE MINISTER HERE



Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, the Force Commander, and Dr Georg Prader, Austrian Minister of Defence meet for discussion at HQ UNFICYP.

VISITS UNFICYP HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRIAN HOSPITAL

Arriving at Nicosia Airport on Thursday evening was Dr Georg Prader, the Austrian Minister of Defence. He was accompanied by Dr Steiner, the Austrian Ambassador in Athens, and Major Wirth, the Bundesministers' Adjutant.

The following morning Dr Prader visited HQ UNFICYP and had discussions with the Special Representative, Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola. A Guard of Honour provided by the Swedish contingent greeted his arrival at the HQ.

On Saturday, Dr Prader toured the Austrian Field Hospital under command of Colonel Robert Wech and spoke to several patients during his visit to the wards.

During his stay on the island Dr Prader also met the President of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, and the Dr Fazil Kuchuk Vice-President.

Dr Prader and his party returned to Austria on Sunday morning.



In the grounds of the Austrian Field Hospital the Minister of Defence is shown the attractive wishing-well built by previous contingent members of the Austrian Field Hospital. Left to Right: Maj H. Schmidt (Senior Surgeon), Maj A. Schwartz (Adjutant) Col Robert Wech (Commandant), Dr Georg Prader, Dr R. Steiner (Austrian Ambassador), Col Tommy Pace (Chief Medical Officer) and 1st Lieutenant H. Amsuss (Assistant Surgeon).

U THANT SEES TALKS ON VIET-NAM SOON; MOURNS LUTHER KING'S DEATH

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week hailed the prospect of contacts between the Governments of the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam to consider an end to the fighting in Viet-Nam.

U Thant expressed his gratification after a broadcast by North Viet-Nam and an announcement by President Johnson last week indicated readiness of both Governments to enter into such contact.

Questioned by newsmen in Geneva about the perspective of US-North Vietnamese contacts, U Thant said that Geneva was a good possible site for the talks because it had better facilities than other capitals, but that decision was, of course, up to the parties involved.

"I do not think the place will be a problem," the Secretary-General declared. "I believe the talks will begin very soon and I also believe they will result in the unconditional cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam, which I have been advocating for a long time..."

The Secretary-General flew to Geneva Thursday where he

attended the laying of a foundation-stone of a new wing of the United Nations Office in that city.

On Sunday, U Thant went to The Hague where he met with Prime Minister De Jong and Foreign Minister Luns and attended a luncheon given in his honor by Queen Juliana and Prince Bernard.

A demonstration of some thousands of people was organised by various religious and social groups at the gates of the Royal Palace the day of the luncheon to mourn the death of Dr. Martin Luther King and to express to the Secretary-General their solidarity with the principles of the UN Charter.

In thanking the crowd, U Thant again expressed his deep shock at the news of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King and his hope that it would lead to a greater understanding of "one of the gravest problems of our world today — racial discrimination".

FINLAND, TURKEY CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP COSTS

Finland and Turkey have pledged additional voluntary contributions to help the United Nations meet the cost of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a note sent to the Secretary-General, U Thant, dated 29 March, Finland pledged the amount of \$10,000 (US dollars) to be offset against expenses paid by the Finnish Government in connection with the Finnish Contingent serving with UNFICYP.

Turkey, in a note dated 2 April sent to the Secretary-General, said the Turkish Government had decided to make a voluntary contribution amounting to \$299,506.08 (US dollars) for the period of 26 June-26 December 1967.

DANSKE MURERE BYGGER MINDESMÆRKE FOR CANCON



Sidste efterår døde en canadiske korporal ved militærpolitiet af blodkraft 14 dage efter indlæggelsen på Det østrigske Felthospital. To danske murersvende fra PIDEL har bygget et mindesmærke for canadieren. Mindesmærket, der er bygget på rekordtid, har form som en pyramide bestående af brudt granit, hvorpå der er sat en plade med inskription.



KS C. Christensen på vagt på tagpost "Nord" i A-KMP nyder solnedgangen, - eller ser han måske efter rotationsfly på aftenhimlen.

DANCON - NYT

Ja, hvorfor ikke!
Det er meget nemmere at gå i byen og få pudset sine støvler.

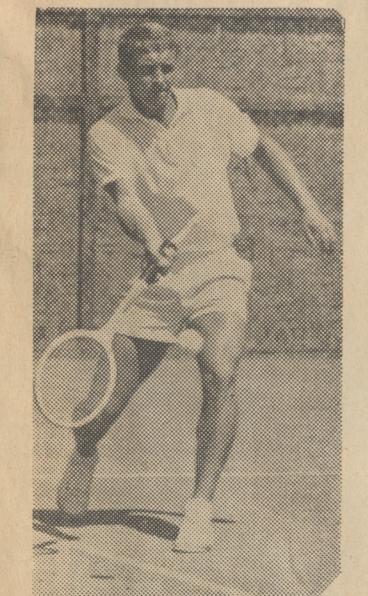
Kurt Enoksson
på CIVPOL
tennisvästare

Zonmästerskapet i tennis har under fyra dagar avgjorts på det engelska signalregementets asfaltbanor vid Four Mile Point utanför Famagusta. Finalen spelades i söndags och som väntat med två civilpoliser på var sin sida om nätet. Kurt Enoksson, Norrköping, visade ingen respekt för ställföreträde civilpolischefen Nils Grönberg, Stockholm, utan slog honom i tre raka set med 6-0, 6-2, 7-5.

Mästerskapet, som hade samlat inte mindre än 36 deltagare, gick i pressande värme och konditionen sattes på lika hård prov som tennisvärlden. Själva bataljonens bästa tennisspelare visade sig vara korpral Kjell Gustavsson, ström sund, en av våra starka HQ-grabbar. Kjell blev trea i zonmästerskapet men sen på fjärde plats var det civilpolis igen, nämligen Lennart Nilsson, Uppsala. Det skall framhållas att finalisterna Enoksson och Grönberg spelade tillsammans när zonmästerskapet i dubbel avgjordes - med en andraplats som resultat. Dubbeln vanns som bekant av civilpoliserna Nisse Andersson, Göteborg, och Bengt Bengtsson, Partille. Dubbeltreor var Lars Furugård, Ed, och Erik Ryde, Borlänge, båda hemmabörjande på STR-komp.

Nils Grönberg deltog aktivt på mer än ett sätt i singelmästerskapet. Han skötte också med all heder den viktiga banchessförsamlingen, och det skall han ha tack för.

På bilden - sådan är min stil. Singelmästaren Kurt Enoksson driver på en förehand.

Svensk hedersvakt tog emot
Österrikes försvarsminister

Österrikes försvarsminister, Dr Georg Prader, har avlagt ett 4-dagsbesök på Cypern, närmast för att hälsa på det österrikiska fältsjukhuset och de österrikiska civilpoliserna. Dr Prader är något så sällsynt som en också i militära kretsar uppskattad försvarsminister.

I dr Praders program ingick naturligtvis ett besök på UNFICYP HQ i Nicosia, där Force Commander, General Martola, tog emot och visade runt. Tog emot gjorde också en svensk hedersvakt ur 2. plut, 1 komp under befäl av sergeant Olof Fryksjö, Göteborg. Plutonen var vid dr Praders besök ansvarig för vakthållningen runt HQ, för övrigt den sista 39 C-plutonen med denna viktiga uppgift. Tiden går!

SWEDCON NEWS

Förtruppen
ur 40 C
på Cypern

Den första sändningen blekansikten också kallade albyler-från Sverige kom i torsdags nedflygande till Cypern och möttes av en stor mottagningskommitté på Nicosias nya flygplats. FN-bataljon 40 C:s förtrupp är med andra ord på plats, 59 man stark och med ställföreträde bataljonschefen, överstelöjtnant Lars Lundquist, T 3 Sollefteå, i spetsen. Förtruppen inrymmer befattningshavare på nyckelposter och får av den anledningen längre tid på sig att sätta sig in i sina uppgifter.

En första uppgift blev kompletterande utrustning i huvudförrådet på Carl Gustaf Camp, där naturligtvis förvaltare Helge Johansson, Stockholm, var med och övervakade. (Se bilden)

Om inte de anlända 40:orna redan förstått det så är de varmt välkomna. Se nu bara till att få lite färg på kinderna och stuk på baskern innan resten av FN-bat 40 C är här!



CEREMONY FOR RETIRING OFFICER

On Friday, the various nationalities of the Headquarters, were intrigued to watch the traditional ceremony reserved for officers commanding units of the British Army on their retirement being observed by members of 644 Signal Troop.

The officer on this occasion was Lt Col A. R. (Bob) Wythe, the Chief Signals Officer of UNFICYP who had held the post for over three years.

The Ceremony began with the forming up in the main hangar of the 'towing party' — one shift comprising 22 men who were to pull the Landrover which had a driver but did not engage any horse power but merely man power. This party was flanked by two pipers from the Irish contingent.

On the command to move, the party moved up to the CSO's office where an armchair was placed on the top of the vehicle and Col Wythe was then invited to take this seat. The party then moved out of the hangar and across to the South Gate where three cheers were given by the assembled members of 644 Signal Troop. Col Wythe gave a few words of thanks and shook hands with the officers who were waiting to say farewell before he, accompanied by Mrs Wythe, entered the waiting car which was to whisk him away to Akrotiri, en route to the UK.

So ended 34 years of Army service and best wishes are extended to Col Wythe on his new venture in Zambia.

The new CSO is Lt Col D.D. (David) Ranft who is to be joined shortly by his family.



CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER RETIRES. The unique ceremony whereby the commanding officer of a unit is 'chaired' out of office, was performed on Friday. Lt Col A.R. (Bob) Wythe is seen seated aloft on a Landrover prior to retirement from Army service.



IN THE PIT

Sgt Mick Toms, from Andover, Hants, is the NCO in charge of the REME detachment with 1 RGJ at Polemidia Camp; he is seen here giving one of their vehicles an expert once-over during the recent vehicle inspection. The 'masked' face belongs to Craftsman Bob Nesbitt, from Swindon, who was one of the inspectors from the UNFICYP Workshop, REME.

BRITCON NEWS

WELFARE VISITS THE OUTPOSTS

Based at Polemidia Camp is the representative of the Women's Voluntary Service for the British contingent with UNFICYP. The present vital feminine link between soldier, unit and home is Mrs Irene Mappin. Mrs Mappin travels regularly round the OPs and distributes various items of reading material to the men on their lonely vigils.

The picture shows her on a visit to Skarinou Bridge OP having a chat with a Channel Islander, Rifleman Dennis Lozuet, from St Saviour, and he will subsequently be enjoying the magazines which are being handed out as part of the service.

Being a native of County Durham she is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the 1st Battalion The Durham Light Infantry in May although at the same time she will be sorry to see the departure of the Green Jackets.

COUNTING THE BEAT



Lance corporal David (Snowy) Crease from Tottenham, London, at one of the last Band rehearsals in Polemidia Camp waiting to 'come in' with his French horn. The band left for home on Tuesday in advance of the battalion, as several engagements are already lined up for them.



"Mindies — but glue your eyes to the pounds" seems to be of Sgt P. Young as he and Cpl J. McLoughlin check the receipts in the canteen at Limnitis.



IRCON NEWS



Showing it was done is Coy Sgt G. Keenan, HQ Staff, UNFICYP at Sgt's Mess, Nicosia.

A GAME OF HURLING



This is one game for which the Greeks have not a name. It is the Irish national game of "hurling" and here at Kato Pyrgos camp, Pte P. O'Brien, Pte J. Keane and Pte W. O'Reilly are giving a first lesson to Coy waiter Andreas Lozo.



During appetite wetting outpost duty, when food is in question, everyone is prepared to lend a hand and here at Limnitis camp Pte A. Meehan, Pte J. Hawe and Pte C. O'Neill help to prepare a meal under the supervision of cook Cpl M. Kavanagh.



Pte L. Tighe looks quite at ease during a trim at the hands of Irfan Halil (Limnitis camp) while, looking dubious but still waiting his turn, is Pte J. O'Rourke. Both men are members of "A" Coy 10 Inf Group.

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At Kato Pyrgos Camp, Sgt J. Monaghan, Pte W. Egan and Pte P. Gavin all members of "C" Coy, 10 Inf Group await transportation prior to setting out for duty at one of the observation posts in that area.

ROTAATION AIKAA

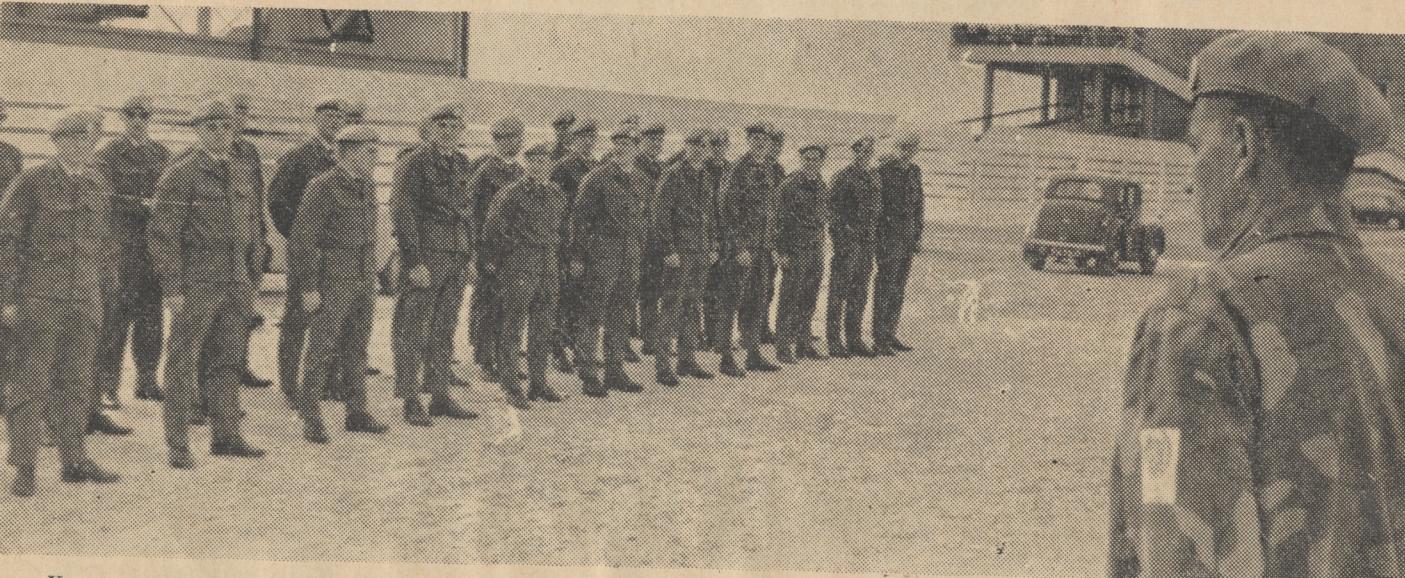
Jälleen on kolmen kuukauden jakso kulunut umpeen, jälleen on miehiä vaihtunut pataljoonassa. YKSP 8:sta on tullut YKSP 9. Mikäpä on taas alottaessa uutta kolmen kuukauden mandaattia kun uusia, tuoreita, innokkaita ja niin valkeita varpaita on saatu jatkamaan Suomeen poistuneiden jättämää tehtäviä. Uusia miehiä tuli kaikkaan 238 kappaletta, joista upseereita 23, aliupseereita 14 ja jäädäkä-

reitä 201. Tervetuloa vaan oikein kovasti, kaikki kaksisataakolmikymmentäkahdeksan.

Rotaatioon liittyvät tapahtumat saavat aikaan sen, että pataljoonan normaali päivästä päivään-elämäntyyri muuttuu, se tulee kiiresimäksi, saa uusia muotoja, lähtijöille pidetään läksiäisiä harva se ilta, uusia otetaan vastaan ja toivotaan tervetulleeksi. Nämä on ehtinyt olemaan jo monta kertaa ennen neljän vuoden aikana, mutta varsinaisesti on sanoa, onko näin vielä tulevaisuudessa. Rotaatio on nyt ja on aikaisemmin ollut piristävä ja päävärjäystä muuttava tapahtuma. Se aivan kuin hetkeksi heräättää kolmen kuukauden pituisesta enemmän tai vähemmän harmaasta arkipäivästä.

FINCON NEWS

Tämä enteilee sitä, että jotkut lähtevät. Juhlallisin ja asiaankuuluvin sotilaalaisin menoin pystytettiin Kikossa Poriin osoittava tieniittä. Tukeya ote on yliv V Latvalan, kunniamarttiessa seisoo jätk R Huusonen.



Komentajan puhuttelu Nicosian uudella lentokentällä. Hetkeä aikaisemmin uudet miehet ovat laskeutuneet Kiproksen kamaralle jugoslaviaisen Air Adria-yhtiön DC 6-lentokoneesta.

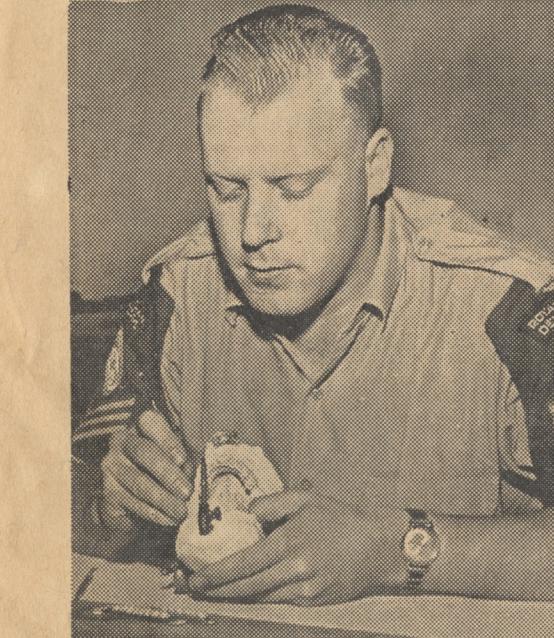


Tapahtui 2. JK:ssa. Miehet kannavat merimiesäkkejään, mihin, sitä ei vielä tässä vaiheessa tiedetty. Lähin tavoite kierreportaat, osoittaa kers J Raulo. Jääk H Paanosen hymy ei ole kuitenkaan hyvytynyt. Sillä tavalla, huumorin pilke silmäkulmassa vaan, vaikka noilla vanhoilla olisi hankaliakin metkuja mielessä.

Kierreportaat. Kuka on nähty tuonimisen elokuvan? Pieni show nähtiin kuitenkin kakkossa, kun uudet miehet koettivat särkeineen hilautus kapeita portaita ylöspäin. Kiipeileminen sääkit seissä on jo kuulemma traditio 2. JK:ssa. Juoheesti vaan, tietienkin.



CANCON ROTATION IN APRIL



DENTAL WORK

Sergeant C.V.S. (Cameron) Forsythe of Kingston N.S., a dental lab technician works on a set of plates at Camp Maple Leaf. His parents Mr & Mrs V.H. Forsythe reside in Kingston N.S. It is all part of a day's work for Sergeant Forsythe who is serving here with the Canadian Contingent on United Nations peace-keeping duties.



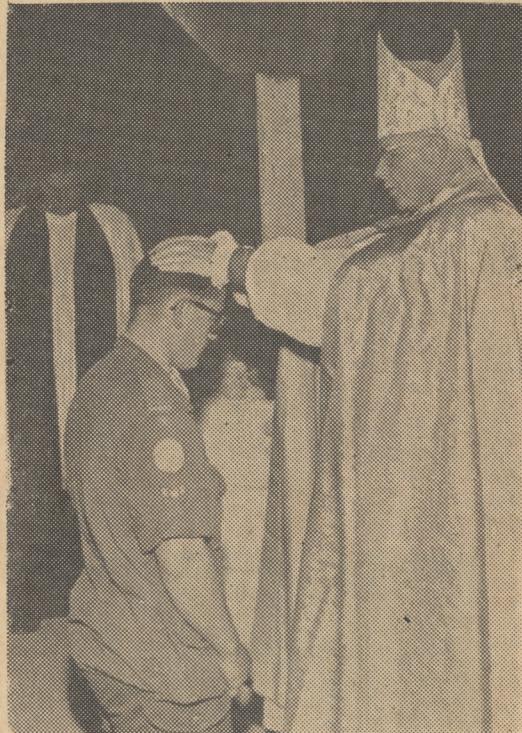
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THE MAIL MAN

THE MAIL MUST GET THROUGH: So says Corporal G.E. (George) Jones, a postal clerk at the post office, Camp Maple Leaf. With the rotation of the Canadian contingent taking place between 7 and 16 April 1968, Corporal Jones is a very busy man. It is estimated that some one hundred and six thousand pounds of mail is being handled each year by the postal crew. They have the routine to such a science that within one hour of a Yukon landing, the boys are aware of all the unpaid bills.



CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

CONFIRMATION IN CYPRUS

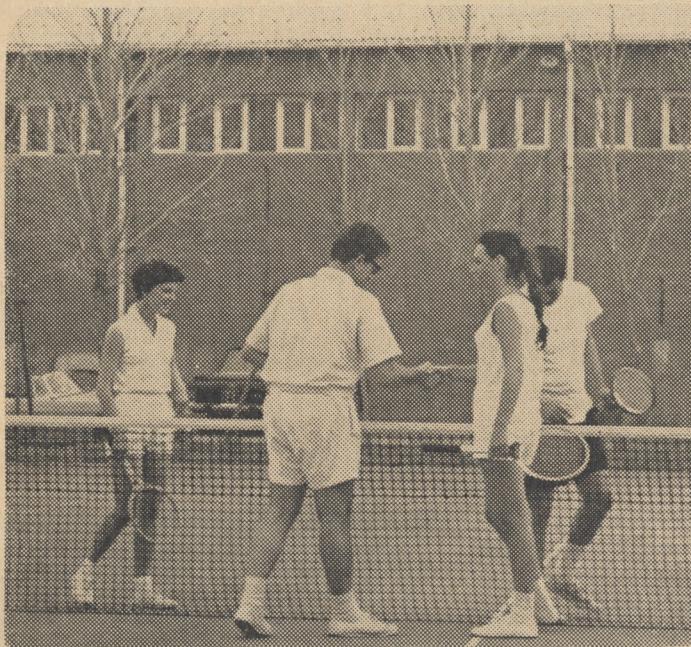
Under a star-filled Cyprus sky and by the lights of hastily positioned coleman lamps, His Grace the Right Reverend Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Campbell MacInnis, confirmed Corporal D. L. (Douglas) Graham of Ottawa during a brief ceremony held at Boghazi Gate last weekend. Boghazi Gate is one of the 18 outposts manned by Canadians serving on peace-keeping duties in Cyprus. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries including Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, United Nations Forces in Cyprus, Colonel A. C. Simonds (ret'd) and family, plus working companions of Corporal Graham.

THE SECRETARIAT AT PLAY

On Wednesday the Secretariat played an American Tournament, appropriately at the American Club in Nicosia.

So well organised was it by Anne Roberts and Ann Valentine that the latter shared the booby prize with Pat McKenna. It is thought that the sight of a camera on one occasion was responsible for one of her service shots landing almost in the adjoining court! Deuce-d fault!

After playing twenty-four games each the eventual Secretariat winners were Juan Halbirth with Mrs Irma Dickinson as the lady runner-up.



VICTORY FOR TWO Juan Halbirth and Barbara Genn (camera side of net) won their game against Ann Valentine and "John" Tanzella.

WATCH YOUR SPEED!

In an endeavour to promote road safety and warning the speedsters, reproduced below is the English translation of the text with the original photographs which appeared on the Danish page of the **Blue Beret** two weeks ago. It is felt that there is a lesson for all readers.

The UN Military Police's secret

speed control has disclosed many offenders, and the control continues with undiminished energy.

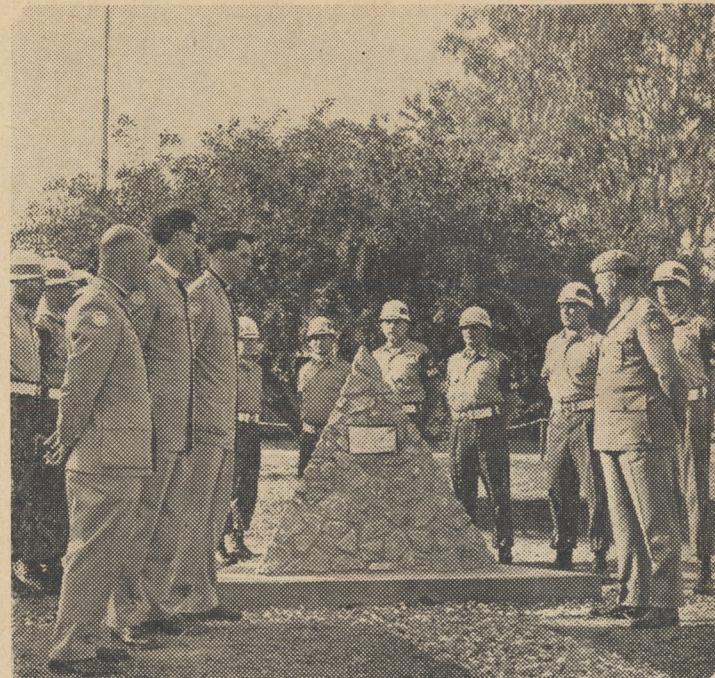
In this case Finnish Corporal M. Junell and Danish Corporal Boevling made a fine catch.

Picture on the right, shows Corporal Junell, in action with his instruments.

Below is the team well hidden,



MEMORIAL FOR CANADIAN MP



UNITED NATIONS MILITARY POLICE PAY TRIBUTE TO A CANADIAN: Colonel H.C.F. Elliot (right) Commander, Canadian Contingent on Thursday, 4 April, unveiled a memorial in memory of Corporal R.A. Salmon who died in Cyprus of natural causes while serving on United Nations peace-keeping duties. The ceremony was attended by friends of Corporal Salmon, the Roman Catholic chaplain, Father J.N.M. Malenfant and the Protestant chaplains, the Reverends G. Davidson and K.A. Minchin.

ROAD SAFETY

behind some trees, ready to move out with upraised hand ordering STOP! Driver — Number, rank and name, UN driving permit, please, etc, etc.

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