



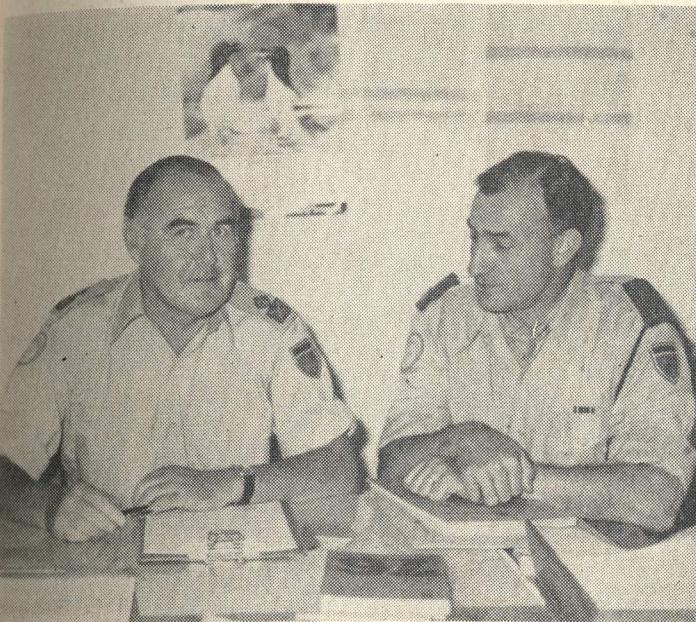
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NEW FACES IN THE HEADQUARTERS



Command of the Irish Contingent has changed with the arrival of Commandant J Hamill to take over from Lieutenant Colonel G O'Sullivan. Commandant Hamill will be the Force Economics Officer, while Colonel O'Sullivan leaves the Force after two years to return to a senior appointment in the Irish Ministry of Defence.



Mr Joseph Anzarut of the United Nations Field Service has returned to UNFICYP to assume the post of Chief of General Services in the Secretariat. He joined the Field Service in 1950 and has since served in Korea, the Congo and Geneva. He previously served in UNFICYP from 1964 to 1968 as the Radio Supervisor.



The Accommodation officer in the Secretariat, Mr Bob Ravlico has just been relieved by Mr John Corrigan so that he can go to a new appointment in Jerusalem. Mr John Corrigan, his relief has come to UNFICYP from the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Jerusalem. (UNTSO)

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Another senior officer rotation took place in the Headquarters recently when Lieutenant Colonel R Helminen took over the duties of Chief Operations Officer from Lieutenant Colonel B Johansson. Colonel Helminen has come to the Force after commanding the Finnish Anti Aircraft Artillery School. Colonel Johansson returns to Sweden to command a unit in North Sweden.

Also leaving this month is Mr R Petersen the Radio Supervisor seen at work in the UN Secretariat Radio room recently. Mr Petersen has served as a radio officer of the Field Service with UNEF, UNTSO, UNMOGIP (The Military Observers Group in India and Pakistan) and is now posted to Bangkok.



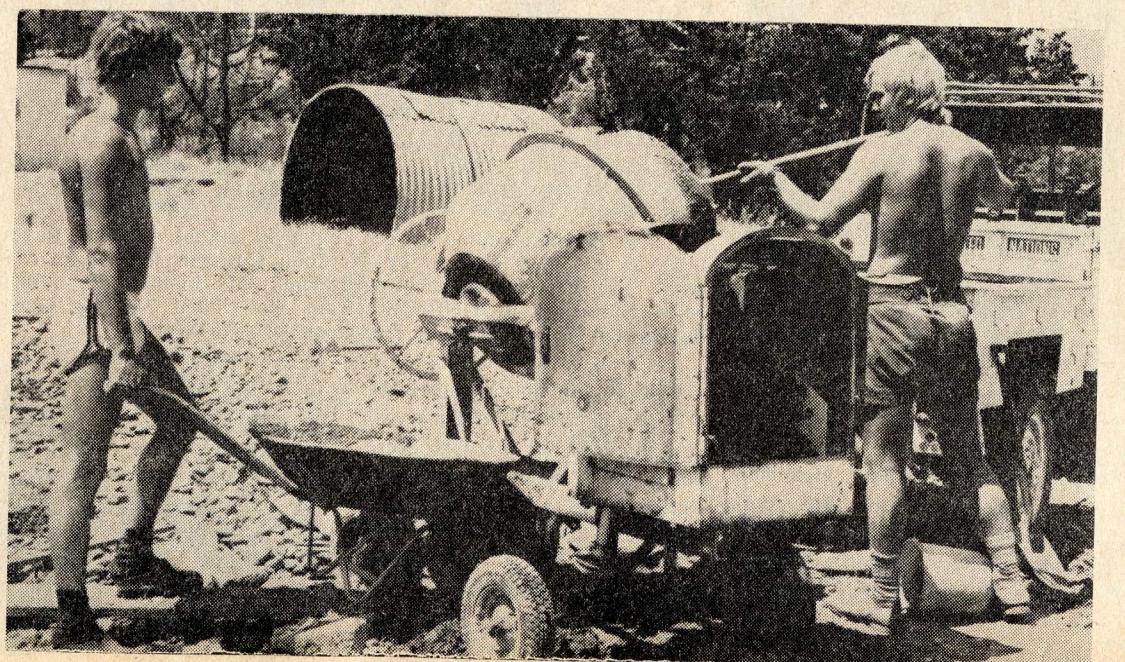


WORKSHOPS

TO THE RESCUE

I 3 døgn var VIKING CAMP uden vand. Med "REME's" hjælp lykkedes det at trække det 25 m lange pumperør op. Her konstaterede man store tæriinger der gjorde at trykket i anlægget forsvandt. Ved dygtig indsats fra såvel PI-DEL som REME lykkedes det at bringe vand til lejren igen.

VIKING CAMP had no water for 3 days, but with the kind help of "REME", we are now able to have a shower again.



DANISH ENGINEERS BUILD NEW HELICOPTER PAD

Et stort arbejde er gået forud for ved opførelsen af en ny helikopter-landingsplads i VIKING CAMP. Den nye heliplads er af en sådan beskaffenhed at der ikke danner sig store støvskyer når helikopteren lander og letter. Det store støbearbejde blev bl.a. udført af KS E.F. Hansen og KS A.H. Wollsen som ses på billede.

In this picture you see two of our hard working soldiers building a new helipad.

DANCON's MIDSUMMER PARTY

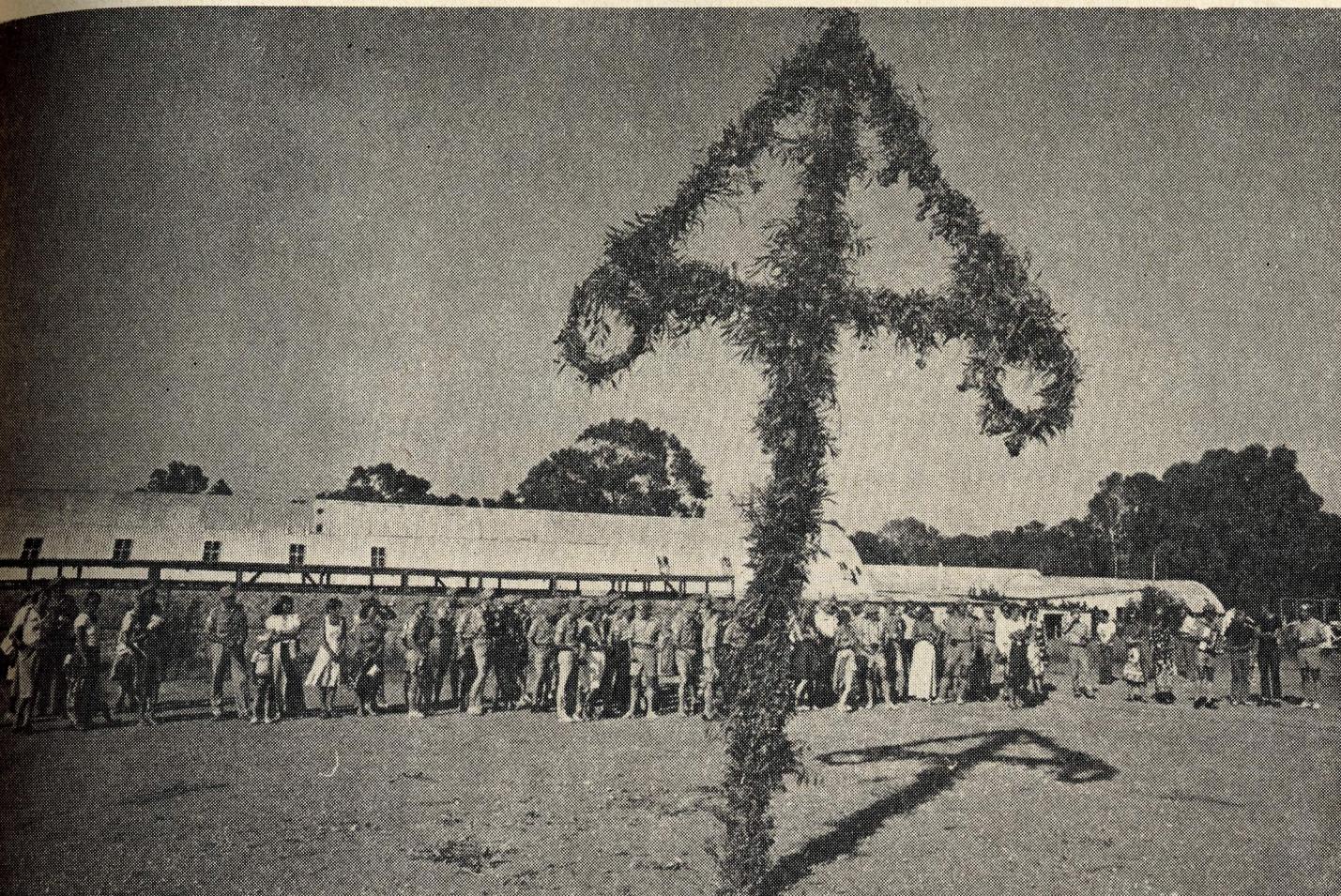
Onsdag 23 JUNI afholdtes Skt. Hansfest ved DANCON. I VIKING CAMP blev der efter båltalen serveret spidstegt lam og okse. Køkkenet havde arrangeret sig med VMEK der viste sig at være en mester i spidstegningskunsten.

On Midsummer Eve a party was held in VIKING CAMP. The menu consisted of grilled lamb and beef. In the middle of the picture you see the armourer who turned out to be an excellent cook.



The last piece of pipe goes into place.

SUCH A MIDSUMMER EVENING



At Carl Gustav Camp, the maypole has been raised and the dancing will start soon.

For many of us at SWEDCON midsummer evening in the dark was a new experience. The Midsummer evening, when the sun never sets, is one of the most popular annual holidays in Sweden and Scandinavia. This holiday is traditionally celebrated

in Sweden with all the usual festivities — parties, dancing and games in the light of the midnight sun. Although there was no midsummer sun at Carl Gustav Camp all the usual celebrations took place, including dancing round the maypole to music

from an accordian. In Sweden the maypole is normally made of firch leaves and seven different types of flowers.

The party ended with a smorgasbord for everyone.



HE IS SWEDCON's VETERAN

After serving with the UN on seven different tours, six with UNFICYP and one in the Middle East, Bjorn Anderson can call himself a "veteran". He says though that this will be his last tour, because when he finishes in October, he plans either to start studying or to get a job in his home town of Stockholm. Most people who knew him believe that in spite of this he will be back again.

Bjorn has served with the UN as a rifleman, waiter and now as a cook.

He is often referred to jocularly as the 2ic of Nissi Beach OP as he spends most of his free time there.

SWEDCON NEWS

HUMANITARIAN TASK FOR TRANSPORT SQUADRON



(Photo - Cpl Smith)

A regular task carried out by the Force Transport Squadron, 8 Squadron RCT, is the Kokkina Convoy. This convoy carries food and other supplies to the people living in Kokkina each Friday.

A recent convoy consisted (as seen above) of seven vehicles. The drivers of this particular convoy were pictured during a halt and are from left 2/Lt Murray, Drivers Bannister, Lawton, Lusby, Humphries, Ferguson, Egner and Lana Corporal Vetsen. Eva though Sgt Wallenius of FINCON works in the Economics Section in the Headquarters, he always accompanies these convoys.

NEW ARRIVAL



The new Camp Commandant in Camp UNFICYP is Major M. K. D. Gunton of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

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FORCE COMMANDER VISITS SECTOR 5



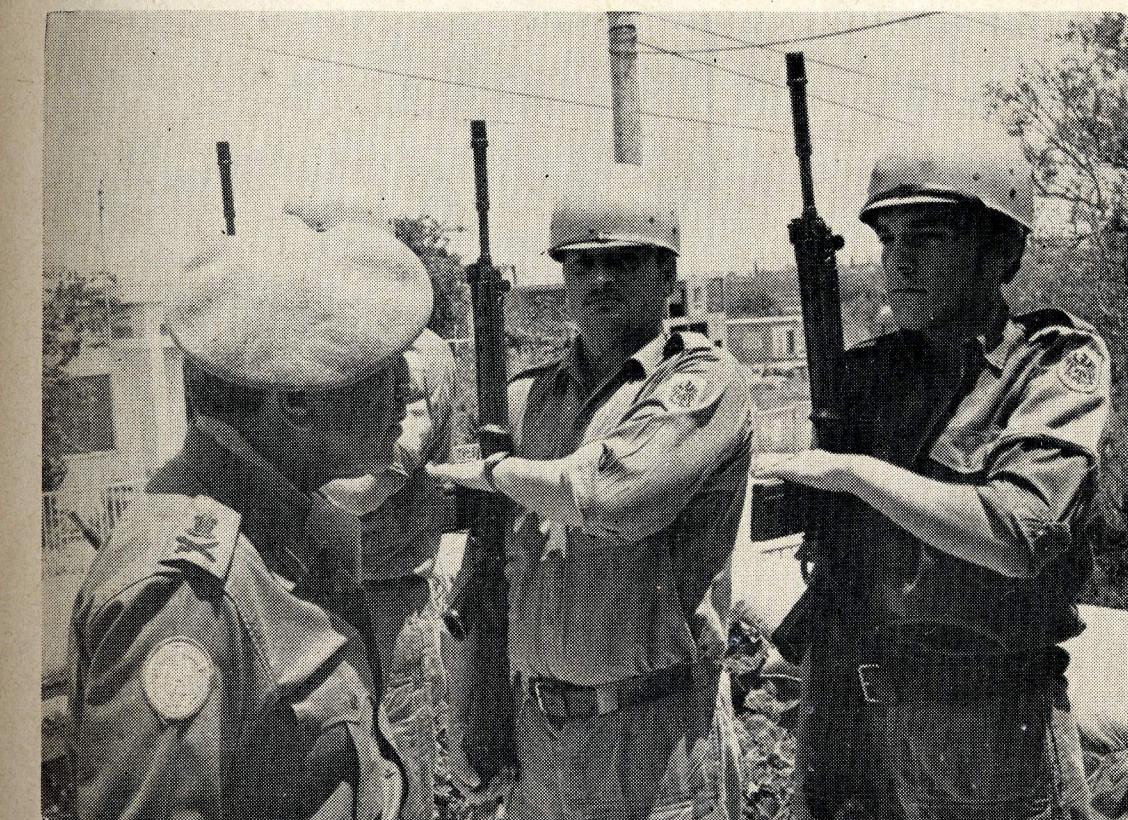
FC LtGen PREM CHAND stattete Donnerstag den 1. Juli dem AUSCON einen Besuch ab. Bei seiner Ankunft wurde der FC vom CO/Sectors Obstlt FRITZ begrüßt.

The Force Commander Lieutenant General D Prem Chand PVSM accompanied by Major Schipper visited AUSCON on 1 July 76. On arrival at Larnaca he was welcomed by the Commanding Officer AUSCON Lieutenant Colonel W. Fritz.



In einem Briefing im HQ AUSCON wurde der FC von CO Obstlt FRITZ und Hptm BAUER ueber die Lage im Sektor 5 informiert.

At HQ AUSCON, the Force Commander was briefed on the situation in Sector 5 by Lt Col Fritz and Capt Bauer.

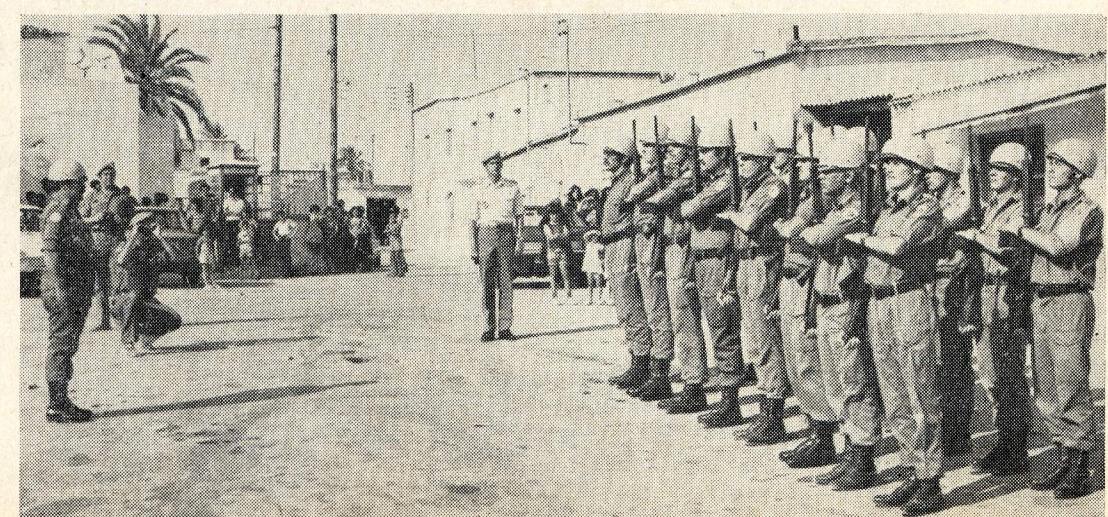


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NEWS

Der FC besuchte auch mehrere OP's des AUSCON; Im Bild UN OP A01 in ATHIENOU "ready for inspection".

The Force Commander is seen here visiting one of the AUSCON OPs.

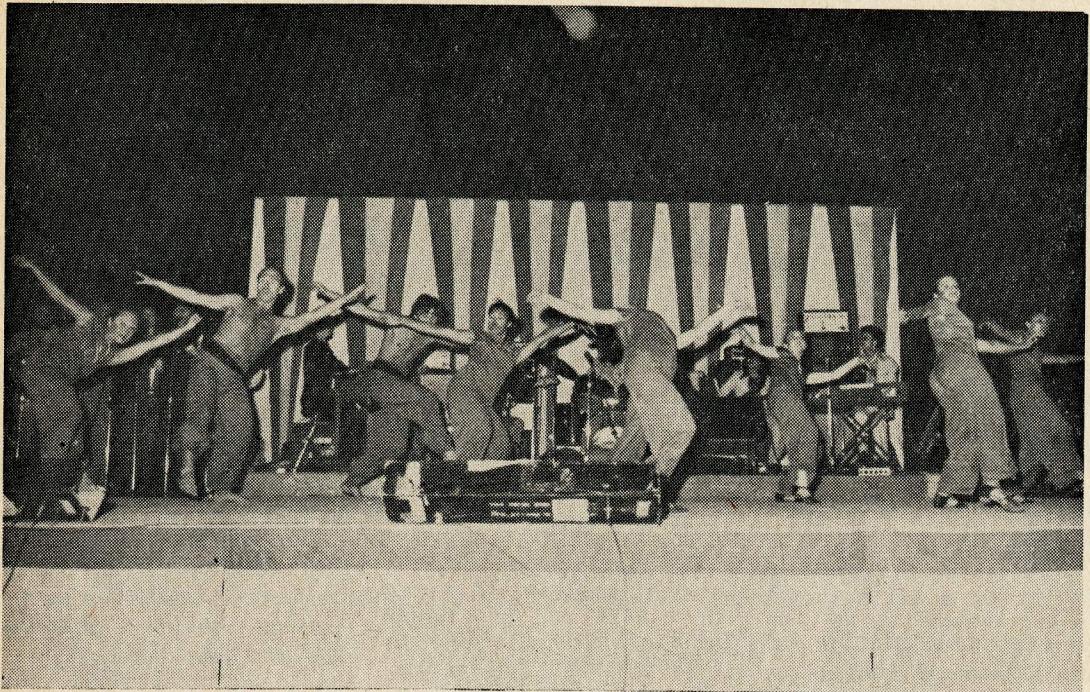


CHANGEOVER TIME IN PYLA

Am Hauptplatz von PYLA fand Sonntag den 27. Juni 1976 die "Wachablöse" der OP-Besatzungen statt, die von der Zivilbevölkerung mit grossem Interesse verfolgt wurde.

A changeover ceremony between the OP personnel took place on 27 June 76 on Pyla main square. The civilian population showed great interest, and the occasion was watched critically by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel W. Fritz.

CANCON CELEBRATES CANADA'S 109th BIRTHDAY



The Western Canada Revue during their performance in the Turkish Sector of Nicosia.

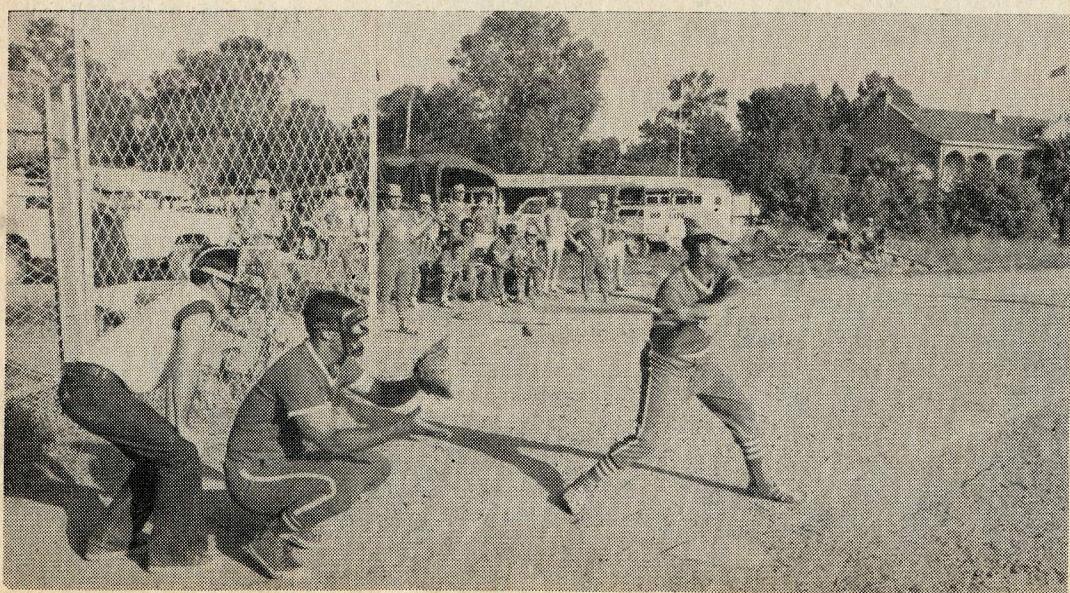
VISITORS TO SECTOR 4



Brigadier General Heitshu inspects the Regimental Quarter Guard provided for him on his visit to CANCON. He is seen with the Guard Commander, Sergeant Harron.



Colonel Travis, the Mobile Command Roman Catholic Padre, visited CANCON recently. He is seen here with Padre Roy talking to Pte Young of A Company at OP Bastion.



CANCON NEWS

CANCON-SPORT BASE BALL AT WOLSELEY

Baseball is one of the most popular sports in CANCON. Shown right is a "scrub" game being played at Wolseley Barracks between HQ and C Goy.

Vaikka terveys menisi, niin

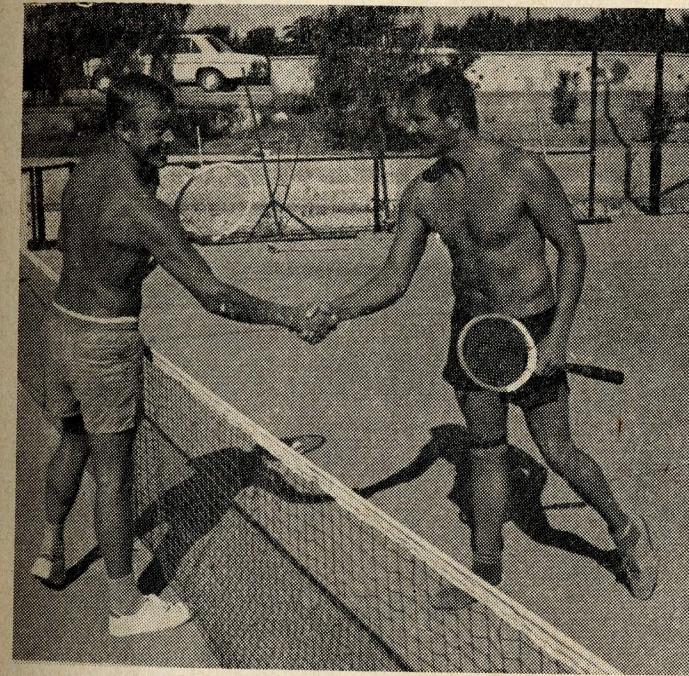
FINCON URHEILEE

Finconin lentopallopelijoilla oli ankeaa juhannus. Piti pelata UNFICYPin kisoissa niin aattona kuin juhannuspäivänä. Juhlimisesta ei ollut puhettakaan. Aivan käskirjoituksen mukaan homma ei keskittymisestä huolimatta kuitenkaan sujunut, sillä tarkoituksesta oli, että ykkösjoukkue ottaa kullen ja kakkonen hopean.

Tuomareiden suosiollisella avustuksella yllättävän hyvää kanadalaisen joukkueen kuitenkin peittosi seisovan ykkösemme, joten kakkonen oli pakko voittaa finaali, ettei kulta joutuisi vieraasiin käsiin. Finaali oli erinomaisen tiukka ja jänmittävä. Ensimmäinen erä voitti 20-18 ja toinen 15-13. Tuloksesta oli siis kultaa ja pronssia. Oman värinsä kisoihin antoivat englantilaistuomarit, jotka kuulemme ovat joskus viheltäneet maahockeyta. Lentopallossa säännöt tosin ovat hieman erilaiset, mutta se ei terhakkaa tuomariparia häirinyt.

Pataljoonan tenniskisatkin saatiin päätökseen. Alla olevan kuvan ilmeet kertovat tuloksen. UNFICYPin tenniskisoissa on ensimmäinen kierros takana. Siinä FINCON voitti niukasti englantilaisten Royal Green Jacketit.

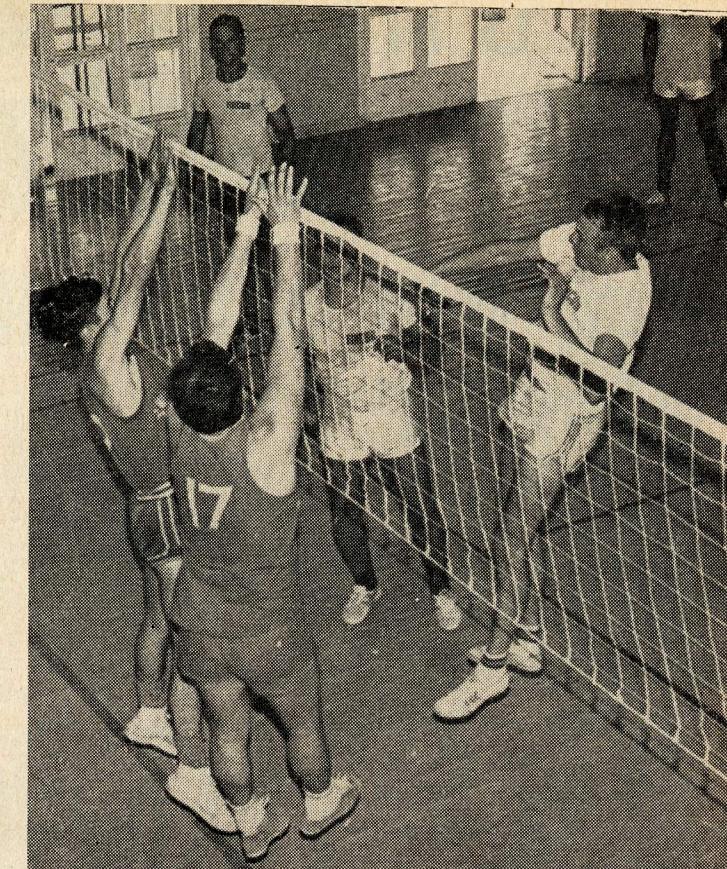
Pataljoonan viestimestaruuskisoissa juostiin miehekkäästi 600 ja 1200 metrin matkoja vuoronaan perässä. Mukana oli 70 juoksijaa, eli siis seitsemän kymmenmiehistä joukketta sekä lisäksi yleisöä ihan kotitarpeksi.



Hymystä jo huomaa, että maj Seppo Ojanperä (vas) on kukitnut ylik Manu Longan finaalissa.



Mauri Jormanainen on juuri lähettilässä matkaan Roger Löfholmia. Oikealla viimeisiä viikkojaan saarella viettävä Kommando — Pehu puserataa Markku Toivasen rinnalle ja ohi ensimmäisen osuuden loppusuoran autessa.



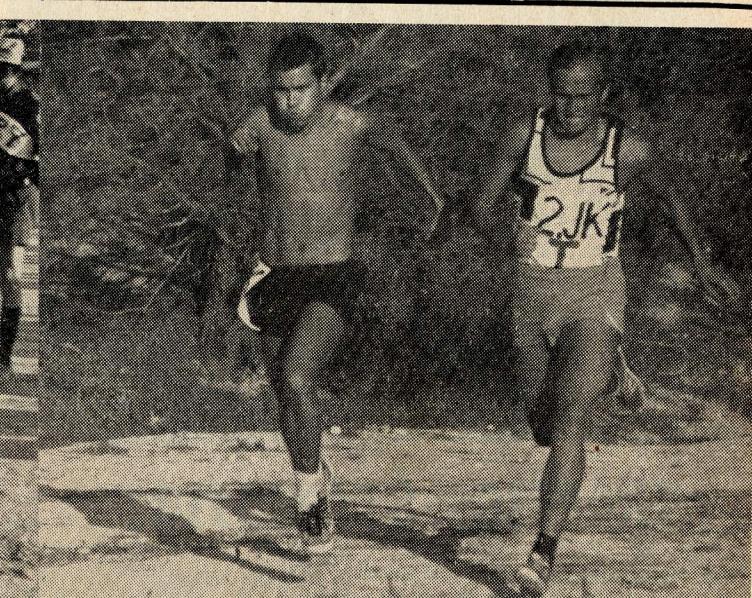
Kisojen paras pelaaja, alik Pertti Lankinen, on juuri sivututut kanadalaisen torjunnan. Muut ykkösjoukkueemme miehet seuraavat hartaina polvet lukossa.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

The Finnish volleyball players had a very tiring midsummer celebration for they competed in the UNFICYP volleyball competition on both midsummer eve as well as on midsummer day. The teams tried very hard and are to be congratulated on gaining the gold and bronze medals. Above, Cpl Pertti Lankinen has just broken through the Canadian defence line.

FINCON's tennis cup competition is finished. In the picture on the left, the winner, Maj Seppo Ojanperä and the runner up, Ssgt Manu Lonka, are seen shaking hands. Third place was won by Maj Lussi Lethinen.

In FINCON's relay-running competition 10-man teams ran 600 m and 1200 m distances. A total of 70 competitors in seven teams took part in this competition. 2 Coy was the winner and second place went to HQ Coy.



UNCIVPOL NEWS



The Force Commander recently visited the Australian Civilian Police Contingent at their headquarters at Kykko Trimithia. General Prem Chand was accompanied on his visit by the Police Advisor, Assistant Commissioner Hamilton. In the picture above, the Force Commander is seen being met by Superintendent Allatso on his arrival at Kykko Trimithia.

FINCON WINS VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION



The annual Volleyball Competition organised by CANCON proved to be an energetic two days of volleyball in both Wolseley Barracks and the Maple Leaf Complex. At the end of the competition, The Force Commander presented the medals to the winners, FINCON 2. The final results were — 1st FINCON 2, 2nd CANCON, 3rd FINCON 1, 4th 1 RGJ, 5th 8 Squadron RCT.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

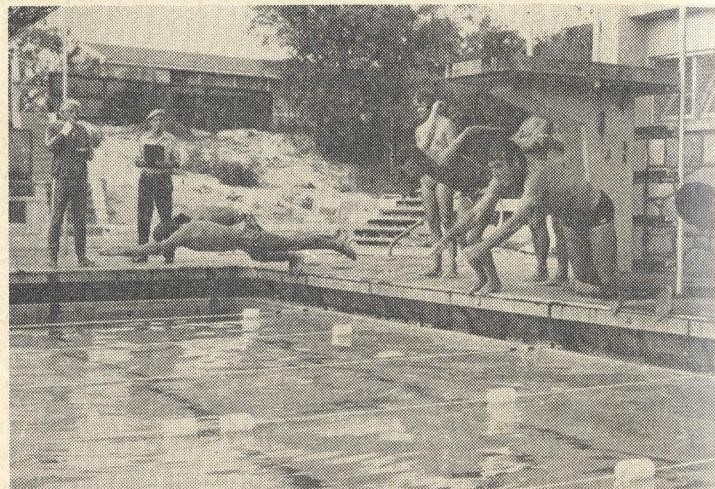
Week ending 10 July
Same period last year
Total for the year

3 Total for the same
13 period last year
145

175



Last Saturday the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent took to the water for their annual contingent swimming competition at the RAF Nicosia Swimming Pool. The winner of the free-style event Inspector Krennmeier is seen above with Inspectors Moissi (right) and Hersch, who came second and third respectively; while below the start of the final of the breast stroke race is pictured. The competitors in this race were (from the left) Chief Inspector Berger, Inspectors Brennstein and Erdkonig, Colonel Fuchs and Inspector Geresdorff. At the end of the competition the prizes were presented by Mrs J R Lund the wife of the American Military Attaché.



OPS BRANCH DRIVERS



The Ops Branch drivers pictured recently with the Chief Clerk and the Ops Officer. From the left are WOII Charlesworth, Driver Lodge, Major De Coste, Driver Scott and Lance Corporal Turner.