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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 its 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 its 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the hope that the progress towards a Cypriot settlement during that period, would allow it to be substantially cut or withdrawn entirely.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.

Tuesday's 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-General's 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

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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.

ATHLETES SUCCESS



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



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

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 Gauld 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 Anadhou.

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

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 11½ 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 Sanderson (Flight Artificer), Capt John Everett-Heath (Flight Adj't), Capt Muff Capper-Jackson, Lt Roland Hancock, and Sgt Phil Tonks.

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...

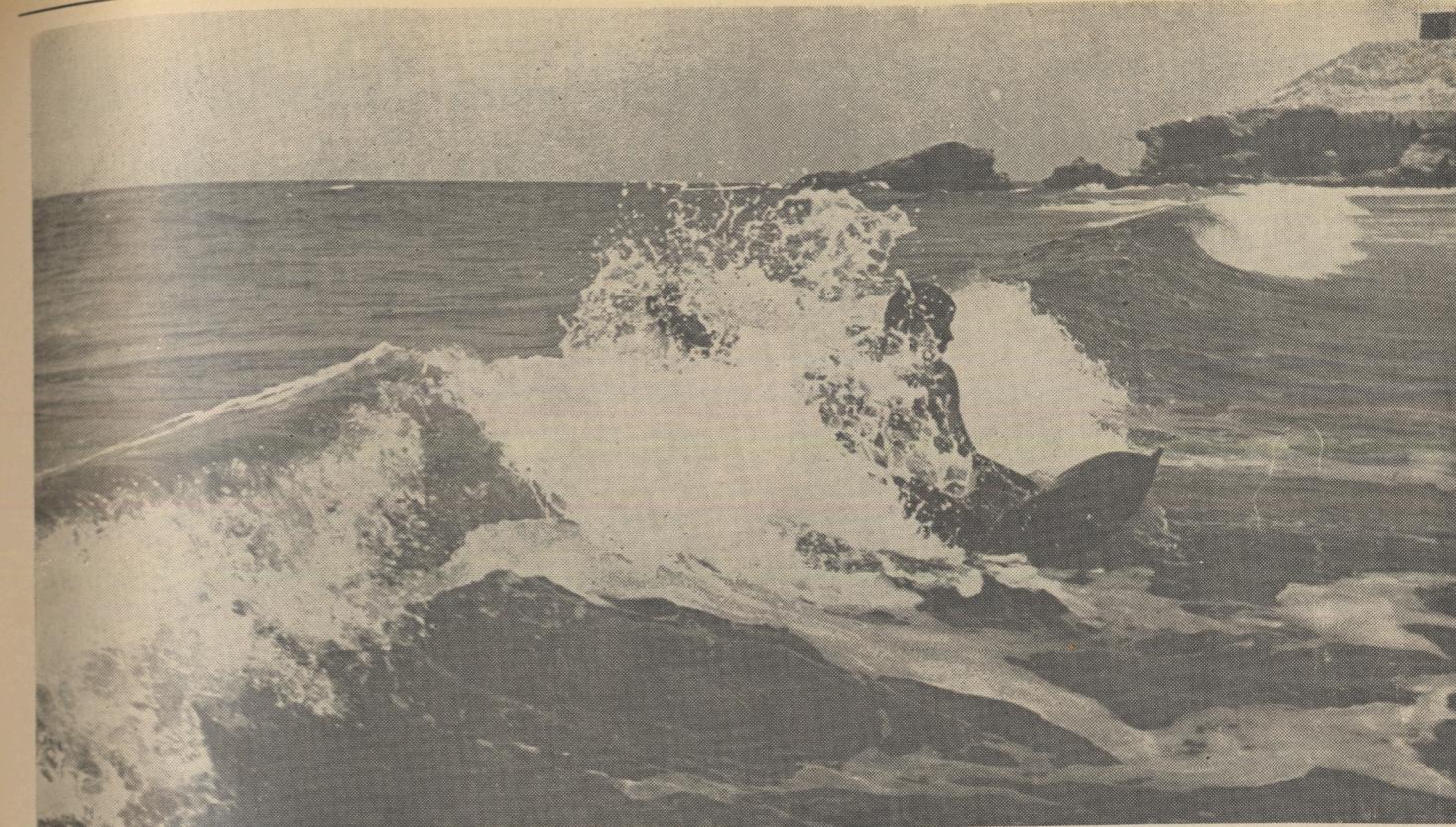


...and so must think WO R.J. (Robb) Sobol, Chief Clerk CANCON HQ as he is compelled to spend a sunny Cyprus afternoon catching up on some "business" correspondence while his more lucky "confreres" in less demanding trades take off for the beach. Robb Sobol, a new arrival, is an old hand at the paper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



6½ MAILIN HIEKKARANTA



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



Nestetasapainon on säilyttää ui-marannallakin. Huoltokomppanian poikia rantakahvilan puolella.

FINCON NEWS

Pataljoonamme tärkein virkistäytymiskeskus lienee ns. 6½ mailin Beach, joka sananmukaisesti sijaitsee kyseisen matkan päässä Kyrenian kaupungista itään.

Päivittäinen uintikuljetus lähtee esikunnan edestä klo 12.00, sunnuntain 10.00, mikäli määritty mää-rä rannalle lähtijöitä paikalle il-maantuu. 6½ mailin beachista on ajan mittaan tullut oikein suomalaisten nimikoranta, 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 vilskettää, Kypriksen paikallisista asukkaita tulee perhekunnittain pyhäin viettoon, näkypä jokin englantilainen turistikin joukossa.

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

vähänkään paremman näköinen naisihminen tepastelee ohi. Matkariotit 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 väsy ja tulee iltapäivä-tille kumipatjansa päälle.

Kaikenkaikkaan: terttää, ren-touttavaa ja hauskaa vapaa-ajan viettoa, joskus veltolta näyttää, mutta pitemmällä tähäimellä aja-tellen yksikään minuutti 6½ mai-lin hiekkarannalla ei kulu hukkaan.



Kaksi innokasta rantapallon pe-lajaa. Mistähän muuten tuollainen rantapallopelit on lähtöisin? Israe-lista?



Nämä tytöt linkoavat pöytään nopeassa tähissa virvoitusjuomia, kahvia ja kananjalkaa. 6½ mailin beachilla ei tarvitse kärsiä janoa eikä nälkää. Ei muuten viluakaan.

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.

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 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.



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 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 Coster, 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 its sophisticated weapons, the USA could not

subdue the National Liberation Front and its 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 absences, France, Algeria, Brazil, India and Pakistan.

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.

SEA SAFETY

