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IMPORTANT VISITOR TO CANCON



Major-General J.A. Dextraze (right), Deputy Commander for Operations, Mobile Command Headquarters, carried out an inspection of the operational element of the Canadian Contingent serving in Cyprus this week. At Mountainside, an observation outpost overlooking a strategic road, Sergeant J.D. (Romeo) McGraw, Outpost Commander, points out key terrain features to the general while explaining the responsibilities assigned to Mountainside, one of the 18 similar outposts manned by Canadians around-the-clock. Sergeant McGraw belongs to "X" Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Regiment.

Non-Proliferation Treaty Adopted

The 15-Nation Security Council, last Thursday, adopted the resolution emphasizing security assurances for non-nuclear states who had undertaken not to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons under the non-proliferation treaty.

This followed a recent General Assembly move commending the treaty and urging it's quick and widespread endorsement by nations of the world.

Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States, who sponsored Thursday's action by the Council, hailed it as a major contribution to International peace and security.

The resolution welcomed the formal declarations made by the three nuclear powers as permanent Security Council members that they would seek immediate Council action to help any non-nuclear state who

adheres to the treaty and becomes the victim of nuclear aggression or threat.

Also the resolution recognized that nuclear aggression or threat against non-nuclear states "Would create a situation in which the Security Council, and above all it's nuclear-weapon state members, would have to act immediately in accordance with their obligations under the United Nations Charter" at the same time, it particularly re-affirmed the right of individual and collective self-defence in case of armed attack pending

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UNANIMOUS VOTE

UNFICYP Mandate Extended For Six Months

The 15-Nation Security Council, on Tuesday, 19th June, 1968, extended the UN Peace-Keeping Operation in Cyprus for another six months with the hope that the progress towards a Cypriot settlement during that period, would allow it to be substantially cut or withdrawn entirely.

The Security Council acted on the recommendation of the Secretary-General, U Thant.

U Thant, reported last week (see Blue Beret 19th June, 1968) that the situation in Cyprus had improved considerably, with direct talks, which took place between Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities in Nicosia on Monday of this week. But he emphasized that the atmosphere of peace was essential for their successful outcome and felt that the mandate of the 4,700-man UN Peace Force should be extended as the situation remained unstable.

Tuesdays resolution, unanimously adopted, urged the parties concerned to show the utmost restraint and to use the present auspicious opportunities to achieve UN Peace Objectives.

Among the speakers, Mr. Zenon Rossides of Cyprus, Mr. Orhan Eralp of Turkey and Mr. Dimitri Bitsios of Greece, all welcomed the encouraging developments in the Cyprus situation and paid tribute to the Secretary-Generals Special Representative, in Cyprus, Mr. B.F. Osorio-Taffal, for his role in arranging the inter-communal talks.

The Turkish and Greek Foreign Ministers, Mr. Çağlayangil and Mr. Pipinellis are scheduled to meet in London today, to discuss the Cyprus issue and matters affecting the minorities in both countries.

The following is the full text of resolution unanimously adopted by the Security Council.

RESOLUTION 254 (1968)

The Security Council
Noting from the report by the Secretary-General on the 11th June, 1968 (S/6822 and Corr. 1) that in the present circumstances the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus is still needed, if

peace is to be maintained in the island,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 June 1968,

Noting, from the observations in the report, and the encouraging recent developments in the island,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 186 (1964) of 4 March, 187 (1964) of 13 March, 192 (1964) of 20 June, 193 (1964) of 9 August, 194 (1964) of 25 September and 198 (1964) of 18 December 1964, 201 (1965) of 19 March, 206 (1965) of 15 June, 207 (1965) of 10 August and 219 (1965) of 17 December 1965, 220 (1966) of 16 March, 222 (1966) of 16 June and 231 (1966) of 15 December 1966, 238 (1967) of 19 June and 244 (1967) of 22 December 1967 and 247 (1968) of 18 March 1968, and the consensus expressed by the President at the 1143rd meeting on 11 August 1964 and at the 1383rd meeting on 24/25 November 1967;

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New Under-Secretary - General

U Thant, UN Secretary-General has accepted the resignation of Mr Alexei Nesterenko, Under-Secretary-General for Political and Security Council Affairs, who has been recalled to the service of his government.

Mr Nesterenko has been on secondment to the United Nations, from the Foreign Service of the Soviet Union, since August 1965.

U Thant has appointed Mr Leonid Kutakov to succeed Mr Nesterenko.

The new Under-Secretary-General has served with the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, and he is also the author of a number of works on the history of diplomacy.



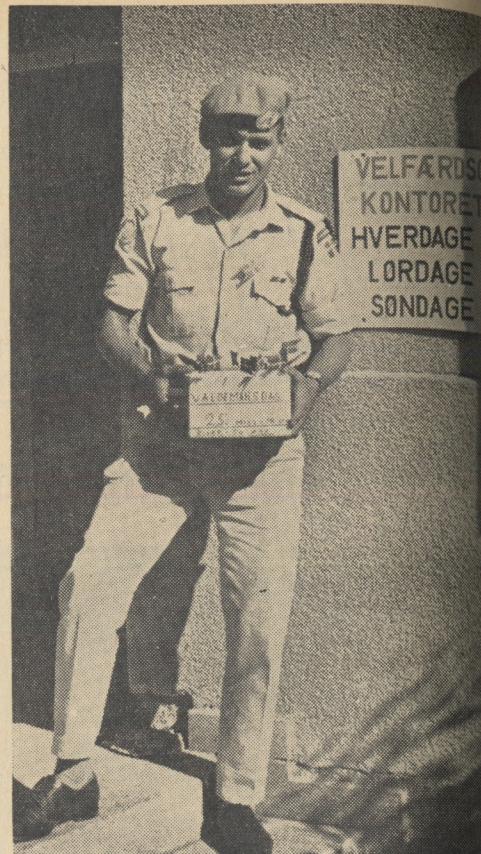
Til venstre

The Blue Beret har hermed fornøjelsen at præsentere DANCON's højeste og mindste konstabel sammen. Til venstre har vi Finn Haarbæk fra Aakirkeby, som forretter tjeneste ved B.kompagniet, og til højre Gaza-veteranen Kaj Kallegaard fra Ballerup og Charlie. Deres kommentarer til situationen var henholdsvis: "Det er godt der er langt fra Hals til Thisted" og "En lille og vågen er bedre end en stor og doven".

DANCON NYT

Til højre

Velfærds-Larsen fortjener at komme i avisen igen. På Valdemarsdagen solgte han ene mand 600 Dannebrogsslag. Pengene går til Danmarks-Samfundet, der blandt andet uddeler faner til forskellige foreninger. Måske er der en lumske bagtanke bag den energiske indsats, for DANCON er faktisk i den situation, at vi godt kunne bruge en Dannebrogsslag.



CYPERN EROBRET PAA EEN MAANED

Richard Løvehjerte var født i 1157. Han var herre af Aquitanien i Frankrig, og i 1189 blev han tillige konge af England. Men allerede to år senere forlod han sine riger for at drage på korstog.

Han fik hurtigt samlet en hær og tog til Sicilien. Her befriede han sin søster fra fangenskab, fik udbetalt en arv og erstatning til hende på godt en halv ton guld. Fik så hævet sin forlovelse med en fransk prinsesse, og umiddelbart derefter indgik han en ny med prinsesse Berengaria af Navarra.

Den 10 April 1191 satte hans flåde på omkring to hundrede skibe sejl mod det hellige land. I et af de forreste skibe sejlede den befriede søster sammen med Berengaria. Sidst sejlede Richard.

Den fjerde dag på havet blæste en storm op fra syd, og flåden blev splittet. De tre første skibe nåede Cypern, to af dem strandede ved Amathus ikke langt fra Limassol, og de overlevende blev taget til fange. Det tredje skib, det med damerne, nåede uskadt i havn.

Da Cyperns selvbestaltede kejser, Isak Commenus fik at vide hvem damerne var, og at kongen af England var på vej, blev han så ophidset, at skibschefen fandt det rådeligst at lette anker og sejle ud på havet igen. Den 6 Maj ankom Richard omsider med sin flåde. Han hørte om den uvenlige behandling hans forlovede og hans søster havde fået, og han så, at Isaks folk var ved at plyndre de strandede skibe. Der blev sendt bud til

Isak om at standse plyndringerne, men han svarede tilbage, at han ikke skulle bede nogen om lov til at inddrage gods, der drev i land på hans kyster.

På dette svar gik Richard i aktion. Inden aften var Isak drevet på flugt op i bjergene.

Ud på natten fik Richard underretning om, hvor Isak havde samlet sine styrker. Ingen tid blev spildt. Inden dagry var tropper på vej mod lejren, hvor alle sov trygt. Det blev en brat opvågning, da engelskmændene stormede, og der blev gjort et stort bytte. Men det var lykkedes Isak at flygte.

Tre dage senere sendte Isak en fredsforhandler til Richard Løvehjerte, Betingelserne blev antaget, og Isak kom til Limassol. Han lovede at blive på stedet til erstatningen var betalt og fangerne frigivet, han fik anvist et telt, men om natten sneg han sig bort, og næste dag lod han meddele, at han ikke havde i sinde at holde sine løfter.

Nu besluttede Richard sig til at erobre hele Cypern, men først ville han fejre bryllup med sin fæstmø. Vielsen fandt sted den 12 Maj, og samme dag lod Richard sig krone til konge af Cypern.

Efter festlighederne genoptoges operationerne. Snart faldt Nico-

sia, derefter Kyrenia, så borgen Buffavento, og man gik mod Kantara. Her havde Isak søgt tilflugt, men da han indså at spillet var tabt, overgav han sig, idet han så mindeligt bad om at måtte slippe for at blive lagt i jern. Denne nedværdigelse undgik han

— hans lænker blev smedet af sølv.

Allerede den 5 Juni forlod Richard Løvehjerte sit nye kongerige med kurs mod Acre, og her indledte han snart forhandlinger om salg af Cypern til Tempelherne.



I sidste uge havde DANCON besøg af en ung mand, der er kendt af utallige gamle danske Gaza-soldater, Abdul Al Batish. I 1965 mistede Abdul begge ben over knæene ved en mineulykke. Efter tre måneders ophold på sygehus kom han ud, og så kravlede han rundt i nærheden af den dansk-norske lejr på Hill 88. I 1961 lykkedes det nogle danske officerer, at få Abdul til Danmark for at han kunne få kunstige ben og undervisning. Siden har Abdul været i Danmark. Om sommeren plejede han at komme til Gaza på ferie for at besøge sine forældre, men sidste år kunne dette ikke lade sig gøre på grund af situationen i Mellemøsten. I år rejste Abdul med forsvarsministeriets tilladelse med SCACYP'en til Cypern. I fredags tog han videre til Cairo, hvor han skal besøge en broder og en søster. Under sit tredages ophold ved DANCON besøgte Abdul kompagnierne og var på en bustur til Troodosbjergene med B-kompagniet. Abdul er en af de ganske få, der kan gå uden stok efter at have mistet benene over knæene. Her ses Abdul udfør B-kompagniets officersmesse sammen med løjtnant C.J. Åkerlund, fenrik K.S. Kraul-Jensen og vagtposten, konstabel J.E. Mikkelsen.



Det var livat værre på CGC fredagen den 21. Ung och gammal sjöng och dansade och förnöjde sig av hjärtans lust.

GLÖM INTE...

På söndag, 30 juni, är det ånyo dags för bataljonsradions halvtimmesprogram över Cyperns radio. Denna gång bl a indrottsjournal.

Tid: 19,30.

Midsommar, barn och majstång

Det kändes lite underligt att plötsligt fira midsommar efter all värme som varit. Långt ifrån lika många alla där hemma ha känt det.

"Nu är det slut på värmen", skrev många svenska tidningar redan dagen före midsommaraftenen, "nu blir det svalt och skönt och kanske åska och regn".

Misdommaraftenen på Carl Gustaf Camp blev en verklig midsommaraften. Varken värme, barn eller majstång saknades. Åsk- och regnvädren tog en omväg runt Cypern för att, enligt Dhekelia-metereologerna, lägga sig över Skandinaviska halvön, snyggt och prydligt får vi förmoda, som alltid

vid midsommartid där hemma.

Kvällens kompaniaften blev en uppsluppen livligt applåderad tillställning, som inte bara de musiserande civilpoliserna skall ha all heder av, utan i lika hög grad även de medverkande grabbarna från kompanierna.

JUDO - ny melodi för FN-svenskar

Att man inte behöver heta James Bond för att kunna kasta motståndare till marken kunde vi se på midsommaraftenen, då Göran Rydell och Erling Ohlsson på STR-komp visade sina konster. Att den förstnämnde kan en hel del av ämnet står klart, när vi får veta att han innehar gröna bältet-ett av judosportens utmärkelsetecken.

Erling Ohlsson är nybörjare, en av de än så länge rätt fåtaliga, som tränar tre gånger i veckan på Kodokan Judo Academy i Famagusta. Innehavaren av denna judoakademi heter Mr Vassilie. Han har vunnit högsta utmärkelser i sporten, det svarta bältet.

Redan efter kort träning kan en nybörjare utföra en hel del kast. Den som tränar ihärdigt kan redan efter en å två månader byta ut nybörjarens vita bälte mot det gula, som kommer därnäst.

Att även unga damer kan lära sig judo, får var och en erfara som ställer upp mot Liv-Ida Hjertås, en av de anhängare som utnyttjar en del av sin fritid till judoträning. Nu kastar hon manliga judokamrater omkring sig nästan huller om

buller.

Omkring den 1 juli startar träningen av nya judo-intresserade. Alla, oberoende av ålder och kön, kan vara med. Kontakta kapten Enquist på Carl Gustaf Camp och utnyttja den gratisvecka, som erbjuds intresserade att prova sporten!

För resten - vet ni att snart sfundar internationella bat-tävlingar? UNFICYP - mästerskap i wollyboll och simning.

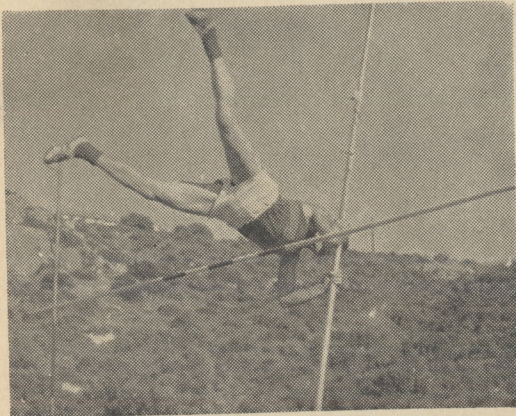
Redan den 9 juli möts wollyboll-lagen, en tävling som arrangeras av irländarna. Och den 19 juli är det simmarnas tur att tävla mot de andra fem FN-bataljonerna. Simtävlingarna hålls vid Ledra Palace och dess swimming-pool, Nicosia.



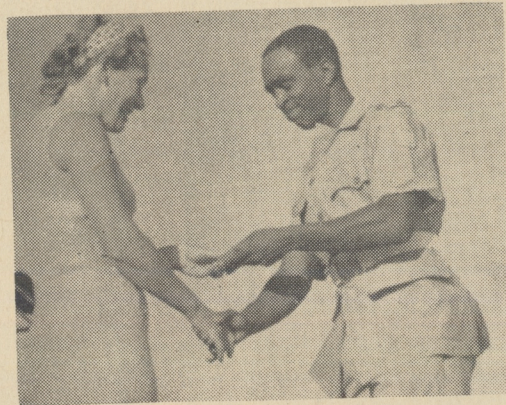
Liv-Ida Hjertås kastar idrottskaptenen Nils Enquist till golvet. Göran Rydell tittar på.

SWEDCON NEWS

ATHLETES SUCCESS



Private Peter Savage well clear at 9'6". He went on to be second in the pole vault.



Lance Corporal Derek Nicholas receiving his prize from Mrs S.G.B. Davies-Scourfield, wife of the Deputy Commander NEARELF.

At Happy Valley Sports Stadium, Episkopi, on Wednesday 12th June, the Cyprus Army Minor Units and Individual Athletics Championships were held.

Representatives from 1 DLI entered for the individual competitions and despite lack of training acquitted themselves well.

There were several notable successes amongst whom were Private Peter Savage from South Shields, second in the pole vault just failing to clear 10 feet, and Lcpl Dereck Nicholas from Stoke Newington London, second in the 880 yards with a time of 2 minutes 12.4 seconds.

Altogether seven members of the Regiment have places in the British Army (Cyprus) Team.

Wins are always good for the morale of any Athletic's team and these came from Cpl Tommy Gregson from Colchester, who flashed over the 120 yards hurdles in 18.5 seconds, and Lcpl David Prins from West Hartlepool first in the discus with a good throw of 111 feet 11 1/2 inches.

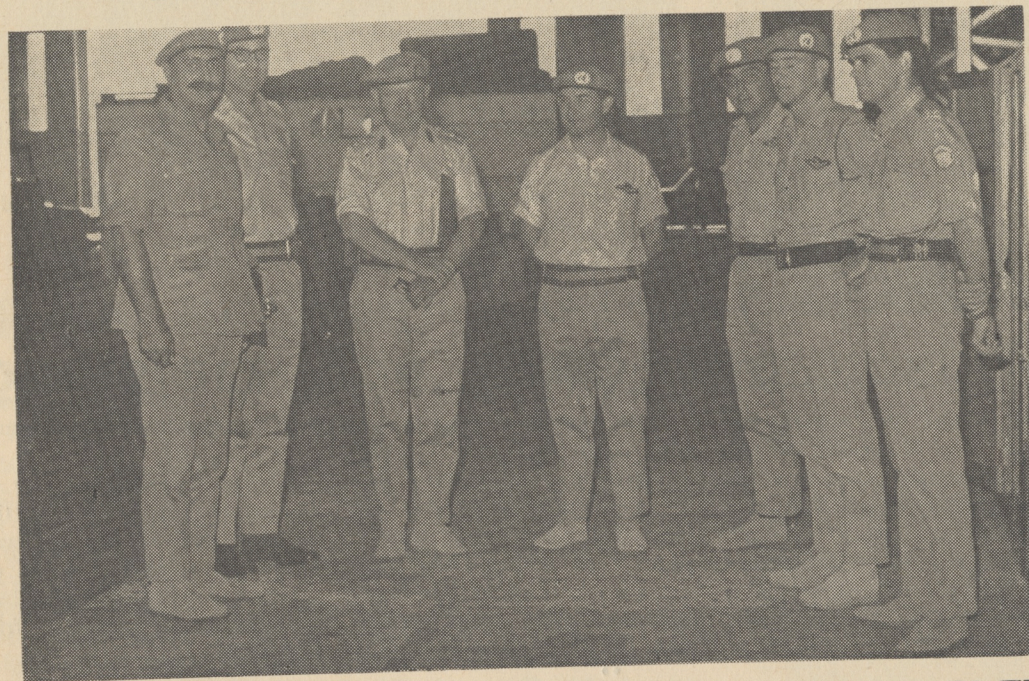
We will, nevertheless, be looking for improved performances next time out!

On a recent visit to the UNFICYP Flight of the AAC was Colonel Bill McNinch OBE, DFC, Commander 2 Wing Army Aviation.

During his stay he saw the flight in all aspects of their work, including night flying.

Col McNinch (third from left) is pictured here with members of the Flight. They are, from left to right, Maj David Craig (Flight Commander), WO II John Sander-son (Flight Artificer), Capt John Everett-Heath (Flight Adj), Capt Muff Capper-Jackson, Lt Roland Hancock, and Sgt Phil Tonks.

FLYING VISIT



BRITCON NEWS



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AMPIO'S CHANGE

The AMPIO Blue Beret correspondent or as members of BRITCON know it better, the Public Relations representative—changed last week, when Capt Peter Gould returned to a Sapper unit in the UK.

His successor is Capt Christopher Davis, a member of the "Glorious Glosters", he is only the second officer from that regiment to serve with UNFICYP.

During the course of their whistle stop tour of positions in the Limassol Zone of BRITCON, the AMPIO's visited Anadhiou.

Seen here is Capt Gould (left) briefing Capt Davis.



WEE FOLKS PARTY



Recently the members of 'B' Coy in Kato Pyrgos gave a party for the children in Kokkina village.

The picture above shows some of the guests being entertained, with apparent success, by an 'ad hoc' group which consisted of, (from the left) Cpl Maurice O'Shea, Pte Christy O'Donovan, Cpl Con Healy and Pte Michael O'Brien.

IRCON NEWS

AIRLIFT TO "JULIET"



Observation post duty, even in a remote and isolated place like OP Juliet is not apparently such an unpleasant one as the smiles of this detachment show when preparing to "lift off" for a spell of duty there. This much is obvious. But what is not obvious is that the P.B.I. isn't all it used to be since none of the men shown are members of Infantry Units at home. From the left they are Pte Tom Harrington and Cpl Paddy Bolger (both of 1 AA Regt), Pte John O'Connell, (Camp HQs Staff, Curragh) and Cpl Michael Lysaght, (1 Garr Coy, AOC).



Up there where the breeze is strong and stretches the UN flag from its mast, Pte Michael Lawless looks out from his vantage point and reports anything unusual on land or sea or in the air. But such heights are nothing strange to Michael who, from his native Ballyduff, cut his teeth on the local Knockmealdowns.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT



The scene was much different than a normal Sergeant's Mess party as wheels were spinning and croupiers and dealers were calling the shots while thousands of pounds "Play Money" changed hands during the Monte Carlo night held a few weeks ago. Here as WO's Hall and Henderson handle the horse race game, CANCON Sergeants and their guests from the other contingents look on, some quite happily, and others a bit apprehensively.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

The Umpire Is Always Right



The PPCLI player running from third base to home plate is "safe", a critical decision to make for any umpire in such a tight situation, but the right one was made in this case. The PPCLI won the game against "B" (Recce) Squadron Fort Garry Horse and are at this time tied for first place with an American team. A look at this shot will certainly alleviate any doubt on the part of the FGHS for the umpire's decision.

THE PAPER WAR GOES ON AND ON AND ON...

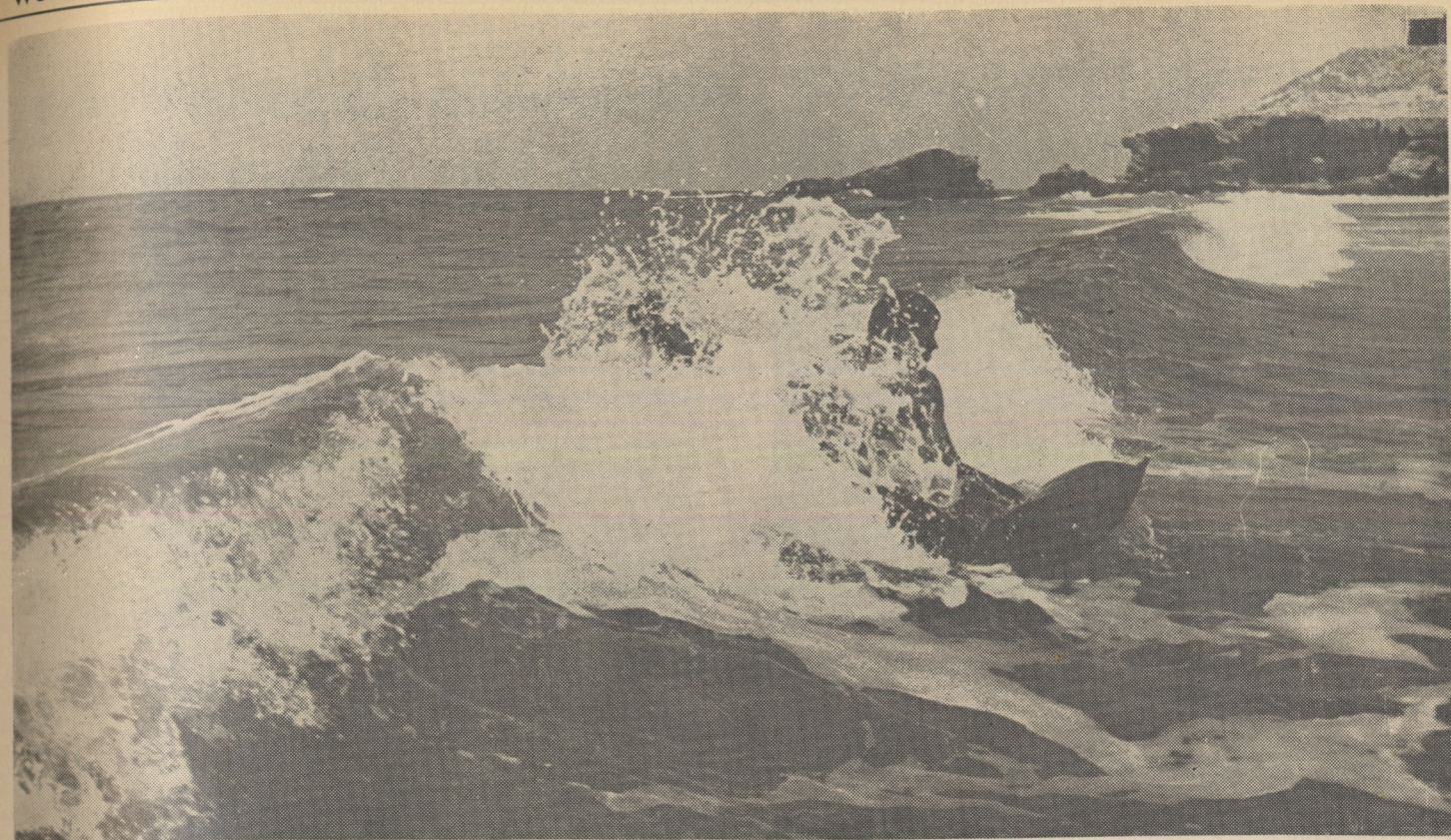


...and so must think WO R.J. (Robb) Sobol, Chief Clerk CANCON HQ as he is compelled to spend a sunny Cyprus afternoon catching up on some "business" correspondence while his more lucky "confreres" in less demanding trades take off for the beach. Robb Sobol, a new arrival, is an old hand at the paper war and a firm believer in the system's golden rule: "everybody wants it yesterday".

CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION



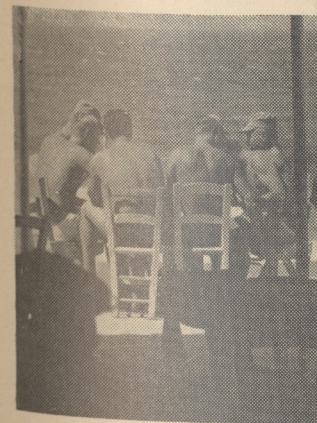
896 CANCON personnel have commenced voting in the election which will take place in Canada on 25 June. At Hill Top outpost Corporal K. R. Habing (left) fills in the required form with the assistance of the Deputy Returning Officer Captain M. W. McQuinn.



6 1/2 MAILIN HIEKKARANTA



Nukkuu, mutta kuitenkin valvoo. Radio kohisee korvan juuressa, yhteydet Releelle ja Korva ykköseen pelaavat.



Nestetasapainon on säilyttävä uimarannallakin. Huoltokomppanian poikia rantakahvilan puolella.

Pataljoonamme tärkein virkistytymiskeskus lienee ns. 6 1/2 mailin Beach, joka sananmukaisesti sijaitsee kyseisen matkan päässä Kyrenian kaupungista itään.

Päivittäinen uintikuljetus lähtee esikunnan edestä klo 12.00, sunnuntaisin 10.00, mikäli määrätty määrä rannalle lähtijöitä paikalle ilmaantuu. 6 1/2 mailin beachista on ajan mittaan tullut oikein suomalaisten nimikkoranta, mistä sekin sitten johtunee. Onhan se ainakin Suomen kontingentin alueella, ja muitakin syitä löytynee. Se on hyvä ranta, tarpeeksi laaja alueeltaan, mutta silti hiljaisempi ja rauhallisempi kuin esim. vieressä oleva 6 mailin beach, jolla käy paljon kanadalaisia, tanskalaisia ja englantilaisia. Sunnuntaisin on kyllä "meidän rannallamme" myös vilskettä, Kyproksen paikallisia asukkaita tulee perhekunnittain pyhän viettoon, näkyypä jokin englantilainen turistikin joukossa.

Mitä rannalla sitten tehdään? Mitä nyt yleensä hiekkarannoilla tehdään? Yleensä otetaan aurinkoa, otetaan niin tarmokkaasti, että uiminen tuppaa unohtumaan. Tuon kyllä ymmärtää, sillä osa miehistä lähtee pois kuukausien vaihteessa, ja onhan se saatava pintaan "suvereenirusketus" ennen kuin Suomeen ilkeää mennä. Harmaiden huopien päällä nukutaan koiran unta, mutta päät kääntyvät terveesti ja terhakasti heti, jos

vähänkään paremman näköinen naisihminen tepastelee ohi. Matkaradiot soivat hiljalleen, käännetään kylkeä. Jotkut energiset tyypit pelaavat jopa rantapalloa ketken aikaa, muutama innokas uimari saattaa ottaa koko rannalla olon kokonaan treenauksen kannalta, hän voi uida mailikaupalla rannan edustalla niemen kärjestä toiseen kunnes väsyä ja tulee iltapäiväunille kumipatjansa päälle.

Kaikenkaikkiaan: tervettä, rentouttavaa ja hauskaa vapaa-ajan viettoa, joskus veltolta näyttävää, mutta pitemmällä tähtäimellä ajatellen yksikään minuutti 6 1/2 mailin hiekkarannalla ei kulu hukkaan.



Kaksi innokasta rantapallon pelaajaa. Mistähän muuten tuollainen rantapallopeli on lähtöisin? Israelista?



Nämä tytöt linkoavat pöytään nopeassa tahdissa virvoitusjuomia, kahvia ja kananjalkaa. 6 1/2 mailin beachilla ei tarvitse kärsiä janoa eikä nälkää. Ei muuten viluakaan.

FINCON NEWS

Midsummer Celebrations



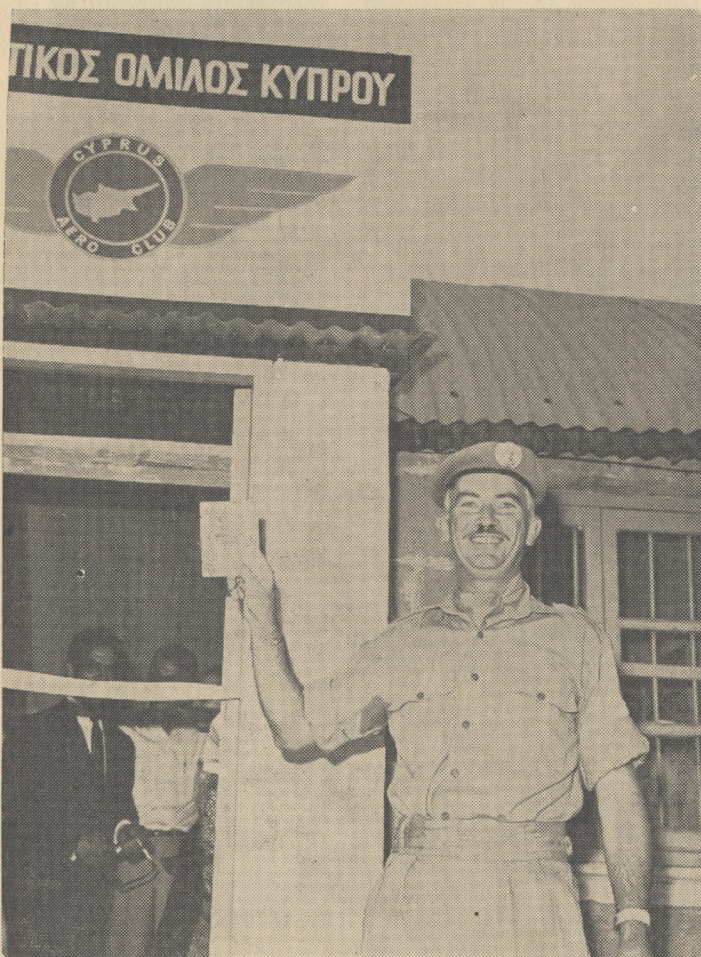
The Finnish Contingent held their Midsummers Day on the 22nd June, 1968, in the evening they celebrated with an International Party at Kykko Camp.

Pictured above, some of guests at the celebrations are dancing with the Midsummer fire in the background.

Hosts at the Midsummer celebrations were Lt Gen A.E. Martola and Col J. Jyrhama, the Contingent Commander.

The main event on the programme of the celebrations was the lighting of a huge camp fire, an old Finnish custom on Midsummers Day.

NEW AERO CLUB



Chief Technician Dick Stratford proudly displaying his private pilot's licence at the entrance to the new Cyprus Aero Club. The tape at the entrance was later cut by Mr T. Phanos and the Club was declared officially open. (See Blue Beret 19th June, 1968).

SANCTIONS REPORT

Rhodesian Exports Drop 290 Million Dollars

The Security Council, last week, received a report stating that following the imposition of selective economic sanctions, Rhodesia's exports dropped to 40 million dollars in 1967 compared with 330 million dollars in 1965 — the year in which the Ian Smith minority regime unilaterally declared independence.

These figures were reported by the Secretary-General, U Thant, on the basis of data obtained from member states.

Reporting countries were, in 1965, recipients of 79 per cent of Rhodesia's exports, the remainder of which went almost entirely to Malawi and South Africa. These two countries did not supply statistics.

The report said that, in evaluating the 1967 export figure, it should be noted that shipments were already en route in December 1966, when the sanctions resolution was adopted, and that goods in bond in some countries appeared in statistics long after their arrival in importing countries.

IMPORTS

Countries accounting for the greater part of imports of 40 million dollars were; the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States of America, Switzerland, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Japan, with figures ranging from 16 million dollars to 1.3 million dollars.

EXPORTS

The exports of the reporting countries to Rhodesia amounted to about 54 million dollars in 1967 compared with 187 million dollars in 1965.

Accounting for the greater part of these exports were Japan, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, France, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Portugal, Australia, Italy and Austria — with figures ranging from 13.6 million dollars to 1.3 million dollars.

As is the case of imports the report pointed out, this trade involved considerations of timing of export contracts and recording of shipments.

MIDEAST PEACE ENVOY ON VACATION

It was announced last Friday, from UN Headquarters, that Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, Special UN Peace Envoy for the Middle East, was leaving New York on Friday evening for a vacation in Europe and would return to UN Headquarters in mid-July.

Since his arrival in New York on 15 May, Ambassador Jarring has had meetings with the representatives of States directly concerned with the Middle East conflict, and also with the members of the Security Council.

When he returns from vacation he will resume talks looking to a solution.

Threat To Peace In Southern Africa

The special UN committee concerned with the problem of South Africa's racial policies completed a series of meetings in Stockholm and went on to London this week as part of an international campaign designed to inform public opinion of the dangers of Apartheid policies, and to assist victims of these policies, and to eliminate Apartheid.

In summing up the Stockholm meetings, the Chairman of the Committee, Achkar Marof of Guinea, said, "All the participants had recognized that there was a grave threat to peace in Southern Africa and danger of a widening conflict which would affect relations between large segments of humanity".

"It was also recognized", he said, "That the Liberation Movement had been obliged to embark on an armed struggle in the face of the brutality of the South African regime, collaboration of powerful foreign interests with that regime, and the ineffectiveness of international action."

Swedish Contribution To UNFICYP Costs

Sweden is prepared to make a voluntary contribution of 90,000 dollars towards the cost of the UN Force in Cyprus.

In a note sent the Secretary-General, dated 14 June, the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN said that Sweden is prepared to make this contribution towards the three month (27 March — 26 June 1968) cost of UNFICYP.

The Swedish Government has taken this decision, the note said, without prejudice to its stand on the principle of collective financial responsibility for United Nations Operations of this nature.

UN CHIEFS RETURN FROM NEW YORK

On Thursday, 20 June, U Thant's Special Representative, Dr B. F. Osorio-Tafall (see photo right), returned to Cyprus after a 15-day visit to New York during which, together with the Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, he attended the meeting of the Security Council and conferred with the Secretary-General, U Thant, and other senior UN officials at Headquarters. Gen Martola returned separately on 21 June (see photo below).



PIO's FAREWELL PARTY



Some of the 300 guests who attended the farewell party.

UNFICYP's PIO, Mr Luis Moreno-Verdin, who leaves the island on Thursday, 27 June, after nearly four years' service with UNFICYP, gave a farewell party in the Headquarters Officers Mess last Thursday, 20 June; nearly 300 guests attended. Our pictures (right) show:

GOOD LUCK FOR THE FUTURE

The departure of Mr Luis Moreno, his wife and five charming daughters (the backbone of the Mexican "Contingent") will be keenly felt by their many friends in UNFICYP and throughout the island.

Mr Moreno came to Cyprus from Cairo, where he was Director of the UN Information Centre, in September 1964. A visit that was only scheduled to last a few days became three years, eight months! During this period Mr Moreno has seen many ups and downs in the Cyprus situation and it is fitting that he should leave at a time when things have never looked better.

Blue Beret and those at Headquarters, in particular, will miss his cheerful "okey-dokey", his friendly and always wise guidance, also the thundering note of UN-7 always moving at speed on some urgent quest.

Blue Beret wish the Morenos the very best of good luck for the future and in Luis's next appointment at UN Headquarters in New York.



L to R, M. René, Servoise, Chargé O'Affairs of France, Mr Gorgé, UNFICYP's Political and Legal Adviser, Sir Norman Costar, British High Commissioner, Mrs Soulioti, Minister of Justice of the Cyprus Government and Mr Moreno.

VIETNAM WAR

“Victory or Defeat Not Possible” Says U Thant

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week deplored the mutual escalation of the Vietnam war and expressed the view that the Paris talks between the representatives of Washington and Hanoi would be deadlocked for a long time to come.

Addressing a luncheon press conference, U Thant spoke out against both intensified US bombing of North Vietnam and what he called the barbarous Vietcong raids which caused the death of many civilians.

In referring to the Paris talks, he said, “He felt that both sides assumed that a military victory or defeat was still possible, but that there could be no such thing”. Contributing to a military stalemate, he said, “It was a fact that the USA was one of the most powerful nations in the world and could not be defeated or dislodged from Vietnam if it had the political will to stay on fighting”.

“On the other hand”, he said, “Even with it's sophisticated weapons, the USA could not

subdue the National Liberation Front and it's military arm — the Vietcong — as long as they were determined to go on with the struggle for what they considered their legitimate national aspirations”. U Thant said, “That was why, in strictly military terms, the USA would never be defeated in Vietnam and the NLF could never be subdued in the same sense that Nazi Germany was defeated because the situations were completely different”.

He felt the nearest parallel was provided by the Algerian war which, he commented, resulted in a victory for both sides, with friendly relations between France and Algeria, and from which a lesson should be drawn.

The Secretary-General said, he still strongly believed in the validity of his three-point formula — a halt to all US bombing of North Vietnam, followed by de-escalation of all fighting in the South, and the willingness to talk to all those directly involved in the fighting — as constituting the essential first steps, even though the first point had not been acceptable to Washington and the second to Hanoi.

In reply to a question, U Thant said, “He had not been in contact with either side since the Paris talks began on May 10th, but that he might have to resume contacts if and when he felt this necessary”.

At the outset of his press conference, the Secretary-General commented on an accusation which he said came from certain quarters from time to time to the effect that he was not neutral on this or

FINCON

CHANGE - IN - COMMAND



On the 26th June, 1968, Col A. Purhonen, will take over the command of the Finnish Contingent. The present commander, Col J. Jyrhama, is seated on his right. Recently Col Purhonen has been the Chief of the Foreign Branch of the General Staff of the Finnish Defence Forces, and in 1965, the Chief of Staff of HQ UNFICYP (Pers 1).

that subject. “As he understood his function”, said U Thant, “The Secretary-General should not be neutral on every issue, and if he felt that particular development was likely to disturb international peace and security, he had to focus attention on it.”

The Charter, he noted, even empowered the Secretary-General to bring certain issues to the attention of the Security Council.

U Thant also felt it was up to the Secretary-General to try to understand the mood or conscience of international opinion and reflect it.

“The Secretary - General should be impartial,” he said, “But this did not mean neutral”.

A - Ban Treaty...

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Council action to maintain international peace and security.

The vote on the resolutions was 10 in favour to none against with 5 absentions, France, USSR and the USA each paid tribute to each others contribution to this development.

In emphasizing that the treaty, along with assurances given through the Security Council, would facilitate further disarmament efforts, Britain, USSR and the USA each paid tribute to each others contribution to this development.

It was announced last Friday, that the treaty to bar the spread of nuclear weapons, would be signed in London, Washington and Moscow on July 1st, 1968.

This is the area where Pte R.L.G. Gissel, of DANCON was drowned on 29 May, 1968. Like many other parts of the Cyprus coast line, it is normally a safe bathing area. However, even the safest of beaches can be dangerous in bad weather. Take warning:

Do not be overconfident,
Do not bathe in rough water,
Do not swim underwater;
By yourself or
with faulty equipment.

UNFICYP MANDATE

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2. Urges the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint and to continue the determined co-operative efforts to achieve the objectives of the Security Council by availing themselves in a constructive manner of the present auspicious climate and opportunities;
3. Extends once more the stationing in Cyprus of a United Nations Peace-Keeping Force. Established under the Security Councils resolution 186 (1964), for a further period ending 15th December, 1968, in the expectation that by then sufficient progress towards a final solution will make possible a withdrawal or a substantial reduction of the Force”.

Road Safety Corner

BE CONSIDERATE
REMEMBER—

CHILDREN, particularly the very young and the cyclists, are unpredictable.

OLD PEOPLE, often react slowly.

THE BLIND AND CRIPPLED, may be unaware of your approach or unable to get out of your way.

ANIMALS, panic easily.

Give them a chance, slow down to pass them.

Don't frighten them with your hooter, noisy acceleration and braking.

REMEMBER—
BE CONSIDERATE.

SEA SAFETY

