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Last week the Swedish Contingent had a marching exercise in the Kyrenia Mountains. In the photograph some of the Swedish soldiers are seen on their way up to Kantara Castle. They are going through an area of beautiful flowers, blooming after the recent winter rains.

CANADIAN BAND VISITS UNFICYP

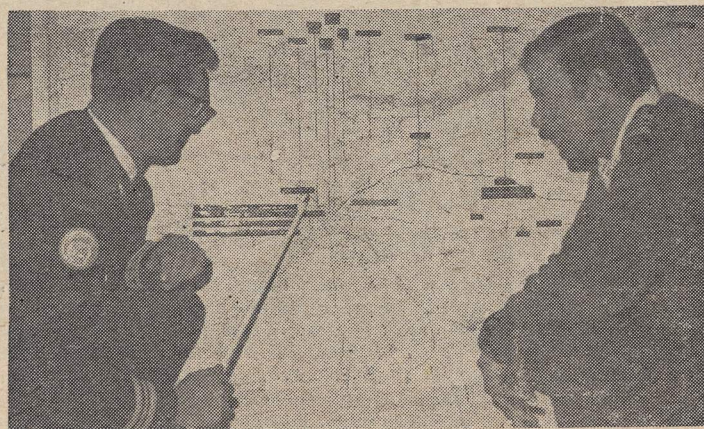
The Band of the Royal Canadian Regiment, directed by Captain John Collins, CD, LRAM, arrived in Cyprus on the 10th of February 1974.

The Band, combined with the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment,

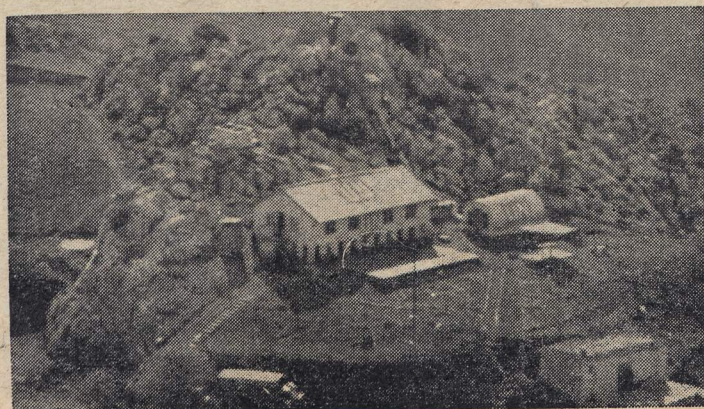
has already played to large audiences at the School of the Blind amphitheatre and Atatürk Square. They also played at Kyrenia Harbour on the 3rd of March and at the Cancon Medal Parade on the 4th of March before returning to Canada on the 6th of March.



Aerial picture of the Britcon OP at Stavrokono in the Paphos District.



A new Operations Officer has taken over at HQ UNFICYP. He is Major D. J. E. Bamford from Canada. In our picture he is seen being briefed by the outgoing Ops Officer, Major M. C. Brown, who has completed a one year tour with UNFICYP. Major Bamford has twice before served with UNFICYP.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

PART V

PARKING: Only on the left side of the road, in the direction of traffic provided it is not prohibited by traffic signs.

REVERSING: The responsibility for safe reversing rests solely with you. Use the following precautions for every reversing manoeuvre:

1. Check traffic carefully in front and rear;
2. Watch for pedestrians and other cars;
3. Post a guide if necessary, but realise that only you can steer, drive or stop the vehicle;
4. Move the car slowly and under full control;
5. Avoid reversing into priority roads.

MANDELTRÆERNE BLOMSTRER I LIMNITIS

Nu blomstrer mandeltræerne på Cypern og Limnitislejren er virkelig et besøg værd i denne tid, da såvel lejren som den omgivende del er fyldt med mandeltræer.

Dette var anledningen til at chefen for LKMP, major P.E. Frederiksen, på DANCON XX's vegne havde inviteret gæster til frokost den 22 februar 74.

Gæsterne var Major-General D. Prem Chand, Mr. og Mrs. Osorio Tafall, Brigadier og Mrs. F.R. Henn, Mr. J. Miles og Mrs. Prieto fra HQ-UNFICYP, samt oberstløjtnanterne A. J. Adolph og C.J.K. Severinsen.

Som det fremgår af billederne nød gæsterne det dejlige vejr og de smukke og landlege omgivelser. Der var også meget stor interesse for lejrens to æsler, Ebbe og Knud, og man kan ikke helt befri sig for den tanke, at der måske nu på højeste plan er fundet en løsning, som kan lette lidt på transportproblemerne, som de stramme kørselsrestriktioner har skabt indenfor UNFICYP.



RINGE INTERESSE FOR KOMMUNEVALGET 5 MAR.

Tirsdag den 5 marts 74 holdtes der kommunale valg i Danmark, d.v.s. valg til såvel kommunalbestyrelser som amtsråd.

Ved Dancon XX og Dancivpol har der været mulighed for at afgive brevstemmer til valget, men i modsætning til den store interesse, der blev vist folketingsvalget den 4 DEC 73, så har interessen for dette valg været megen beskeden. Dancivpol nåede en stemmedeltagelse på 60% (100%) og Dancon XX kom ikke højere end 33% (90%).

(Tallene i parentes angiver procenterne ved folketingsvalget). Billedet viser major B. Koefoed, CH/STKMP, modtage brevstemmer fra nogle af de danske MP befalingsmænd, der var mødt op på Camp Kronborg den 17 februar 74 for at afgive deres stemmer.



FODBOLD

Torsdag den 20 februar spillede Dancon XX sin anden kamp i Unficyp-turneringen. Dancon mødte Camp Unficyp på fodboldbanen i RAF-lejren i Nicosia.

Kampen endte 1-1, og det kom gjensynligt bag på Dancon at Camp Unficyp ikke var sådan at knække. Englænderne kæmpede søjt og stødigt fra først til sidst, og det lykkedes aldrig danskerne at få virkelig samling på deres

angreb. Billedet viser det danske mål, der blev scoret på et frispark i første halvleg af KS J.B.T. Hansen, "Landmanden".

Dancons' næste kamp i turneringen bliver mod Force Reserve. Kampen skal spilles tirsdag den 5 marts 74, kl. 1400, på Lefka stadion.

DANCON NYT

STORSLAGNA MARSCHER TILL KANTARA CASTLE

Sammanlagt har nu fyra stora Kantara-marscher genomförts och i dessa har 230 man från svenska bataljonen deltagit. En särskild marsch arrangeras senare för Swedcivpol. Sånär som på en marsch har vädet varit gynnsamt och de flesta har även om det varit ganska påfrestande vandringar ansett turerna helt fantastiska och naturupplevelserna mycket storslagna.

Ledar- och uppläggare för marscherna har kapten Hilding Gustafsson från Falun varit. Han har dock vid varje vandring utsett speciella marschledare. Totalt omfattade marscherna 4.5 km och för många var dessa km ordentligt arbetsamma. De sista 1.5 km var stigningen 600 m - alltså nära 50 proc.

Sedan marschdeltagarna nått toppen och pustat ut fick de förfriskningar bestående av saft eller frukt. Därefter gavs tillfälle att besöka Kantara Castle - den gamla borgen som uppenbart mest varit

använd som fängelse. Mycket litet är faktiskt känt om borgens historia. Det var emellertid här som Cypern-erövaren Isaac Commenis gav upp i kampen med Richard Lejonhjärta år 1191.

Bilderna på denna sida är från andra plutons marsch upp mot borgen. På bilden till vänster ses mässuppassarna Rolf Evelönn och Urban Forsberg pusta ut under en paus och bakom dem skyntar även fanjunkare Johnny Larsen och Sune Olli. Bilden därunder visar marschdeltagarna i det storslagna landskapet - på väg mot toppen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Each Swedish battalion serving with UNFICYP arranges marches to different places on the Island. During the winter the Swedes have, for example, marched up to Kantara Castle which is situated on the eastern end of the Kyrnia range. At the castle a break and refreshment is needed before sightseeing. The marchers then go back to camp in Famagusta.

The picture on top of the page show one of the four marches, in the larger picture the fantastic nature of the slopes is well illustrated.

The story on the bottom of the page tells about some visitors from the UN Section in the Swedish Army Staff.

Swedcon News

Swedish Forces Photos



SVENSKAR

PÅ CGC - BESÖK

Nyligen gästades den svenska kontingenten på Cypern av personal från Ast/FN i Sverige samt från postverket. Besökarna var byrådirektörerna Dahl J-E Lagercrantz samt Einar Schältz vilka diskuterade olika frågor och problem med ledare inom kontingenten. Dahl gick igenom olika postbestämmelser, Lagercrantz gick igenom personalfrågor och Schältz tog upp frågor om underhåll och transporter.

På bilden ses Einar Schältz, K.G. Sundvall, Inge Eriksson, J-E Lagercrantz, Sven Hjalmarsson, Åke Åkesson och Bengt Medin samlade på campen.

Efter besöket på Cypern fortsatte Schältz och Lagercrantz till den svenska FN-styrkan i Mellanöstern.



SKINS ON GUARD IN CAMP UNFICYP

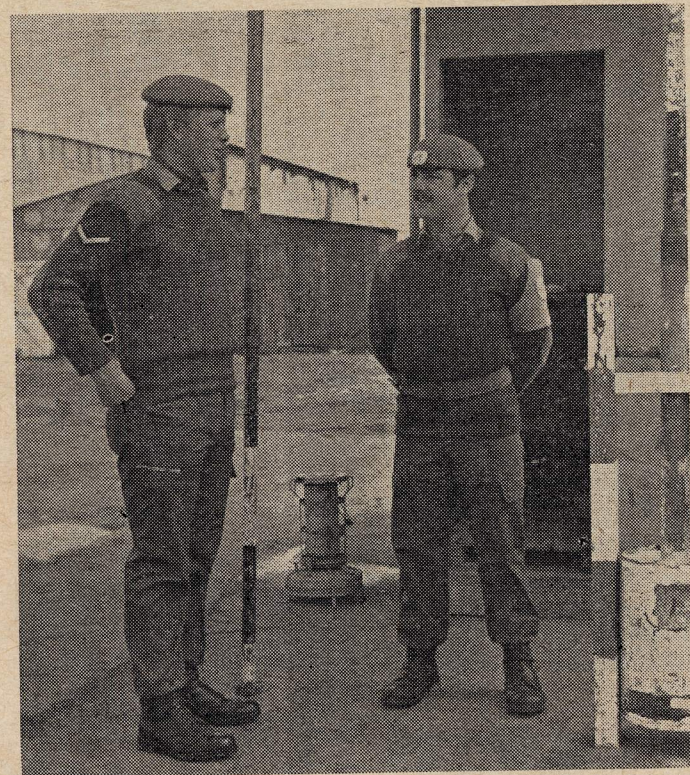
One of the many operational responsibilities of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, based in Polemidhia, is to provide a Guard at Airfield Camp, Camp UNFICYP. This duty was taken over when Auscon moved into Larnaca District and Ircon joined UNEF.

Seen outside the Guard Room in our picture to the right are; Troopers Mick Sheridan, Gabe Gordon, Colin Reynolds, Victor Thompson and Marty Clyde.

In our picture below the NCO, Lance Corporal Rod Salter, checks that everything is under control at the main gate with the sentry, Trooper Paul Gardner.



BRITCON NEWS

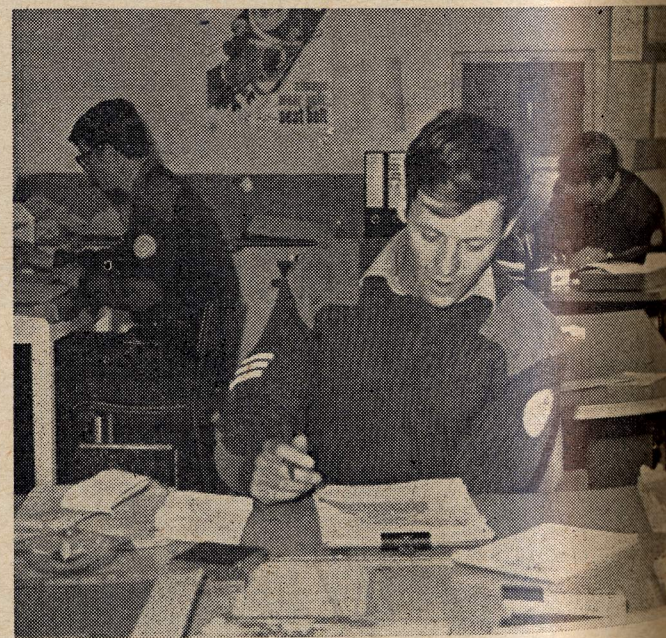


CAMP PAY OFFICE

The three men in this picture are perhaps among the best known in and around Camp UNFICYP. Tuesdays and Fridays are the two days in the week that their popularity is at its peak — they are of course the Pay staff at Camp UNFICYP and it is on

these days that they cash cheques!

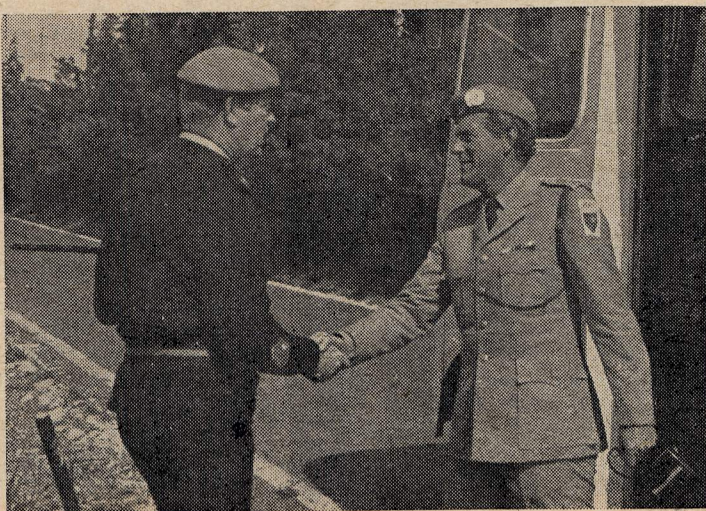
In the centre is Sergeant L. Wardell and behind him to the right Staff Sergeant M.J. Prewitt and on the left Corporal I. F. Dunn.



SKINS ENTERTAIN SWEDCON

The RSM of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Warrant Officer Class 1 Terry Moxham, welcomes the senior officer of the visiting Swedish Contingent, Major K. G. Sundvall, at the start of a sports day held recently at Polemidhia Camp.

The day, which started with lunch in the respective messes, was followed by a sports afternoon in which football, volleyball and tennis were played. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part.



DIE KFZ-WERKSTATT

von Camp LEOPOLD kann sich nicht über Mangel an Arbeit beklagen, gibt es doch genügend zu tun, Routine-Inspektionen, kleine Instandsetzungsarbeiten usw., immer herrscht reger Betrieb in der Werkstätte. Der für diesen Bereich verantwortliche Unteroffizier, Vzlt Schachinger, schafft es immer wieder — meist zu seiner eigenen Überraschung — zu jeder Zeit ein Fahrzeug und einen Fahrer aufzutreiben, selbst dann, wenn er selbst überzeugt ist, dass alle Fahrzeuge unterwegs und alle Fahrer dem "Erschöpfungstod" nahe sind. Die fröhlichen, noch keine Anzeichen von Erschöpfung zeigenden Gesichter zeigen, dass sie den, ohne Zweifel hohen Anforderungen gewachsen sind.

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V.l. stehend: Gfr Jetzinger, Gfr Jungwirth, Gfr Proding, Ostv Grabenbauer, Sgt Williams, Gfr Kurz
V.l. hockend: Gfr Klepitz, Vzlt Schachinger, Owm Forsthuber, Gfr Lüthi, Jg Höcher.



ERSTE HILFE

Manchmal kommt es vor, dass Dorfbewohner mit ihren kleinen Wehwechen zu unserer OP-Besatzung kommen, um sich dort, wie unser Photo zeigt, fachkundig verarzten zu lassen. Zgf Lasnik ist, wie man sieht, mit Ernst bei der

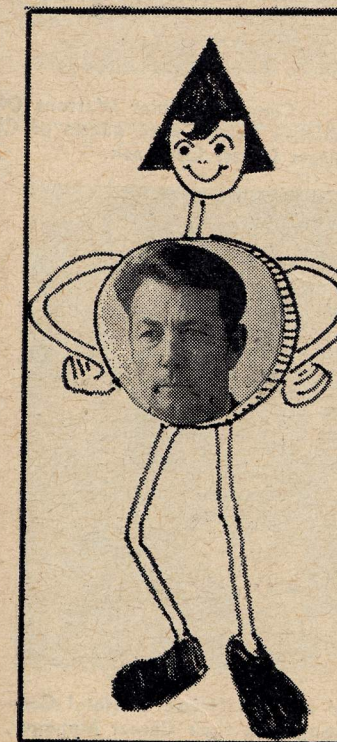
Sache, und das trägt dazu bei, dass das Vertrauen seitens der Bevölkerung zu unseren Soldaten steigt und wir, obwohl erst kurz im Distrikt, bereits ein gutes Verhältnis zu den Einwohnern gewonnen haben.



AUSCON NEWS

WUSSTEN SIE SCHON

Dass ein UN-Soldat auch mit 600 mls im Monat auskommen kann? Mancher mag dies für unmöglich halten, aber G-rüchten zufolge scheint Vzlt Nagl vom Lager ZYYI dieses Kunststück fertig zu bringen, dessen Nachahmung allen bestens empfohlen werden kann. Unser Vorschlag für ein Symbol des Sparens ist auf der Abbildung zu sehen.



DER "WASSERMANN" VON KOPHINO

Von OP Skarinou bis OP Bunker kennen ihn alle, kommt er doch täglich mit dem Wasserwagen über Stock und Stein, um die OP's mit Frischwasser zu versorgen. Gfr Klinger - der "Wassermann" von Kophinou, führt täglich 1000 l Wasser über schlechte Strassen und steile Wege.

Es soll schon Vorschläge gegeben haben, ihn ob seiner "Länge" als Blitzableiter auf den OP's zu verwenden, aber in seiner Funktion als Wasserwagen-Fahrer ist er für die Allgemeinheit sicher nützlicher.



RCR BAND

VISITS CYPRUS

The Royal Canadian Regimental Band, directed by Captain John Collins, CD, LRAM, arrived on the Island for the Battalion's main Medal Parade which was held on Monday the 4th of March in Nicosia.

Whilst they were here they had a busy schedule lined up. In addition to playing at the School of the Blind Amphitheatre and Ataturk Square they gave several other concerts, including one at Kyrenia Harbour and in the Sovereign Base Areas.

The band left Cyprus on Wednesday the 6th of March.

CANCON NEWS



The Royal Canadian Regimental Band and the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion played at the School of the Blind Amphitheatre last week.



Master Warrant Officer Wes Hamilton of Headquarters is flanked by guests from Britcon and Swedcon during the Paardeberg Mess Dinner.



Command Chief Warrant Officer Lavoie and Chief Warrant Officer Forget were guests of Chief Warrant Officer Myers at the Mess Dinner last week.

ROYALS REMEMBER
PAARDEBERG DAY

The 27th of February is a particularly significant day in the history of the Royal Canadian Regiment. On this day 74 years ago at a place called Paardeberg Drift in South Africa, the Royals fought against a numerically superior Boer force under General Cronje. General Cronje's surrender to the Regiment on the 27th of February 1900 was exactly 19 years after the Boer victory over the British at Majuba Hill.

The Regiment has the honour of winning the first victory by the Canadian Army in a campaign outside Canada.



Warrant Officer Don Kemp and Herman Heisse of Hotel Company discuss the possibility of a posting with their Career Manager, Chief Warrant Officer Forget.

CAREER MANAGERS!
VISIT

Major Ken Warton, Captain Chis Smith and CWO Forget visited Cyprus last week to discuss careers and postings of officers and men. The Career Managers, or "Manglers" as they are affectionately known, interviewed all officers and men who expressed a desire to see them. The "Manglers" discuss an individual's likelihood of posting and promotion. They also sound out personnel for their own views on upcoming postings and attempt to place an individual in a job and location to which he best suited.

Force Commander

Vieraili FINCONissa

Torstaina 21. helmikuuta Force Commander, kenraali Prem Chand, vieraili seurueineen FINCONissa. Aluksi heille tarjottiin kahvit Kykon upseerimessissä, jossa keskusteltiin myös ajankohtaisista asioista Kyrenia Districtissä. Tämän jälkeen heille esitettiin pyöräsuulkeinen ja jääkärikärjen toimintaa, jotka molemmat kiinnostivat kenraalia suuresti, sillä hän ei ollut nähnyt ennen tällaista. Näytöksen jälkeen kenraali tutustui Kyko Campin työskentelevien sotilaita työhänsä ääressä.

Seuraavaksi kenraali seurueineen tutustui 1. JKhon ja erityisesti Vihreän Linjan OPhin ja osallistui Omorphitan vartiohenkilöstön "kattopartyihin" nauttien siellä virvokkeita ja keskusteli sotilaiden kanssa.



Kenraali Prem Chand seuraamassa pyöräsuulkeisia.

Turkkilaisten
rotaatio

Tavanomaisin juhlin lähtö- ja tuloseremonioin tapahtui 26.2. Turkin Kansalliskontingentin esittämä rotaatio, jossa vuoden Kyp-roksella palvelleiden 350 miehen tilalle tuli vastaaaa määrää "hiutaleita" Turkista tarpeellinen materialitöiden mukanaan.

Vastapalveluksena Kyrenian tien convoylle UNFICYPin joukot suojasivat henkilöstö- ja materiaali-kuljetukset Famagustan sataman ja Orta Keuyn välillä. FINCON-ista oli mukana tässä mittavaksi muutoutuneessa UNFICYPin contingenttien yhteisoperaatiossa joukkue 2.JKsta reittivartiosta Nicosian liepeillä sekä pieni osasto satamaja kuljetustehtävissä.

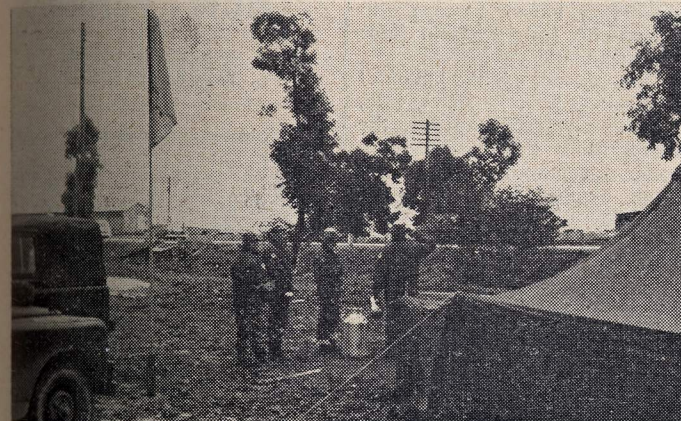
Suurin häiriötekijä oli sade, joka kasteli teltassa yöpyneiden selät sekä vaikeutti viestiyhteyksiä. Tekniikan pettäessä joutuivat viestiupseeri ja jääk Kokkonen suorittamaan yöllisen vuoristokiipeilyn sateiselle HILL TOPille releen



Jääkäri Urpilainen hitsaamassa uutta kiuasta jääkärisaunaan.

kuntoonsaattamiseksi. Varmimmaksi releeksi osoittautui kuitenkin aina toimintakuntoinen "turparele".

Viestillisistä vaikeuksista huolimatta rotaatio sujui välikohtauksitta, joten FC:n kiitokset kaikille siihen osallistuneille hyvin suoritusta työstä ovat paikallaan.



Turkin kansalliskontingentin rotaatiossa ehdittiin välillä hieman "murkinoidakin".



Sähkömies Suomalaisella riittää töitä, sillä tällaiset johdot alkavat olla jo hylkytavaraa, joten vikoja aina löytyy, varsinkin sateella.

FINCON NEWS

Tarkastuslautakunta Suomesta

PIM:n tarkastuslautakunta tulee vieraillemaan FINCONissa matkallaan Suezille 15.3-29.3.74 välisenä aikana, joten paikat ja paarit järjestykseen.

Muista Suomi-radio torstaisin klo 20.00 ja sunnuntaina 31. maaliskuuta.

Torstain toivekonsertin osoite: Kypros-konsertti, Oy Yleisradio Ab, Kesäkatu 2, Helsinki 26.



Ykkösessä soi, sillä messinginpurijat Mikkonen ja Lehtinen pitävät siitä huolen iltaapuhteina.

SPORTS NEWS

In the UNFICYP Football Competition the following matches were played last week. Dancon 1 — Camp UNFICYP 1, Swedcon 2—Fincon 2, Uncivpol 2 — Force Reserve 0.

The final will take place on the 21st of March 1974.

An Inter Contingent Badminton Competition will take place on the 26th of March 1974. The competition will be sponsored by Force Reserve.

The next Famagusta Town Race will be run on the 4th of April starting at 1500 hours. This event will be organised by Swedcon.

Finally Britcon will organise the UNFICYP Falling Plates Competition at Dhekelia on the 28th of March 1974.

NEW FORCE ENGINEER



A new Force Engineer has recently taken over from Commandant H. Hallahan. He is Major D. J. Wilson from Canada. He is seen in our picture with the Danish Contingent Engineer, Lieutenant H.A.E. Joergensen, outside his office in Blue Beret Camp.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the last week Sweden announced a contribution of US \$200,000.00 towards the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus for the six month period December 1973 to June 1974.

Sweden will also continue to absorb at its own expense certain extra costs of its Contingent estimated to amount to US \$500,000.00 for a half year period.



PARTY FROM HQ UNFICYP VISITS LIMNITIS

Last week the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM, Mr and Mrs B.F. Osorio Tafall, Brigadier and Mrs F. R. Henn, Mr J. Miles and Mrs Prieto from HQ UNFICYP were invited by the Danish Commander of Rifle Company in Limnitis in the Lefka District, Major P.E. Frederiksen, to visit the camp and

enjoy seeing the flowering of the almond trees and the other beautiful scenery in the area.

The weather was sunny and the visitors enjoyed the visit very much. The two donkeys in the camp caught special attention by the guests. In Dancon it is now presumed that there may be consultations at the highest level in

UNFICYP as to how to cope with the transport restrictions in force at the moment!

In the photograph the Chief of Staff, Brigadier F. R. Henn, CBE, is having a ride on one of the donkeys whilst the Dancon Commander, Lieutenant Colonel A. J. Adolph, explains how to control the donkey.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Number of Accidents for week ending 22 Feb 74 — 4
Number of Accidents for week ending 1 Mar 74 — 6
Total for the year so far — 40

Lessons for the week:

Places that are tight for two are "No passing zones" for you. and

Don't just take "Right of Way" — Give it!



A new RQMS has recently taken over in Camp UNFICYP. He is Warrant Officer Class 2 Brian Dearlove RAOC, who joins UNFICYP from the Depot RAOC.



Before leaving Cyprus Major Mel Brown, the Operations Officer, was presented with his UN Medal by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, PVSM.