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SKIING CHAMPIONSHIP



TROODOS CHAMP. The Cyprus Services Ski Competition was held at the Troodos Leave Centre on Saturday last. Shown above, Mrs Davies-Scourfield presents the Downhill Trophy to Driver Len Finn. (Other photos and story on P. 10).

African Nations Urge UN Action on Rhodesia Issue

The African group of United Nations Member States decided on Monday last to request an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council on the entire Rhodesian question in the light of news that the illegal white minority regime in Salisbury had executed two more African prisoners.

The decision of the African Group was taken at a meeting held at UN Headquarters.

The request is being drafted by a committee and was expected to be submitted to the Council yesterday, Tuesday.

Earlier Monday morning, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, pointed out that these "illegal and savage acts" had been carried out in spite of the decisions taken by various United Nations bodies, an appeal by His Holiness Pope Paul IV, and the universal condemnation of last week's execution of three prisoners who had been granted a reprieve by the British Crown.

UN Groups Also Call For Action on Rhodesia

CALLS for swift and effective action by the UN Security Council on the Rhodesian situation were issued at United Nations headquarters in New York last week following news that the illegal white minority regime had executed three African prisoners despite a reprieve granted them by the British Crown.

News of the execution in Rhodesia evoked strong condemnations along with calls for Security Council action by both the Human Rights Commission and the Decolonization Committee. Both UN groups also called on Great Britain, as the lawful administering

UNFICYP REPORT TO COUNCIL

U THANT SEES MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN CYPRUS SITUATION

United Nations Secretary-General U Thant said on Monday that the situation in Cyprus had markedly improved during the past three months, and that the chances for settlement had never been better since the outbreak of strife between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities at the end of 1963.

U Thant set forth his view in a report to the 15-nation UN Security Council in which he asked for a further three-month extension of the 4,700-man Peace-Keeping Force stationed in the island for the past four years. (See P. 5 for full text of "OBSERVATIONS" contained in Secretary-General's report.)

The Secretary-General said the Cypriot Government's lifting of restrictions on the Turkish Cypriots deserved special mention, along with the restraint and more conciliatory attitude of the parties involved. Shooting incidents were sharply reduced, and military disengagement had started in some places. However, he declared, there was still no tangible progress toward discussions between the parties, and there remained the danger of a reversal of the present trends and of a drift into a crisis like that of last November, when Turkey and Greece were in tense military confrontation.

U Thant said that he intended to ask his Special Representative, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, to invite the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders at the earliest possible date to meet and open talks.

He noted that President Makarios had made known his intention of submitting certain constitutional proposals soon, and said that these should be discussed. There were also indications, U Thant said, that the Turkish Cypriot community might have its own proposals to make.

The Secretary-General said that now that the Government had extended normalization measures to the whole of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot leadership should foster a full return to normal conditions, and, as a first step, abandon its policy of preventing Greek Cypriots from moving freely in the areas controlled by Turkish Cypriots. He also urged both sides to accept the UN Force's proposals for military deconfrontation.

The Secretary-General said he would call on both Greece and Turkey to encourage the two Cypriot communities to take these various steps. He also declared that he would urge the Cypriot Government and the Turkish Cypriot leadership to use maximum prudence and avoid any incidents. He further said he had agreed to the request from Greece and Turkey that the UN Peace-Keeping Force check, to the extent possible, the withdrawal from Cyprus of their forces in excess of treaty limits. The pull-out accord was the key part of the settlement of the November crisis.

U Thant expressed renewed concern about the financial deficit of the peace-keeping operation, which he said would be about \$7,685,000 on 26 March, the expiration date of the present mandate. He urged the Security Council to give the most serious consideration to this problem, which could, he said, lead to a premature withdrawal of the Force. The cost of a three-month extension is estimated at \$5,765,000 and that of a six-month extension, \$10,755,000.

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Personel, der var forhindret i at deltage i medaljeparaden, skulle ved først give lejlighed dekoreres af kompagnicheferne. A-KMP har blandt sit personel det "gamle donkey", som også måtte stå ret, da det blev dekoreret med i.s.o.p.

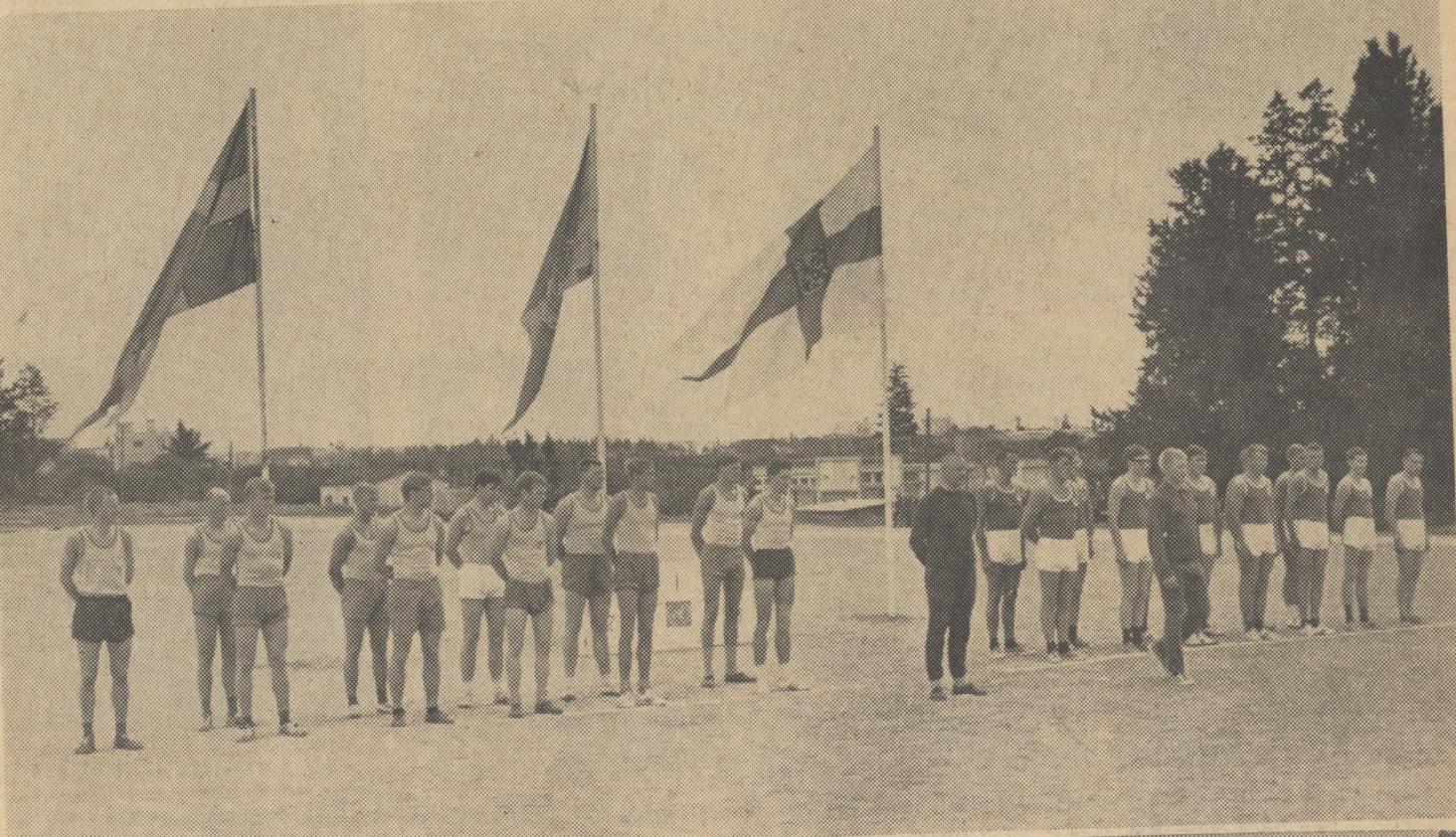
DANCON - NYT LIGESOM I ØRKENEN



Selv om A-KMP er et vagtkompani, kan det også selv klare pioneropgaver, som forleden dag, da fotografen kom forbi "Tagpost Nord", var en gruppe under ledelse af "Small-Staff" OS E.M. Petersen i færd med at udskifte sandsække. Disse har som bekendt en begrænset levetid, hvorfor det er nødvendigt med jævne mellemrum at udskifte sækken omkring sandet.



EN POÄNGS FÖRLUST MOT FINCON



Finnkamp - det finns en särskild klang i det ordet. Ingredienserna behöver nödvändigtvis inte vara Stadion i Stockholm eller Olympiastadion i Helsingfors med fullsatta läktare, smattrande flaggor och de båda broderländernas elitidrottare i aktion på perfekta banor. Den rätta landskampsstämningen kan uppnås även på Goldfish Stadion i Famagusta, d.v.s. 2. kompaniets idrottsplats. Det var en erfarenhet som aktiva och åskådare kunde göra nä i söndags SWEDCON och FINCON ställde sina bästa friidrottare på benen i spänande och vällarrangerade tävlingar. FINCON hade för dagen mobiliserat sin bekanta sisu och hade säkrat seger redan för den avslutande stafetten, som svenskarna tog hem. Därmed inskränktes den finska slutseger till en futtig poäng - 48 poäng mot 47 skrevs slutresultatet.

Landskampen fick en fin svensk upptakt genom dubbelseger på 100 meter. Bo Nilsson, Härnösand, på 1.

komp, segrade med tiden 12 blankt, en tiondel före Sonny Andersson, Jokkmokk, på 3. komp. Ordningen återställdes dock i diskus, där finnarna trots vär starka

tandddoktor Hans-Erik Hansson triumferade dubbelt. Även i längd fick de två svenskarna se sig distanserade av det finska paret. Segrade finnen Ahomäki hoppade 6,13 som bäst.

Nästa löpgren, 400 meter, såg emellertid Jan-Erik Jonsson, Tandsbyn, på 3 komp, och Leif Wadgren, Malmö, på 2. komp, som detta och två på 53 respektive 54 sekunder och därmed var poängställningen utjämnad.

Följde så vad som visade sig vara två typiska FINCON-grenar, höjd och kula, med dubbelt finskt i toppen. Tor Andersson, Skövde, på STR-komp och Boris Carlsson, Torup, likaledes STR, gjorde på vad dem ankom i 1500 meter och lämnade de två finnarna baktefter sig. Tor Anderssons segrartid löd på 4,21 min. och Boris var bara 3 sekunder sämre.

Landskampens överraskning inträffade i spjut, en traditionell finsk glansgren. Karl Selander, Åkers Styckebruk, på 3. komp, finländske överstelöjtnanten N. Palmén,



fick i tredje kastet iväg spjutet hela 52 meter och en centimeter, och så mycket mäktade ingen av finnarna med.

Landskampen var avgjord redan innan stafetten löptes. Den svenska kvartetten Bo Nilsson, Sonny Andersson, Leif Wadgren och Jan-Erik Jonsson putsade i alla fall upp slutsiffrorna såpass att den finska segeren blev bara en poäng stor. 48-47 - det var FINCON-kamp, det;

Våra bilder visar de båda kontingenterna landslagsmän uppställda före tävlingarnas början (överst), spjutsensationen Karl Selander (t.v.) och det segerrikas svenska stafettlaget på prispallen (t.h.). Det är Sonny Andersson som behägs med guldmedalj av den

10 INF GROUP ARRIVE IN CYPRUS



Photo shows members of 10 Inf Gp on board the Aer Lingus Boeing "St Enda" on arrival at Nicosia Airport on Wednesday 6 March.

IRCON NEWS

HOSTESSES TO IRCON



On 6 March the Aer Lingus Boeing "St Enda" rotated members of the Irish Contingent. Photo shows the charming and beautiful hostesses of the "St Enda" who were entertained at HQ UNFICYP during their brief stop in Nicosia.



Sgt Michael Doyle (left) and C/S Billy [unclear] to commence their tour of duty with HQ Gp. Both come from Dublin.

9 INF GROUP DEP



Members of 9 Inf Gp waiting at Nicosia Airport to plane for Dublin, (L to R) Cpl William Keating, Cpl Hugh Pte James Duggan, Pte P. J. Ryan, Gnr William O'Dowd, Willie Barry and Gnr Victor Fitzgerald.

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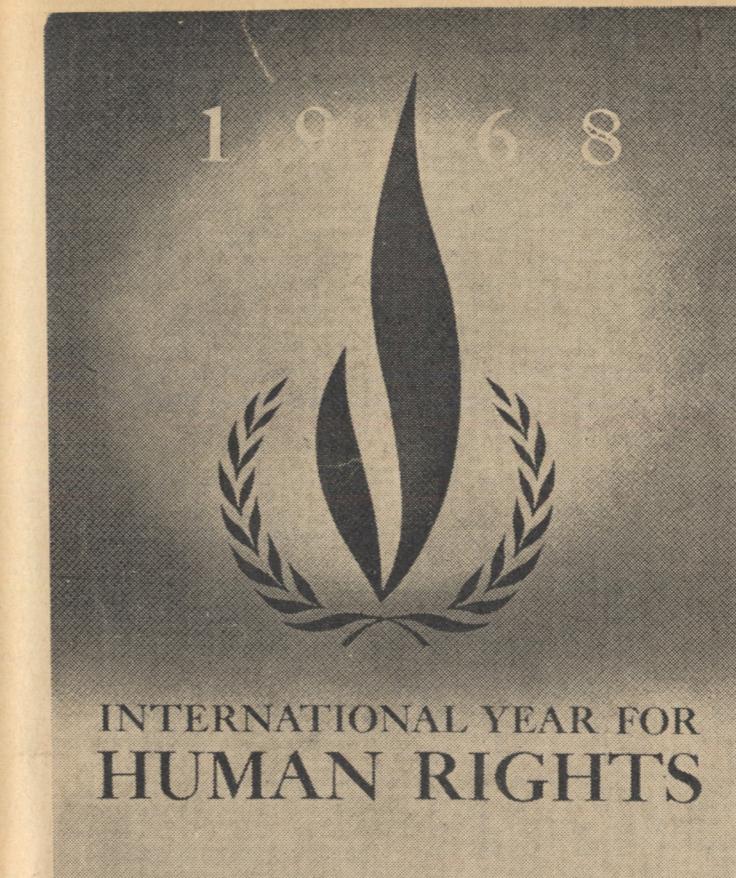
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Peace - Keeping Committee Resumes Meeting in NY

THE controversial problem of United Nations peace-keeping operations and their financing came under renewed discussion in the Special Committee set up by the UN General Assembly to survey the issue.

As the debate got under way last week at UN Headquarters in New York, the Soviet Union reaffirmed its view that any UN undertaking involving armed forces came under the exclusive jurisdiction of the UN Security Council. It said it did not object to the prospective study of the question of facilities and personnel that UN Members might provide for peace-keeping operations on the understanding that it would be of help to the Security Council and its Military Staff Committee.

Furthermore, the USSR declared, the enquiry must be clearly linked to the UN Charter section — Chapter VII — on action with respect to threats to or breaches of the peace.

The USSR said it would henceforth seek explicit mention of Chapter VII, and of the Council's authority, in any Council resolution dealing with the use of armed forces. It charged that the US and others were seeking to by-pass the Charter to foster the use of UN forces against national liberation movements.

The United States denied this. The Committee's mandate, it said, was clearly to improve the preparations for peace-keeping operations consented to by the countries in

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UN Human Rights Body Concludes HQs Session

Violations of human rights, and particularly what were found to be gross and consistent violations in southern Africa, were the main topics of debate and action at the five-week session of the UN Commission on Human Rights which ended at UN Headquarters in New York on Monday last.

In the course of the session, the Commission condemned South Africa for its policies of apartheid and its "torture and ill-treatment of prisoners."

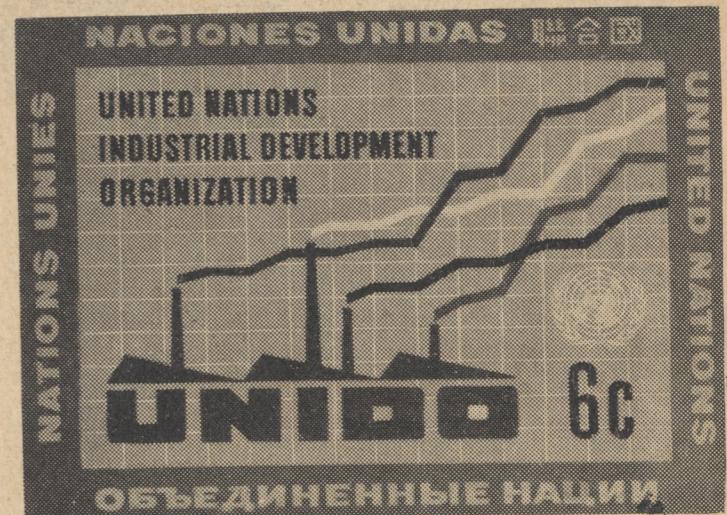
The Commission extended its investigations into apartheid and racial discrimination in South West Africa, Rhodesia and the African territories under Portuguese administration, and into the treatment of prisoners in those countries. It also called for the release of some 30 South West Africans sentenced by South Africa, and of 100 or more political prisoners in Rhodesia.

Turning its attention to the Middle East, the Commission affirmed that the "Government concerned" should facilitate the return of those uprooted by last June's war. And it called on Israel to desist from acts such as the reported destruction of Arab civilian houses.

On another subject, the Commission condemned all ideologies based on racial intolerance and terror — including nazism and apartheid — and recommended that the UN General Assembly invite States to outlaw groups that disseminate propaganda for such ideologies.

In a resolution on capital punishment, the Commission asked that the Assembly consider inviting Government to ensure the greatest possible safeguards for accused in capital cases.

NEW UN STAMP



The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a six-cent and 13-cent stamp — see photo, above — to commemorate the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO). The new stamp will be available to UNFICYP philatelists on 18 April — the date of issue — at the UNFICYP Headquarters main office — Secretariat section.

TEXT OF "OBSERVATIONS" CONTAINED IN REPORT SUBMITTED BY U THANT TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL

Following is the full text of the chapter "Observations", contained in the report of the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus from 9 December 1967 to 10 March 1968, which was circulated at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 11 March 1968 as Document S/8446:

"OBSERVATIONS"

The three-month period covered by this report has been one of the quietest since the disturbances that broke out in December 1963 and, as described in the preceding chapters, inter-communal incidents have diminished considerably. It is to be hoped that the crisis of last November, which could easily have transformed Cyprus and a broader area in the Eastern Mediterranean into a theatre of war accompanied by widespread loss of life and great destruction may have brought about a realization to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots of the urgent need to compose their differences.

Normalization measures taken by the Government of Cyprus, which included the lifting of restrictions imposed against the Turkish Cypriots, deserve a special mention. These measures have contributed to the relaxation of tension and with their recent extension to the main Turkish Cypriot enclave in Nicosia, they cannot but have a beneficial effect by providing the Turkish Cypriot population with a sense of freedom that they have not experienced since December 1963. Even before President Makarios's announcement of 7 March, it had been gratifying to observe the encouraging effects of the elimination of restriction by the ease with which ordinary people of both communities were beginning to resume their former amicable relations.

The general relaxation of tension has also been reflected in a sharp reduction of shooting incidents and is a welcome beginning of military disengagement in some places.

What is needed is an acceleration of the momentum towards normality and renewed efforts to move purposefully, with determination and good faith, towards a solution of the Cyprus problem. The ground has been prepared, the atmosphere is more propitious than at any other time and the parties should now be prepared to move in earnest in the direction of a solution.

Notwithstanding these encouraging signs, there has still been no tangible progress to



U THANT

ward discussions between the parties directly concerned. Until such progress is made, the possibility of a reversal of the present trend towards peace and normality in the island will continue to exist, with the danger that it may drift again into a crisis like that of last November. The discussions under the good offices proffered by me in my appeal of 3 December 1967 have not, as yet, succeeded in bridging the divergent views of the parties. This situation is not surprising and indeed, I had forewarned the Security Council in my statement of 22 December 1967 of the difficulties that lay ahead, in view of the sharply divergent views of some of the parties in regard to the issues that might be raised and the absence of clear guidance by the Council on the basic points. However, I shall continue my efforts in the hope that the improving atmosphere may lead the parties to a more amenable and compromising attitude.

As I have stated above, from the time of the disturbances in December 1963, there has been no better opportunity in Cyprus for meaningful steps towards a settlement as there is now. The relaxation of restrictions has unmistakably demonstrated that ordinary Greek and Turkish Cypriot people desire to live in peace and harmony and seem already prepared to accept and support reasonable compromises. The re-confirmation of Archbishop Makarios and Dr. Kuchuk in positions of leadership at this time give them the backing to exercise wise and forward-looking statesmanship for constructive purposes.

I wish to stress that my preceding observations reflect the improvement in the atmosphere as a result, particularly, of the normalization measures taken by the Government and

the restraint and sure conciliatory attitude of the parties. However, the basic issues remain as yet unresolved and, in the last resort, only the parties themselves can effect the break-through towards a solution by their genuine willingness to bring their long-standing difficulties to an end.

It is in the light of the foregoing considerations that I should like to place before the parties and the Security Council an outline of the initiatives which in my view, should be taken without delay. There is no attempt to make each of the steps outlined below necessarily conditional on the other and they should be read simply as an enumeration of the steps that I think should be taken in the search for a solution.

(i) Now that the Government of Cyprus has extended its normalization measures to the whole of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot leadership should find it possible to make those necessary concessions for a full return to normal conditions and, as a first step, to abandon its policy of preventing Greek Cypriots from moving freely in the Turkish Cypriot controlled areas;

(ii) Both the Government of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot leadership should accept UNFICYP's proposals for military deconfrontation, thus reducing the areas of possible friction and incidents;

(iii) I shall continue with the exercise of my good offices and call upon the parties to show the spirit of accommodation which is essential to make progress in our discussions;

(iv) It is my intention to request my Special Representative to invite, at all earliest possible date, leading Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot personalities to meet for the purpose of initiating talks on the Cyprus problem. In this connexion, I have particularly in mind, the stated initiative by President Makarios of submitting in the near future certain constitutional proposals which, in my view, should be the subject of discussion between the leaders of the two communities. While I do not have official information to this effect, there have been also indications that the Turkish Cypriot community may wish to put forward their own proposals as well. My Special Representative will consult the leaders of both communities concerning the venue and other arrangements for the talks;

(v) I propose to call on both Greece and Turkey to assist in the measures outlined above by exercising the greatest restraint and by encouraging the respective communities in Cyprus, as may be possible to them, to respond positively to the steps outlined and to display a genuine spirit of conciliation and understanding;

(vi) I intend to call on the Government of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot leadership to use maximum prudence and to avoid any incidents that might disturb the prevailing atmosphere of quiet.

Given the circumstances described in this report and in the preceding observations, I see no alternative but to recommend the extension of the stationing of the United Nations Force in Cyprus for another period. It seems to me that on this occasion there are circumstances justifying a prolongation for three months, as was done in December last. I must, however, draw the attention of the members of the Security Council, with deep concern, to the growing financial deficit which, if not met, will jeopardize the ability of the United Nations to fulfill its commitments, including those to the countries providing contingents to the Force. Indeed, it could lead to a premature withdrawal of the Force. I appeal to the members of the Security Council to look into this matter with all seriousness. The Government of Cyprus as well as the Governments of Greece, Turkey and the United Kingdom have given their agreement to a further extension of UNFICYP."

Rhodesia... (Continued from p. 1).

wer in the colony in November of 1965.

In a consensus arrived at on the basis of a text submitted by Tanzania and Nigeria, the Human Rights Commission asked Great Britain to take immediate steps to restore the fundamental freedoms of the people by the restoration of constitutionality, law and order as well as peace and security.

Peace-Keeping...

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volved rather than to consider arrangements of a binding legal character that could be concluded under the Security Council for enforcement action.

The US said that smaller and middle-sized States should be encouraged to earmark forces for UN service; larger Powers could provide logistical support. It added that the question of how costs would be met should also be examined.



Transportation Operators in conference. Driver John Winterburn from Oldham, Lancs, of 8 Squadron, RCT, normally drives a saloon-type vehicle for UNFICYP. Whilst on a detail which took him to Stavrokonou OP, he had a word on operating procedures with one of the resident muleteers of the village.



Major Bill Chevis (right) has been Second-in-Command of the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets whilst it has been with UNFICYP. He is now posted to the Ministry of Defence (Army) for a Staff appointment. His successor is Major R. M. (Michael) Koe whose current stay in Cyprus will be rather abbreviated as the battalion is due to leave early May.



MULES 'IN FASHION'

Recent construction of the all-weather accommodation by the Sapper Troop at Stavrokonou involved transportation of materials by donkey from the road up to the hillside position; the mules now know where to go for a welcome, and the odd tit-bit.

The photograph shows Riflemen John Smith from Leyton, London, (astride), and Brian Mootealo who lives at Edgware, London, but hails from Mauritius — it's the latter's flashing smile that attracts the animals!

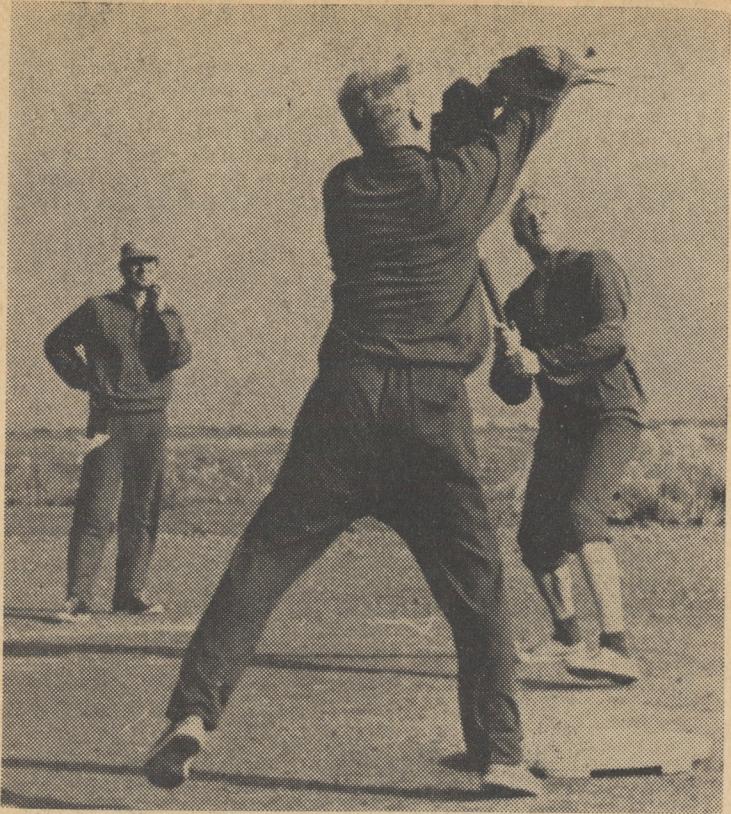


BRITCON NEWS



Driver Len Benn from Aberdeen competed in the Novices Skiing Championships on Friday last and was placed sixth. Next season will perhaps see him on the ski slopes of his native Cairngorms.

Lance-Corporal Stan Telford, at Polemidia Camp is the Technical storeman. Here he is seen checking his stock of United Nations signs required to be put on all vehicles belonging to the Force, except hired cars — the luminous effect from the signs is most effective.



Yllä tilanne 3. JK:n ja EK:n välisestä pesäpallo-ottelusta, joka suoritettiin 6.3. Jääk H Huuhanan, EK, syöttää ja kers A Lampacka koettaa saada sattumaan.

FINCON NEWS

Vieressä 3.JK:n jääk P Mustonen on lyönyt jääk E Vartion kotiin. Keskimäisen michen riemu on ainakin yhden sylen levyinen. Lopputulos ottelussa 3.JK - EK oli 4 - 2 3.JK:n hyväksi.



HK ja EK ottivat yhteen 4.3. EK voitti peräti 16 - 6. Kuvassa jääk Hotokka on lyönyt, lukkari, ylik Savioja kurkottaa palloon ja kotitalivalta taittava mies on täsmällen 20 cm:n päässä kotipesästä.

PATALJOONA PALLOILEE

Tämänkertaisen aukeamamme kuvat kertovat kahdesta pesä- ja yhdestä jalkapallo-ottelusta. Pallo on ehtinyt pyörähtää jo monta kertaa ja niin vinhaa vauhtia, että jalkapallosarja on suoritettu loppuun. Paremmusjärjestys ja ottelutulokset selviävät seuraavasta Me-lehdestä. Sen sijaan pesäpallosarja on vielä parhaassa vauhdissaan. Tähän mennessä pelattujen ottelujen taso ei ole ollut ollenkaan kehno, ja myös huutosakit kentän laidalla ovat olleet hyvässä vedossa. Pääasia lieneekin, ettei ota urheilua liian vakavalla naamalla, vaan ottaa sen aivan ammattiorimaisesti hyvänä harrastuksena ja virkistävänä ajanvietteenä.



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Yleisurheilun pienoismaaottelu SWEDCON - FINCON suoritettiin sunnuntaina 10.3 Famagustassa. FINCON oli sen verran parempi, että voitti niukasti yhdellä pistellä. Nämä kävi tällä kertaa. Katso tähemmin SWEDCON NEWS ja lakkasivu.



NAHKAKUULAAKIN on potkittu innokkaasti, ja sarja on suoritettu loppuun. Kuva on näpäty jo 20.2 pelastusta 1.JK:n ja 3.JK:n välisestä ottelusta, jonka 1.JK voitti 4 - 0.



Pte Charles Hopkins, 1 Black Watch, shown working in the CSM's office at Camp Maple Leaf where he maintains the leave roster for all CCASG personnel.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



Private Larry Weatherbee of the 1 Black Watch, opens the gate at Temblos OP to let a small Turkish boy and his flock of sheep pass.

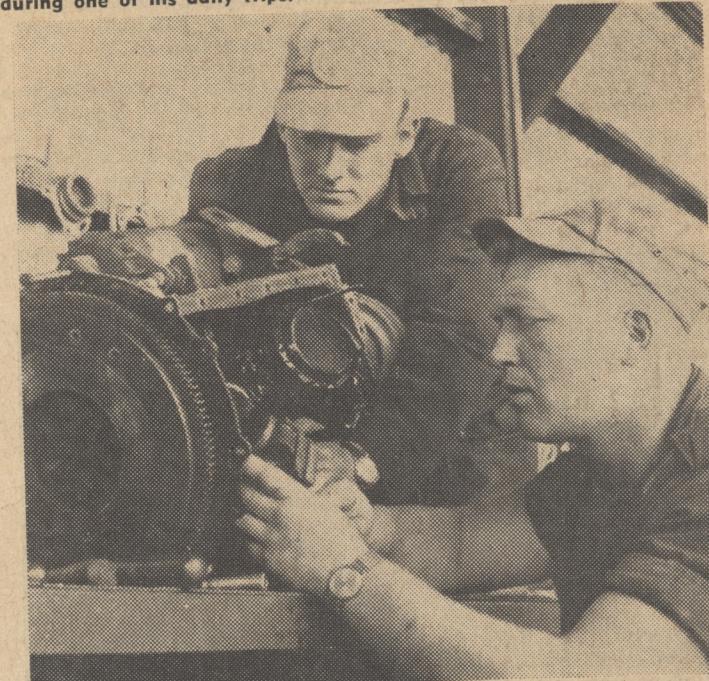


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Pte Stan Lawless, 1 Black Watch, drives the water truck which supplies the small village of Temblos with their drinking water. He is shown filling the water containers for the village women during one of his daily trips.



Much major mechanical work is undertaken by the RCEME boys at Camp Maple Leaf and these two Craftsmen, Bill Palmer (left) and Jerry Alderson demonstrate their ability on a jeep engine.



Sgt Hugh Nicholson and Cpl George Brooks arrived a short time ago to do their 6-month "stint" with the Canadian Contingent. They are both with the Ordnance Corps and are in charge of the Spare Parts and Stores Section at RCEME.



The skiing team of the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets — left to right — Major Michael Koe, Lieutenant Jack Dill, Major Michael Massy-Beresford and Lieutenant Robert Goodwin.

ATHLETICS

SWEDCON V FINCON



Sgt Tor Andersson, SWEDCON Staff Coy, and Pte Boris Carlson, also Staff Coy, secured a double Swedish victory in the 1500 metres run. Sgt Andersson's time was 4 minutes 21 seconds. The two Finns, Pte Mauno Kulju and Sgt Juhani Mantyla ran well.

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

1. BRAKING

Sudden hand braking not only ruins tyres but it is the best way to induce a skid. Ideally speed should be adjusted with the throttle — which is mis-named the accelerator pedal — its decelerating functions are equally important.

2. PARKING AND STOPPING

Before doing so, think... Will you cause obstruction, congestion, or block sight lines — if so — don't.

3. AT CROSS ROADS

Unmarked cross roads carrying little traffic are danger spots. Check your speed of approach so as to be able to stop if necessary.

4. AT MAJOR ROADS

You must obey the HALT sign, regardless of what the driver in front does. At SLOW signs go really slow until you can see the way to be clear.

5. TURNING RIGHT

This is one of the most frequent accident situations. The need is for positioning — just left of the centre line, the gradual reduction of speed, avoiding late or hard braking, the selection of a suitable gear in good time and early correct signals.

Give these points the attention they deserve.

SKIING

INTER-SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In good conditions the British Forces Near East Inter-Service Skiing Championships were held last Saturday on the North Face of Mount Olympus.

Three teams were entered from UNFICYP by 1st Battalion Royal Green Jackets, 8 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport and the Headquarters.

The Army team included Major Michael Massy-Beresford and Lieutenant Robert Goodwin from 1 RGJ and Driver Len Finn from 8 Squadron RCT.

The Championships were won by the Royal Air Force, who beat the Army by 11 1/5 seconds. RAF Akrotiri were the winning unit team and the 1 RGJ team were runners-up, 8 Squadron RCT also finished well.

Driver Finn with a run of 34 1/5 seconds won the Downhill event. He did not quite find his expected form in the Slalom event and was placed fourth in the combined Downhill and Slalom, only 7 3/5 seconds behind the RAF winner, Flight Lieutenant Whittley. Lieutenant Goodwin was

placed fifth, one second behind Driver Finn.

The best performances from UN personnel in the Slalom event were by Major Massy-Beresford (109 1/5 seconds) and Lieutenant Goodwin (3/5 second behind).

In the Novices competition held at Sun Valley the previous day, Private Rod Cheyne and Driver Len Benn were placed fifth and sixth respectively.

The results were a triumph for UNFICYP competitors — congratulations to all concerned.

The trophies and prizes were presented by Mrs Davies-Scourfield, wife of the Deputy Commander, Near East Land Forces.

SPORTING EVENTS



100 metres was a double triumph for the Swedish team. S/Sgt Bo Nilsson (left) won at 12.0 seconds and Pte Sonny Andersson (third from left) was second at 12.1. The two Finns are Pte Pertti Ahomaki and WO II Mauri Uusitalo.

RUGBY

7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

UNFICYP teams acquitted themselves well at the recent Seven-a-Side Tournament held at the Royal Air Force station, Akrotiri, in which twenty-one Army and Royal Air Force teams took part.

The UNFICYP teams came from the Headquarters; 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets and 'B' Squadron 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, who entered two teams.

After winning four games, 'A' team from the Dragoons reached the final and were only narrowly beaten, 12 points to 10, by the Trojans 'A' a team from the RAF's large Equipment Branch.

Both HQ UNFICYP and 1

RGJ were eliminated in the first round of the Sevens, (HQ were beaten by the eventual winners of the Tournament). These two UN teams thus "qualified" for entry into the first round of the Losers Shield. In the Semi-Finals the Headquarters team met 1 RGJ. HQ won and went on to the final where they were beaten, 19 points to 0, by 9 Sigs 'A' who, in the other semi final, beat the Dragoons' 'B' team.