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On Monday afternoon the wedding of Sergeant Eilif W. Madsen, Prince's Liferegiment, serving with 'B' Company, DANCON and Miss Gerda Jahnke of Soenderborg, Denmark, took place at the Royal Danish Legation at the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia. After the civil ceremony, conducted by the Chargé d' Affaires, Mr P. Ryberg, the couple received blessing at St. George's Church, Nicosia from the Battalion padre, Rev. Jens Fosdal. The reception at the Ledra Palace was given by the Danish Chargé d' Affaires. Mrs Madsen will be staying in Cyprus for a two week honeymoon.

DE RIBBING IN BANGKOK

FIRST STAGE OF MISSION TO THAILAND/CAMBODIA

SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR HERBERT DE RIBBING, the Secretary-General's Special Representative to Cambodia and Thailand, arrived in Bangkok last week on the initial stage of his mission of helping to ease the tension between the two countries. He told newsmen that he had come to the re-

gion "completely uncommitted and with fresh eyes" and that he was hopeful that a "good solution" could be achieved in spite of great difficulties on both sides.

Following initial consultations with authorities in both Thailand and Cambodia, Ambassador de Ribbing will report back to the Secretary-

General and a decision will then be taken about arrangements for the mission, including its staffing. The Special Representative said that the stationing of observers was one of the questions he would discuss with the two governments.

SECRETARY-GENERAL AT MEXICO

CITY PRESS-CONFERENCE

VIETNAM: UN 'IMPOTENT' TO DEAL WITH SITUATION

INDONESIA: RETURN TO UN WOULD BE WELCOMED

CHINA: 'I BELIEVE IN THE UNIVERSALITY OF UN'

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN MEXICO CITY late on Friday of last week, the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, said that the realities of the present world situation made the United Nations as it is constituted unable to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Viet-Nam dispute. The world Organization was, the Secretary-General said, 'important' to deal with this situation.

U Thant stressed that the impotency was not fault of the United Nations Charter, there was no way the Organization could be strengthened to deal with the dispute. Of all the major participants in the conflict, only the United States was a member of the UN. He stressed the point that machinery had been set up by the 1954 Geneva conference to deal with the crisis and said that, furthermore, some important members of the UN were opposed to the Viet-Nam question being discussed in the United Nations.

U Thant said that he had been involved for the last three years in his personal capacity in several efforts for a peaceful settlement, but these efforts had so far pro-

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U THANT: DECISION TOMORROW

THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY - GENERAL, U Thant, is to announce his decision as to whether to be available for another term of office the day after his return from his visit to Mexico and Chile—September 1st. The announcement will be in the form of a letter to all Member States, which will be made public at noon that day.

During the past few weeks expressions of hope that U Thant would accept reappointment when his current term expires in November have been received from representatives of virtually all the regional groups in the United Nations. Last week the Chargé d'Affaires of the Danish delegation, Mr Karl Hasle, called on the Secretary-General to con-

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APOSTLEN PAULUS I PAPHOS

APOSTLEN PAULUS, HAM MED BREVENE OG REJRENES, AVAR FOEDT I TARSUS I Lilleasien lige nord for spidsen af halvøen Karpas i den nordøstlige ende af Cypern. Han var jøde af fødsel, omtrent jævnaldrende med Jesus, og oprindelig tilknyttet farisæernes parti. Det s'ges, at han var udlært som teltmager, men noget tyder nu paa, at han var af velhavende familie, saa han behøvede nok ikke at øve sit haandværk. Mærkelig nok var han samtidig romersk statsborger, hvorfor ved vi ikke, men det indebar den behagelighed i datidens barske liv, at han var fritaget for at blive pisket, han kunne ikke udsættes for at blive korsfæstet, og han kunne appellere enhver dom lige til kejseren i Rom.

I Jerusalem er Paulus glødende anti-kristen, men under en rejse til Damascus omvendes han pludselig, og herefter bliver han kristendomsmens første og største missionær. Hans omvendelse vækker stor harme blandt jøderne i Damascus, man stræber ham efter livet, men det lykkes Paulus at flygte ud af byen i nattens mulm ved at lade sig fire ned fra bymuren i en kurv. Flugten gaar til Jerusalem, men

senere må han ogsaa flygte herfra over Kæsarea til Tarsus. Endnu senere finder vi Paulus i menigheden i Antiokia, og det er herfra hans første missionsrejse udgaar, og det er omkring aar 45.

Han har følge af Bernabas, som stammede fra Cypern. Først tager de til Seleukia, og herfra sejler de saa til Salamis nord for Famagusta. Efter at have forkyndt Guds ord i synagogerne i Salamis fortsætter rejsen tværs over Cypern til Paphos, hvor øens højeste myndighed, den romerske statholder Sergius Paulus residerer. Statholderen er interesseret i at høre, hvad Paulus og Barnabas har paa hjerte, og han inviterer dem derfor til sig. Imidlertid har statholderen ogsaa en troldmand i sit hus, og han forsøger at hindre statholderen i at komme til troen.

Men saa ruller Paulus sig ud og giver troldmanden det glatte lag: "Din djævlunge, fuld af fup og fidus, fjende af alt, hvad der er ret! Herrens haand skal komme over dig, og du skal blive blind". Og miraklet skete, troldmanden blev blind og famlede omkring for at finde nogen til at føre sig ud. Men da statholderen saa dette, troede han, slaaet af forundring over Herrens lære.

Paulus og Barnabas sejler saa ud fra Paphos og kommer til Perge i Pamfyliden.

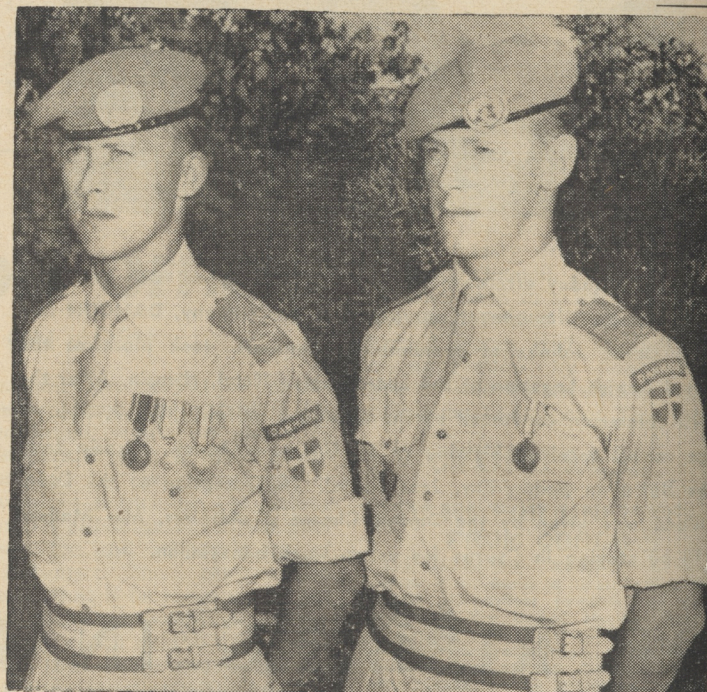
Blandt Bibelens mange beretninger om omvendelser er dette den første, hvor det drejer sig om en højstaaende øvrighedsperson, og Cypern blev saaledes det første land i verden med en kristen statholder



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PRO OG...

FOR SIDSTE GANG — MELLEME BROEDRE



Som DANCON V's ottende og sidste ? brødrepar præsenterer vi hermed brødrene Svend og Kristian Sørensen. Svend er sergent fra Jyske Trænregiment og forrefter her tjeneste ved Nicosia Club. Han har ikke mindre end tre FN-medaille. Den første vandt han i Congo i 1963. Den anden fik han efter 7 måneders tjeneste ved UNEF i Gaza i vinteren 1965 - 66, og den tredje fik han forleden ved paraden. Naar han er færdig med sin tjeneste paa Cypern vil han søge oversergentskole. Kristian er fra Slesvigske Fodregiment. Han forrefter tjeneste som vagtsoldat ved B-kompagniet og har ikke planer om at fortsætte som soldat, en mejeriststilling i Vejle venter paa ham.

SUUSTA SUUHUN JA SYDANHIERONTAA

HUKKUMISONNETTOMUUEDET VAATIVAT NYKYISIN suuren määrän ihmisiä vuosittain. Tämän seikan selvittämiseksi sekä hovin ja hyödyn yhdistämiseksi Huoltokomppania järjesti hengenpelastus näytöksen Raf:n uima-altaalla koko komppanialle. Tunnetuin ja ainoa oikea tapa hukkuneen elvyttämiseksi on maailmankuulu suusta-suuhun menetelmä. Se ei vaadi taitajaltaan muuta kuin parin nyrkkisäännön taitamisen, ja hiukan ripeyttä, toimia tilanteen sattuessa heti oikein.

Näytöksessä oli suonenvetokoh-
tauksen saanut "uhri" ylik Kouk-
ku, jonka pelasti kers Koivisto
Heitä voivat muutkin komppaniat
lainata hyvänä näyttelijä-parina
vastaaviin näyöksiin. Kuljetus
vedessä on jo sinänsä hankalaa
sillä heti hukkuneen luo ehdittyä
täytyy aloittaa puhaltaminen tämä
on tärkeää heti, koska näiden muu-

menettänyt sekä liikennetapatur-
massa hengityselinten tukkeudut-
tua, suusta suuhun on paras keino
normaalin hengityksen palautta-
miseksi. Normaali puhallusrytmi
on n.20 kertaa minuutissa aikui-
selle ja puhallusta on jatkettava
niin kauan kun potilas on lääkärin
hoidossa.

Kykkolaiset Tiennäyttäjinä

Mainita sopii että vastaavaa en-
siapukoulutusta on Kykossa annet-
tu mm:ssa automichille ja näin
koulutettu tilanteen varalle, sillä
ensiaputaito on jokaisen kansalai-
sen myös automiesten osattava.

Hengen pelastusmenetelmien
opettaminen, yhdessä uimataidon
kehittämiseen kanssa on eräs tär-
keimpiä tehtäviämma sanoo Kyk-
kon Hannu-välskari, jonka innoit-
tamana koko toiminta on pantu
alulle niin lentokentän tien varressa
kuin muuallakin pataljoonassa.

Silmä ja peukalo tarkkana
näyttää Kykkon Hannu-välskari
kuinka hukkuneelta ennen puhalta-
mista on aukaistava suu.

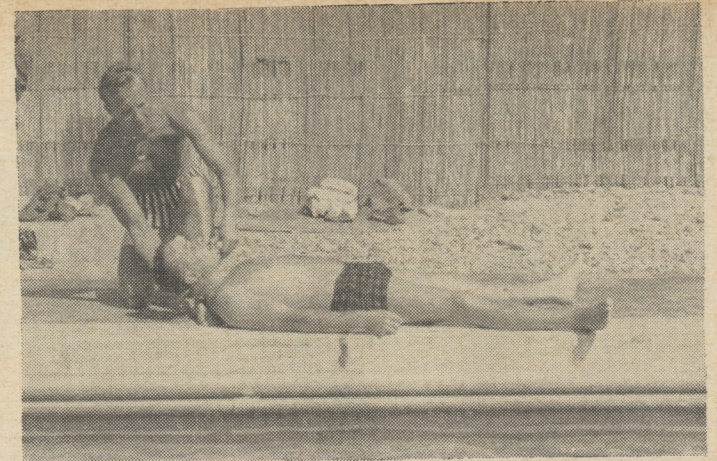
tamien kohtalokkaiden sekunttien
aikana ratkaistaan selviääkö uhri
henkiin tai saako hän ehkä pysy-
vän aivovamman.

Sydänhieronta

Näytöksessä oli toisena aiheenä
ulkoisen sydänhieronta samanai-
kaisesti puhallusmetoodin ohella.
Sen opettelu on lähes yhtä
tärkeää kuin puhaltaminen. Ui-
mapareittain suoritettut kuljetus-
harjoitukset vedessä selvensivät teo-
riaa.

Nyrkkisääntönä jokaiselle; huk-
kumistapauksen sattuessa tai sähkö-
ja salamaniskusta tajuntansa

Satasen maaliintulossa oli lennokkuutta. Voittajaksi selviytynyt
vääp Kinnunen HK saattoi kuitenkin rauhassa hymyillä muiden vielä
rehkiessä. Toiseksi selvisi jääk Jäntti 3JK ja kolmanneksi kykkolainen
jääk Lehtinen.



Vedessa kuljettaminen on tärkeää, sillä uhrin pää on pidettävä veden
pinnalla ja kuljettajan on varottava 'oljenkorsi otetta'.

Vilkas Urheiluviikko

KESÄHELTEITTEN HELLITTÄESSA OVAT urheilutapahtumat
saaneet enemmän puhtia osakseen. Mennäviikon keskiviikkona
ratkaistiin pataljoonan yleisurheilukinokkuus, lauantaina ammuttiin Dekhe-
liassa ja maanantaina pärskittiin uinti mestaruudet Ledran altaassa. Siinä
sivussa on myös lento-, pesä- ja jalkapallosarjat saatu sellaiselle asteelle,
että mestarit rupeavat erottautumaan.

Yleisurheilukisat pidettiin Niko-
sian stadionilla ja paikalle oli ilta-
päivän kuumuuteen sapuut

runsaasti katselijoita niin pata-
ljoonalaisten kuin paikallisen
väestönkin keskuudesta.



TULOKSET:

100 m	
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Jääk Jäntti	3JK 12.4
Jääk Lehtinen	HK 12.5
400 m	
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Jääk Kaunisto	EK 56.4
Jääk Mäki-Laurila	EK 57.6
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Jääk Henttinen	2JK 4.27.0
Jääk Hautala	2JK 4.28.0
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	EK 2.15.0
	2JK 2.18.0
	3JK 2.25.0

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Jääk Lekermäki	EK 164
Jääk Mutanen	1JK 160
Pituus	
Kers Halme	3JK 612
Jääk Lekermäki	EK 583
Alik Laaksonen	EK 570
Kuula	
Jääk Hirvikallio	2JK 1201
Alik Laaksonen	EK 1194
Jääk Nieminen	3JK 1159
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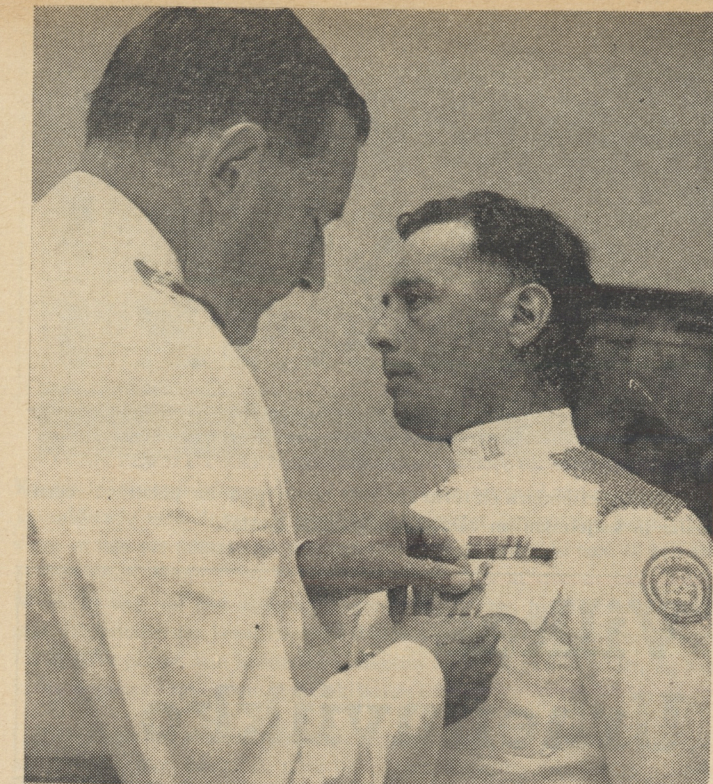
DANSK BRYLLUP

I mandags viedes frøken Ger-
da Jahnke fra Sønderborg til
sergent Eilif W. Madsen fra
Prinsens Livregiment, for tiden
tjenstgørende ved B-kompagniet.
Den borgerlige vielse fandt sted
paa den danske legation paa
Ledra Palace Hotel ved den
danske charge d'affaires hr. P.
Ryberg, medens den kirkelige
velsignelse foretoges af feltpræs-
ten, pastor J. Fosdal i St. Georgs-
kirken. Fru Madsen bliver 14
dage paa Cypern. Sergentkam-
merater danne spalier ved kir-
kens udgang. Billede af de ny-
gifte paa vej fra kirken til den
ventende bil, der førte dem til
receptionen paa Ledra Palace
Hotel ses paa forsiden.

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NEAF PR PHOTO
Sergeant Peter Minvalla of A Squadron 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, is pictured above being presented with the BEM he was awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours List by Air-Vice Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett at an investiture held at Flagstaff House, Episkopi, last week.



COI PHOTO
Fusilier Lewis Young of the First Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers on duty at an observation post at Mandria in the Limassol Zone.

INNISKILLINGS IN ACCIDENT —DONKEY COLLIDES WITH HORSES

An unusual form of road accident occurred at Zyi last weekend according to a report by Reuters Nicosia correspondent, when a Greek Cypriot was injured and later taken to hospital in Nicosia after having been involved in a col-

lision with two men of 'A' Squadron 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The two members of UNFICYP were exercising two of the Squadron's horses at the time of the accident and the Cypriot was riding a donkey.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Fusiliers step up their training

TRAINING:

The last week or so has seen some very hectic range work by the Battalion's 'B' Company. The Reserve Platoon spent the first three days of the week in 'field firing' practice at the Goshi Ranges. The training, which included the use of all normal infantry platoon weapons, was conducted by the Company Second in Command, Captain Tony Vyvyan and Second Lieutenant Charles Walton, the platoon commander.

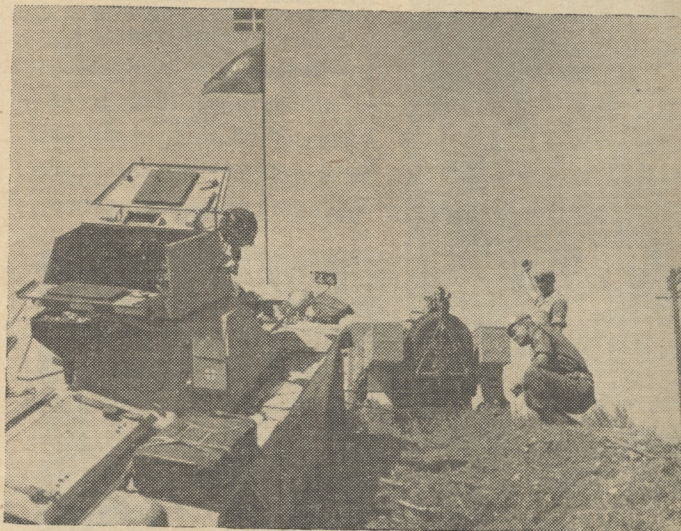
After the platoons had completed a rotation around the Limassol posts, Lieutenants Miles Stockwell and Chris Conliffe un-

dertook some very intensive 81 mm mortar training on the same ranges.

Various other forms of training — mainly driver and radio training — have also been taking place to ensure that the Battalion will be ready for its impending return to Germany and its role there working with Armoured Personnel Carriers.

SPORT:

The Sergeants Mess entertained the New Zealand Civilian Police in a cricket match at Happy Valley, Episkopi last week and despite heroic resistance, were well beaten by the visitors.



COI PHOTO

Craftsman Peter Prophet serving with UNFICYP REME Workshops gives directions to the driver of a Scammel recovery vehicle winning a Ferret Scout Car of the Danish Contingent back onto the road during a recovery exercise.

HUSSARS SWITCHBOARD MEN FEATURED

THE WATCH THAT ENDS THE NIGHT

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT a telephone call is received ordering two troops of armoured cars to move to an area where the situation requires UNFICYP presence. The first person to receive this call is the switchboard operator at B Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars. The switchboard must be operational twenty-four hours a day. At all times there must be an alert soldier to fully understand the gist of any

message. He must be ready to contact all the required personnel and know their location.

To perform these tasks we presently have four operators. They are Signalman Grant, Signalman St Louis, Trooper Morrison G.G. and Trooper Macdonald J.J. They are under the supervision of Sergeant White.

The Switchboard consists of the telephone switchboard

proper, two 1942 sets, and one C 11 set to maintain a mobile capability. We have a 3/4 ton utility truck with the required sets fitted. The watch is a long one as the operator is on duty for eight hours a day. He is often called to contact any unit or person and must have a running knowledge of many of the UN personnel.

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NEWS FROM WORTHINGTON

THE QUIN TWO

ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM AS IF these two chaps are carrying on on tasks that not always appear on surface. The RET is our Electronics Technician. Cpl 'Red' McNaughton ensures that all our radios are working properly. He is responsible for the functioning of the room radio sets and the electrician is Sgt Pears, who ensures proper functioning of the batteries. He is also our amateur electrician in terms of wiring. We told that sometimes if you are right and condition of the lamp at the end of the

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Outline History of the Irish Contingent

FOLLOWING A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION in March, 1964, the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) was established, with troops from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The first Irish Contingent to serve with UNFICYP was the 40th Infantry Battalion commanded by Lt Col P. P. Barry and comprising three rifle platoons and an armoured car group.

The battalion became operational on 22nd April, 1964, with responsibility for the eastern portion of the Island. Headquarters Camp was set up two miles north of Famagusta and was named Wolfe Tone Camp. This Unit was re-

Lavelle, held a similar appointment with 3rd Inf Gp.

When the Force was redeployed in December, 1964, the two Irish units moved to new areas. 41st Battalion took over what was known as Morphou District in



Lt Col J. Walsh, Officer Commanding 6th Infantry Group, is congratulated by the Force Commander after receiving his United Nations (Cyprus) medal.

lieved by 41st Infantry Battalion commanded by Lt Col P. Dempsey on 15-16th October.

The Contingent was increased in August when the 3rd Infantry Group, under the command of Lt Col T. McDonald, arrived and took over Larnaca District in the south from 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. The commander of the present Armoured Car Group, Comdt Pat

the north with Headquarters in Skouriotissa and companies in Kato Pyrgos, Limnitis and Lefka, while 3rd Infantry Group became responsible for Paphos District to the west with the main body in Ktima and a company in Polis.

On 7-9 April, 1965, 42nd Infantry Battalion under Lt Col P. Delaney rotated with 41st Battalion in Morphou



General Martola addressing the Parade in Xeros after he had presented the United Nations medal to officers and men of the Contingent.



Comdt Jim Seward (right), the Force Engineer, looking at the sign outside Carl Gustaf Camp, Famagusta, with Cpl Christer Lank of the Guard Platoon. Comdt Seward took over this camp in 1964 for the first Irish Contingent, 40th Infantry Battalion. It was then known as Wolfe Tone Camp.



The Force Commander, on a visit to Lefka District, stops to speak with Sgt Peter Gleeson (left) and Tpr Michael Collins who are crew members of an armoured car section in Limnitis.

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UNFICYP Secretariat Canteen celebrates first anniversary



Last Wednesday the Hibbert Houses Secretariat Canteen at HQ UNFICYP celebrated its first anniversary. The Force Commander, General Martola, the Acting CAO, Mr. Gerry Dunn, Colonel George Hale, the Deputy COS and Padre Sparham headed the crowd of well-wishers who gathered in the canteen. After the Force Commander, pictured above, had cut the birthday cake, both he and Mr Dunn expressed the appreciation of all members of the Force headquarters for the service given by Miss Evelyn Abel, MBE, Mrs Erika Dennis and Mrs Kay Rance in running the canteen.

FIELD-HOSPITAL MAN WEDS IN NICOSIA

The wedding of Lieutenant Wolfgang Brauner of the Austrian Field Hospital and Miss Karin Broser of Vienna, Austria, was recently celebrated at the District Office, Nicosia. Mrs. Brauner will be staying in Cyprus for one month and Lieutenant Brauner is due to finish his tour of duty with UNFICYP by the end of October.



ÖSTERREICHES HEIRAT

Am 18. August heiraten am Standesamt, Nicosia Leutnant, Wolfgang Brauner Österreichisches Feldspital, UNFICYP, und Karin Broser aus Wien. Frau Brauner wird ein Monat in Zypern bleiben und Leutnant Brauner wird Ende Oktober seiner Dienst bei UNFICYP beenden.



Monipuolisuusmies Lekkerma kiyltämässä rimaa 164 sentistä, jolla tuloksella hän selvisi toiseksi tässä kireässä kilvassa.

VILKAS URHEILUVIIKKO

Jatkaa s. 3

Yhteispisteissä epävirallisesti laskettuna selvisi esikunnan Älyn joukkue ylivoimaiseksi voittajaksi 18 pisteellä. Toiseksi sijoittui JJK kymmenellä pisteellä ja kolmansik-

si kakkos ja ykköskomppaniat samalla pistemäärällä 8. HK joutui tällä kertaa vaihteeksi pitämään perää.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

History of Irish Contingent with UNFICYP

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District. Meanwhile, 4th Infantry Group commanded by Lt Col P.D. Hogan had relieved the 3rd Inf Gp in January but it was not itself replaced when it returned to Ireland six months later. 42nd Battalion then took over the Paphos District.

With the departure of 42nd Battalion at the beginning of last October and, after an interval when it was thought that it would not be replaced, 5th Infantry Group, with Lt Col Brian McGurk in charge, arrived at the end of the month and took over in Lefka District which is largely the same as that occupied by its successors, the present 6th Infantry Group.

To complete the record, which lack of space has limited to the briefest outline and which makes no reference to

personnel with Headquarters UNFICYP, the present Contingent commanded by Lt Col J. Walsh has its Headquarters in Xeros, with 'A' Company in Lefka, the Armoured Car Group in Limnitis and B Company in Kato Pyrgos and Kokkina. Its total strength is now 517 officers and men.

CHINESE REPRESENTATION AT UN

NINE STATES REQUEST ISSUE BE INCLUDED IN ASSEMBLY AGENDA

NINE STATES FROM AFRICA, Asia and Eastern Europe have requested that the issue of Chinese representation be included in the agenda of the 21st session of the General Assembly which opens on September 20th. In a letter to the United Nations Secretary-General, these States

asked that the Assembly take up the issue of the "restoration of the lawful rights of the Peoples' Republic of China in the United Nations".

The letter was signed by delegates of Albania, Algeria, Cambodia, Congo-Brazzaville, Cuba, Guinea, Mali, Romania

and Syria. The same states, along with Burundi and Ghana, sponsored the item for consideration by the General Assembly last year. At that time, the Assembly split evenly on a draft resolution that would have had the Peoples' Republic of China take

over China's seat in the United Nations. The vote — 47 to 47 with twenty abstentions — represented the strongest support yet recorded for the seating of the Peoples' Republic of China — an issue which has been raised at various sessions since 1951.

APARTHEID SEMINAR OPENS IN BRAZIL

PROBLEMS of apartheid and ways of achieving a society free from all racial discrimination came under review at a United Nations Seminar which opened in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, a last week.

Speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, Marc Shreiber, Director of the United Nations Division of Human Rights opened the seminar. He said he welcomed particularly representatives of countries where solutions to the problem had been found, or were actively being sought. He pointed out that the General Assembly, in the resolution accompanying the UN Declaration against all forms of racial discrimination, had stated that any policy based on racial differentiation was scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous.



Major Phil Pride (left) LOGS Branch, HQ UNFICYP and the Logistics Officer of the Finnish Battalion, Lt Col Helenius on board a Wessex helicopter of 18 Sqn en route to inspect outlying posts.



Colonel Uolevi Koskenpalo, CO YKSP 5, congratulates the HQ Company team which won the Battalion baseball games recently.

UNTAD BOARD SESSION OPENS

ECONOMIC problems of world concern will be examined at the new session of the United Nations Trade and Development Board which opened in Geneva yesterday (Tuesday 30 August). The major interest of the fifty-five nation board will be to see how recommendations of the 1964 Conference on Trade and Development are being followed up. The Board will also make preparations for the Second Session of the Conference, to be held in 1967.

WATER RESOURCES SEMINAR CLOSES

A United Nations Seminar concerned with the use of water resources closed in Moscow last week after an extensive study tour of hydro-technical installations in the Soviet Union. Government officials and administrators from thirty-five countries attended the seminar, which discussed modern concepts and techniques applicable to the development of water resources in the less developed countries.

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Ferret Armoured Cars of FINCON's Reconnaissance Platoon on the firing point during field firing practice at Goshi ranges.

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vey to him the confidence expressed in him by the Nordic ministers. This expression of support was contained in a communique issued by the foreign ministers of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden at the end of a two-day meeting on UN matters held in Alborg, Denmark.

U Thant also received a telegram from a bi-partisan group of United States Congressmen, who strongly endorsed President Johnson's position in support of a new term of office for the Burmese diplomat. The telegram stated, "We are distressed at press reports that you may decide not to undertake further service in this important post, and we hope very much that you will stay on, if possible for a full five years".

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ved inconclusive. The Secretary-General then declared, 'I will continue my efforts for peace there'.

Questioned about unconfirmed reports that he would not make himself available for a second term as Secretary-General, U Thant declined to announce his decision before his return to New York on September 1st. Asked if he would favour a Mexican to succeed him should he decide not to stand, U Thant said that as he had not yet informed Council members of his decision it would not be proper for him to venture an opinion on that question. He said that it was a question for the Security Council to decide.

Asked if Indonesia had given any official indication of an intention to return to the United Nations (she quit the Organization in protest

Lake Tiberias incident - Syrian, Israeli letters to Council

IN A LETTER TO THE UNITED NATIONS Security Council made public last week, Syria said that Israel was guilty of aggression in the incident which took place on the 15th August in the area of the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias. The letter said that an armoured Israeli launch had crossed the boundaries of the defensive area by approaching the shore and had opened automatic fire in response to a warning from Syrian shore positions.

When the fire was returned, the letter said, several other launches, under the protection of jet aircraft which bombed Syrian posi-

tions, rushed to aid the first one. Syrian aircraft had to intervene to meet this unprovoked attack, the letter said, declaring that the presence of armoured launches near the eastern shores of the lake was a flagrant violation of the General Armistice Agreement.

In an Israeli letter to the Council, also made public last week, it was said that Syria was the aggressor. It said fire was first directed from Syrian positions against Israeli launches trying to extricate a patrol boat which had gone aground on a sand bar. Syrian MIG fighters subsequently launched strafing attacks on the boats and Israeli planes intervened. The letter emphasized that Lake Tiberias was entirely inside Israel, and that her right to carry out routine patrols on it was unchallenged.

UNFICYP STRENGTH

Strength of United Nations Force in Cyprus as of 13 August:

Military Contingents

Canada	992
Denmark	643
Finland	607
Ireland	517
Sweden	656
United Kingdom	1,083

Hospital Unit

Austria	52
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Civilian Police

Australia	40
Austria	34
Denmark	40
New Zealand	20
Sweden	39
Civilian Staff	51

Total Strength 4,774

against the seating of Malaysia on the Security Council) U Thant said there had been no official communications, but there had been some indications that some of Indonesia's leaders favoured a return of their country to the Organization. If the Indonesian government decided to return, he said, the entire membership would welcome the country back.

Returning to the Viet-Nam question, the Secretary-General said "I come from South-East Asia. I know some of the leaders involved in the Viet-Nam conflict. As a Burmese I know what it means to fight for independence. My assessment of the Viet-Nam situation is different from that of others. This conflict should be related to the longing of the Viet-Name people for independence without any interfe-

rence from outside. But when people struggle and suffer for a long time, extreme forces come to the surface and dominate the scene". The Secretary-General then denied that he was seeking Mexican mediation in the Viet-Name conflict, adding that any mediation at this stage would not be realistic.

Questioned on his views regarding the admission of the Peoples' Republic of China to membership of the United Nations, the Secretary-General said "I believe in the universality of the United Nations, and on this question there are two U Thants. Speaking personally, I believe that if the concept of universality was achieved, the United Nations would be in a much stronger position to settle problems such as that of Viet-Nam."

NEW ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK COMES INTO BEING

A NEW INSTITUTION DESIGNED TO FOSTER REGIONAL economic growth and co-operation was born last week when the agreement establishing the Asian Development Bank came into force. The agreement was drawn up under the auspices of the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

The agreement calls for efforts to speed up Asian development, to mobilize public and private capital from within and outside the region, and to promote an orderly expansion of trade. To take effect, the agreement had to be ratified or accepted by fifteen countries — including at least ten from inside the region — with subscriptions totalling at least sixty-five per cent of the Bank's authorized capital of one billion dollars. This requirement was met on August 22nd. As of that date, ratifications or acceptances of the Bank's charter had been deposited at United Nations headquarters by sixteen countries, ten of them from within the ECAFE region.

The United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, hailed the establishment of the Bank as "an outstanding example of co-operation between developing and developed countries within the framework of the United Nations Development Decade". The work of the Bank, he said, would foster better relations among Asian countries and do much to promote closer co-operation between them and the rest of the world.

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TURKISH QUAKE: ASSISTANCE OFFER BY U THANT

UN Secretary-General last week sent message of condolence to Turkish Government expressing his "deepest sympathy over the tragic loss of human lives and property" during recent earthquakes. He also said \$10,000 US could be made available in emergency assistance, and that he was in contact with UN Specialized agencies with view to co-ordinating their efforts. In a reply, Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, I.S. Caglayanoglu, expressed government and peoples' "heartfelt appreciation" for S-G's kind sentiments and generous offer of assistance.

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, due to return to United Nations Headquarters in New York today (Wednesday) after seven day visit to Mexico and Chile.