



FIRST VISITORS TO SWEDCON'S NEW GOLDFISH CAMP

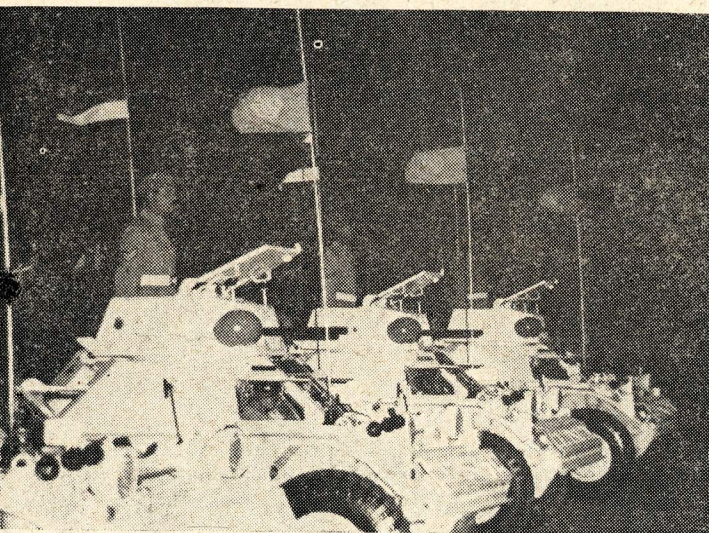


SWEDCON recently took over its new permanent camp on the outskirts of Nicosia, now known as Gold Fish Camp. The camp had its first VIP visitors on Monday 18 September when it was visited by the SRSG, the FC and the CAO. The picture taken during the visit shows from left to right, Maj. Gen. J.J. Quinn, Mr. H.P.T. Willis, Ambassador Galindo Pohl and Maj. C.G.I. Nilsson, OC 1 Company SWEDCON.



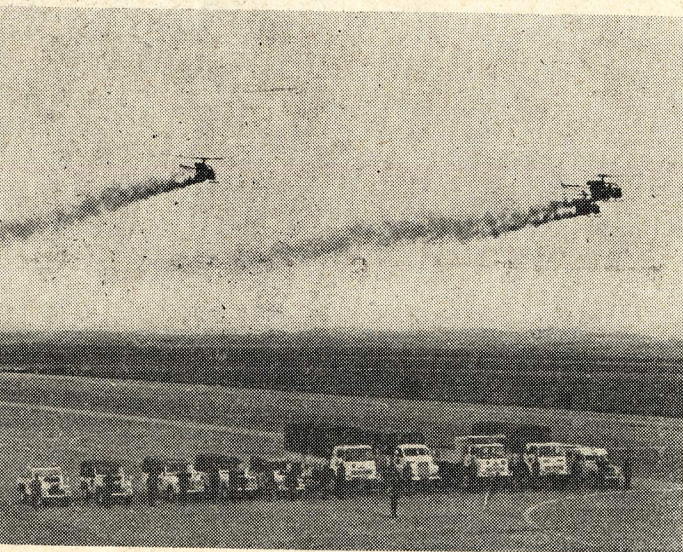
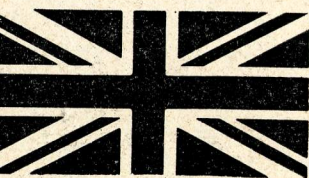
The Band March On

The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers march on at the head of the Battalion at the start of the Parade.



Members of 'A' Squadron 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) under the command of Major R E H Coghlan drive past.

BRITCON MEDAL PARADE



Alouettes of UNFICYP Flight, Flight Commander Major C Blount fly past. Beneath them, with their wheels firmly on the ground, the UNFICYP Support Regiment Detachment, Detachment Commander Major A A Rennie.



Colour Party 1st Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Ensign to the Regimental Colour, Lt G S Lochheda, Escorts to the Colour, Colour Sgt T Thompson and SSgt A W Sexton, Warrant Officer to the Colour, WO2 J J L Foster.



Major General J J Quinn presents Cpl D Lawrence RAF with his United Nations Medal. Next in line is Sgt E Ridsdale, RAF.

"B COMPANY"

SOLDIERS
OF
THE
LINE



B Company with soldiers like MCpl Robert McDonald, provides access control into the UNPA through OP C. 39, known more commonly as FOXTROT -

FROM
CAMP
MAPLE
LEAF

This is the last in a series of articles designed to give you, the reader, a greater understanding of the Canadian Contingent here in Cyprus.

Bravo Company is the second of our two Rifle Companies which have the responsibility of manning Observation Posts in the United Nations Buffer Zone or more commonly called manning the "LINE". Commanded by Major Lou Grimshaw, B Company has a strength of some 100 personnel who man seven Observation Posts and Checkpoints 24 hours a day. Working out of Camp Maple Leaf their area includes the entire United Nations Protected Area.

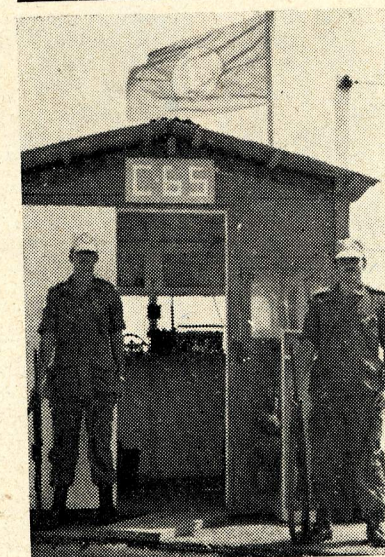


L to R — The "B" Company Commander, Major Lou Grimshaw, and driver Cpl Joe Pederson.



Platoon Commander Lieutenant Kurt Fredrickson (centre) discusses points with Sergeant Doug Walker (left) and Sergeant Don Vardy (right).

CANCON NEWS



L to R — Pte Les Leighton and Pte Rich Canham are on duty at Sector Four's new Observation Post C. 65!



Pte Randy Bunzenmayer with a friendly lizard from the Camp Maple Leaf area.



Lieutenant Colonel LewMacKenzie presents a UN Cyprus service medal to a happy Pte Nolan Benoit.



The SWEDCON Captain, Lt. Jonasson receiving the winning trophy from Ch. Supt. A. Walliker.



The organisers sorting out one of the many small problems that arose during the afternoon.

UNFICYP SWIMMING CARNIVAL

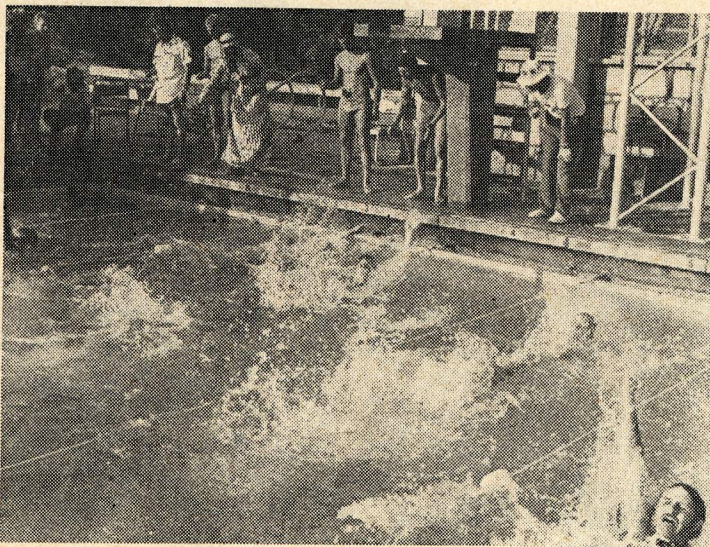
The 1978 carnival was held in the BBC swimming pool on the afternoon of 31 August and once again attracted a great deal of interest and was fully supported by all contingents. The programme for the afternoon comprised 17 heats, covering a total of 8 events. The 3 relay events were run as finals, these being the 4x50 m free-style, 4x50 m breaststroke and the 4x50 m medley.

The organisers of the carnival would like to thank all the officials who gave a helping hand and particularly to COMUN-CIVPOL for being such an effective announcer. Without their willing help the afternoon could not have been the success we are told it was.

Finally, of course, our congratulations to SWEDCON the undoubted champions of the carnival.

RESULTS

50 m Freestyle				100 m Freestyle			
1st Wragge	BRITCON	25.9		1st Hansson	SWEDCON	59.3	
2nd Everson	Force Reserve	26.2		2nd Wragge	BRITCON	1.02.0	
3rd Larsson	SWEDCON	26.5		3rd Folkesson	SWEDCON	1.04.4	
50 m Breaststroke				4x50 m Freestyle Relay			
1st Parritt	BRITCON	35.5		1st	Force Reserve	1.51.0	
2nd Pelletier	CANCON	36.4		2nd	BRITCON	1.52.2	
3rd Shipley	Force Reserve	36.5		3rd	SWEDCON	1.55.5	
50 m Butterfly stroke				4x50 m Breaststroke Relay			
1st Hansson	SWEDCON	29.2		1st	SWEDCON	2.25.7	
2nd Folkesson	SWEDCON	29.2		2nd	DANCON	2.36.4	
3rd Schenkenheld	CANCON	32.9		3rd	BRITCON	2.38.0	
50 m Backstroke				4x50 m Medley Relay			
1st Ribbhagen	SWEDCON	34.0		1st	SWEDCON	2.07.1	
2nd Everson	Force Reserve	34.5		2nd	CANCON	2.15.2	
3rd Lester	Force Reserve	34.6		3rd	AUSCON	2.16.5	



The good entertainment provided during the afternoon is clearly evident in this picture of the close finish of the 50m backstroke.



Memories of an exciting afternoon in very pleasant surroundings. For once in sport it was the participants who remained cool.

SWEDCON - NEW "SWIM - CON"



Best Team Wins

So far this summer sports successes for the Swedish Contingent have been few and far between. The UNFICYP Swimming Carnival was, however, a great success for SWEDCON. The Swedes took 18 of the 51 medals, 11 gold, 1 silver and 6 bronze. The winning Swedish team also gave a mortgage on the new challenge prize.

The Swedes won with 25 points, BRITCON were next with 13, Force Reserve got 11, CANCON 6, DANCON 3 and AUSCON 2.

The most successful members of the Swedish team were Ptes Anders Tansson and Per Folkesson with four medals each.



The successful Swedish swimmers at the pool in Nicosia, sitting from left to right, Lt Mats Ribbhagen, Pte Stefan Milsson, Pte Anders Hansson, Sgt Rolf Bergelin. Standing from left to right, Maj Heimo Auer, Pte Björn Ekholm, Pte Bo Larsson, Pte Per Folkesson and Sgt Peter Bäcklund.

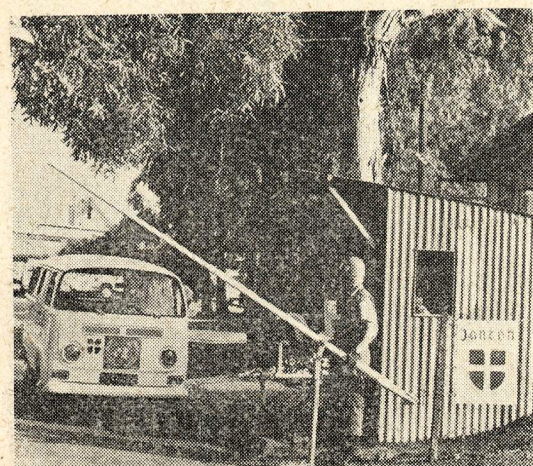


There was a problem with the medals but the Force Commander, Maj Gen J J Quinn, on the right, soon solved it. Next to the Force Commander is Ch Supt Arthur Walliker, whose contingent organised the Carnival, and in the middle is the ADC, Capt Anders Dahlman.



A very happy Swedish team leader, Lt Leif Jonasson, raises the challenge prize together with the most successful swimmer Pte Anders Hansson who won three gold medals and one bronze.

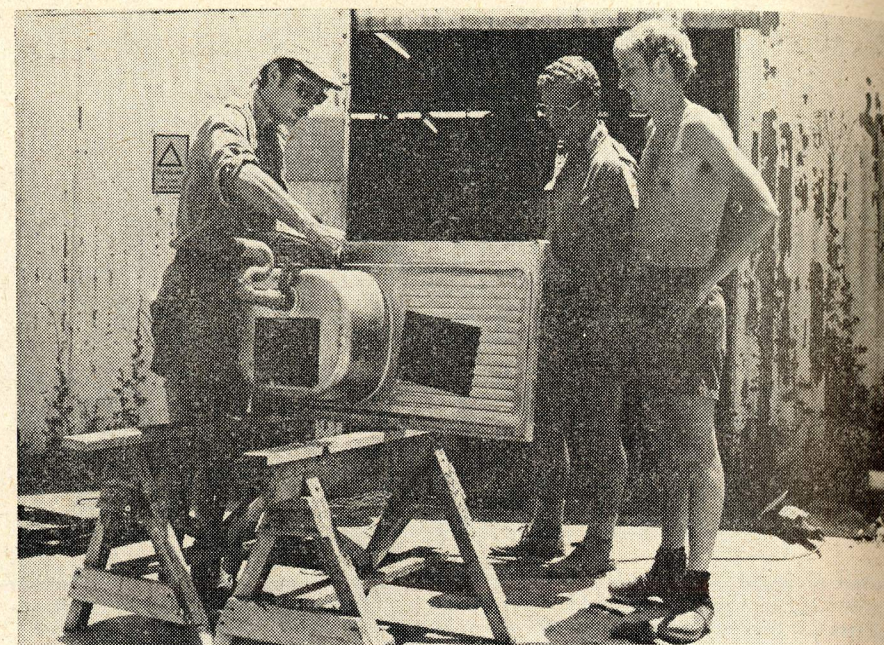
HQ COY — "VIKING CAMP" — XEROS



VIKING CAMP has a sentry just like every other camp. This picture shows Pte C.H. Jensen opening the barrier for the SDS vehicle.

VIKING CAMP, Xeros is situated in an area belonging to the Cyprus Mines Corporation and since 1969 has been home for HQ and HQ Coy of DANCON.

Originally the force was quartered in a tented camp in the Southern part of the area, a part of which today holds the helicopter landing site and the pioneer workshop. Step by step, however, the tents were replaced by UN huts and since 1972 the camp has appeared virtually in its present shape.



The DANCON engineers always have plenty to do. Among their many tasks the present section has built a new hut for the sergeants and an extension to the Officers' Mess kitchen.

Here you see engineer Pte B.T. Petersen doing some plumbing while the section-leader SSgt P.P. Olsen and Pte Soerensen look on.

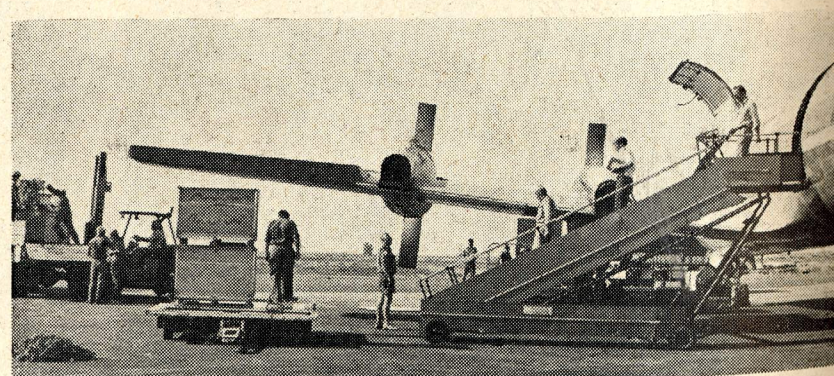
DANCON



NEWS



The medical officers in DANCON have to carry out hygiene-inspections at all the OPs and because of the mountainous locations they always travel by helicopter. Here you see MO J. Ravn, MO S. Holbaek and Sgt N. Aa. B. Nielsen preparing for a trip.



Twice a month DANCON and SWEDCON have the joint SCACYP flights between their home countries and Cyprus.

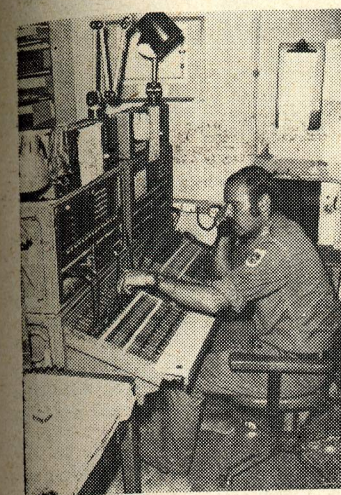
Personnel and material are carried on these aircraft and it is HQ Coy's duty to load and un-load them.

Here is a photograph of one of the flights after arrival at Larnaca Airport.



Communications in the mountainous terrain of Sector I are particularly important and they have to be both speedy and reliable. As a result there is a well equipped radio workshop in VIKING CAMP to ensure that the radio equipment operates effectively. Here is radio-engineer Sgt O.E. Toft on duty.

"Hold the Line, Please"



Our COMCEN is always busy trying to satisfy the various demands of AUSCON and to connect the Contingent with the pulse beat of UNFICYP. Sometimes it is not a very thankful task, particularly after morning briefings when all attending hurry to their respective offices and pick up their telephones. If both lines connecting us to the HQ are engaged the operator often gets a hard time but he has learned to take it in his stride.

When serious problems occur, such as the switchboard refusing to do its duty, the crew start gently, listening like a doctor with his stethoscope.



Failure to get results by the gentler method give rise to much tougher treatment.

In addition to ensuring the continuous functioning of our switchboard our new Signals Officer is keen to protect such valuable equipment and had us build new sandbag barriers. Here the crew are happily carrying out this task, — but not sweating too much — they are still wearing their shirts: While they are outside enjoying the fresh air the switchboard inside is, no doubt, ringing away unanswered. Are the callers drumming their fingers



and muttering that a homing pigeon would be quicker?

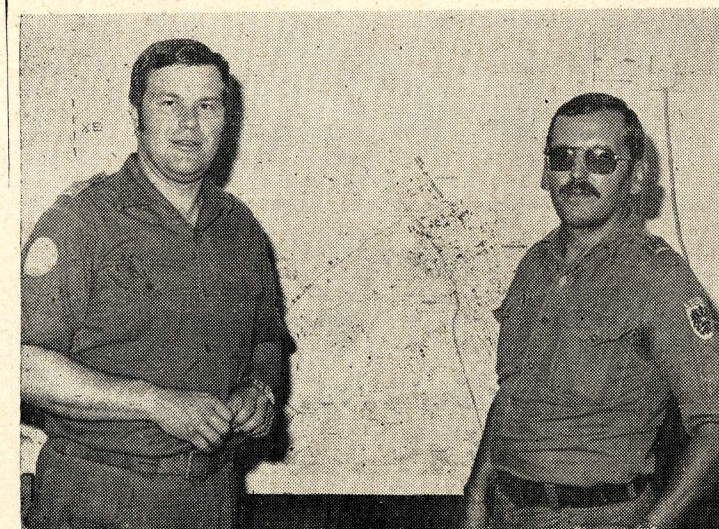
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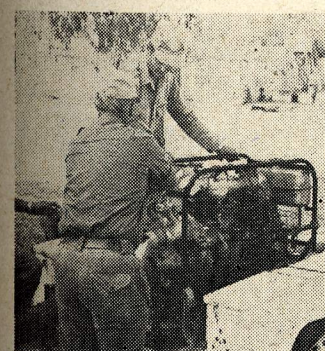
NEWS

NEW LO TF — AN AUSTRIAN

On 1 September, Maj Maicher, the new LO TF, seen on the left in the picture, arrived at Camp Duke Leopold V. He was briefed to take over the additional duties of Sector Six Expert by Maj Schipper, Ops Officer.



Bell signals fire-fighting exercise



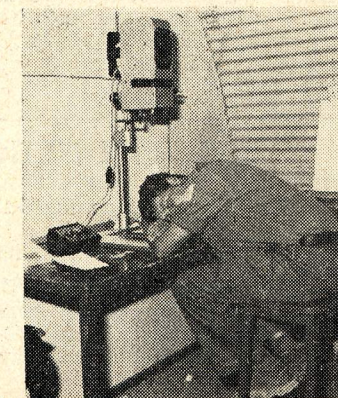
On Saturday 2 September the clangour of a bell called everyone out for a fire fighting exercise. A "huge" fire roared away in one corner of the Camp and while orders whizzed to and fro and soldiers rushed to and fro the fire remained stable and burned away steadily!

When the foam-extinguisher did not function properly the Camp Commandant, Maj Konecny, took charge in person with great success.



SNAPPER SNAPPED!!!

After producing hundreds of prints of the Medal Parade our young Battalion photographer took advantage of the peace and quiet of the dark room for a well-earned rest. Unfortunately for him he was invaded by a rival photographer and snapped napping.





UN NEWS



LEBANON — UNIFIL

Security Council extends mandate of Lebanon force.

On 18 September the Security Council extended the mandate of the UN interim force in Lebanon for four months until 19 January 1979. The vote was 12 in favour and none against, with two abstentions — the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. China did not take part in the vote, in accordance with its usual practice concerning UN peace keeping operations.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had recommended a six-month extension in his latest report on UNIFIL. France which has the largest troops contingent in the 6,000-man force had wanted a three-month extension. As a compromise, the United States-sponsored resolution adopted by the council extended the life of the force for four months.

Addressing the council immediately after the vote, Secretary-General Waldheim urgently appealed for the co-operation of the parties concerned to help UNIFIL complete its task.

The force was set up in March to confirm the withdrawal of Israeli troops that had invaded Southern Lebanon in a drive against Palestinian guerrillas, and to help restore the Lebanon Government's sovereignty over the area.

In his recent report, Mr. Waldheim was critical of Israeli backed Lebanese Right-wing Christian militia for preventing the Beirut Government from asserting its authority over the region.

In his comments to the council, Mr. Waldheim also expressed concern about UNIFIL's financial situation. Since some governments had made it clear they would not pay their share of the peace-keeping operation, there would probably be a growing deficit, throwing a disproportionate burden on those countries which had provided troops for the force.

UN RADIO

Successful satellite experiment 8 September 1978.

Instant communication by satellite enabled UN HQ New York to successfully service the meeting in Argentina of the UN Conference on Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries. In a week-long experiment simultaneous interpretation with both television and sound signals, document translations and reproduction, teletype, facsimile and voice communication were provided from New York to the Buenos Aires meetings.

Mr. Bohdan Lewandowski, the under secretary for Conference Services during an interview on 8 September told newsmen that the week-long test had been an unqualified success. "It heralds a new era in communications just like the leap from horse and buggy to jet air travel", he said. He noted that the test was conducted without cost to the UN. The experiment was made possible by facilities and co-operation furnished by NASA, the United States National Aeronauts and Space Administration, COMSTAT the non-governmental Communications Satellite Corporation, and ENTEL the Argentina satellite organisation which is a part of the Argentine Ministry of Posts and Telephone.

Mobile earth stations atop a twelve story building in Buenos Aires and in the gardens of the UN in New York relayed signals through a Stationary Orbit Communications Technology Satellite (STS) stationed over the western hemisphere.

Simultaneous interpreters in both New York and Buenos Aires followed the meetings, translating for delegates into the five official UN languages. The interpretations were switched back and forth between New York and Buenos Aires and neither delegates nor interpreters knew from where they were hearing the language versions. Mr. Lewandowski said there was not a single hitch, documents moved back and forth between the two cities at the rate of a page every 20 seconds. Mr. Lewandowski told newsmen the system could be put into every day use within two years if funding were available.

EEC PLAN TO BOOST UN FORCES

The nine Common Market countries have agreed to make a joint attempt to strengthen the United Nations peace-keeping forces during the present session of the UN General Assembly.

At a "political consultation" meeting in Bonn, foreign ministers of the Nine proposed that member countries consider establishing special training facilities for UN operations and keep the UN informed of men and materials available for peace-keeping purposes.

CYPRUS — UNFICYP

Secretary-General's Annual Report to the General Assembly.

The following excerpts on Cyprus from the Secretary-General's report were issued on 13 September by UN HQ, New York:

"The past year has been highly frustrating as far as efforts to find a solution to the Cyprus problem are concerned. Despite numerous efforts and contacts, it has not been possible to find an agreed basis for meaningful resumption of intercommunal talks, and the situation in the island has not improved, although owing in large measure to the United Nations Peace keeping Force, it has remained peaceful.

In the absence of any immediate prospect of moving towards a comprehensive solution, I have suggested that the parties might at least wish to tackle certain limited practical problems, such as Varosha or re-opening of Nicosia International Airport in the hope that limited success might facilitate a climate for broader negotiations. Some new proposals on Varosha have in fact been put forward, and I and my representatives will continue to try to find ways of making at least some practical advances on this and other aspects of the island's problems, pending resumption of negotiations for a comprehensive settlement.

Cyprus is a problem which ought to be soluble by peaceful negotiation. Until it is solved, it remains not only a threat to stability and good relations in the Eastern Mediterranean, but also a continuing and heavy burden on the resources of the United Nations. I sincerely hope therefore that we shall see, in the near future, necessary changes in attitude to allow for progress towards a negotiated solution".

UNFICYP CHRISTMAS CARDS



Only 13 weeks to Christmas!!!

A limited number of UNFICYP Christmas cards have been printed and are now available. The cards shown above have all the Contingents' flags in colour with the Season's Greetings printed inside in all Contingent languages. All profits from sales go to the UNFICYP Welfare Fund. To avoid disappointment purchase early from Mr. John Amos, Procurement Officer, Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia. Tel: 7208. Price 100 mils each including envelopes.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Two weeks ending 15 September 1978	8
Same period last year	15
Total for the year	180
Total same time last year	166

LESSON OF THE FORTNIGHT

Fasten your seat belt and drive carefully....
....you know it makes sense!