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MIDDLE EAST TALKS

SOME PROGRESS BEING MADE

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr Michael Stewart, told correspondents in New York, on Wednesday, 9th April, 1969, that progress had been made in the Big Four talks on bringing peace to the Middle East.

Discussions opened the previous week between the United Nations Ambassadors of the Soviet Union, United States, United Kingdom and France.

NATO Meeting

Mr. Stewart, on his way to Washington for a NATO meeting, conferred with the Secretary-General, U Thant, for about an hour at United Nations Headquarters on the 9th April.

He told reporters afterwards that their discussion had dealt mainly with the Middle East, and that he and U Thant agreed on an urgent need for progress in the four-power consultations.

Mr Stewart said he hoped the Four would reach a measure of agreement that would enable U Thant's Special Peace Envoy for the Middle East, Gunnar Jarring, to make proposals to Israel and the Arab states involved.

BOUNDARIES

For over a year Mr Jarring has been seeking an agreement as to carrying out the November 1967 Security Council Resolution outlining Arab-Israeli settlement and secure recognized boundaries for all.

U Thant announced on the 9th April, 1969, that Mr Jarring was resuming, for the time being, his duties as Swedish Ambassador to Moscow.

The Secretary-General added that Mr Jarring would be available immediately for any renewed effort in connection with his Middle East mission whenever developments might require it.

Nils Lund Appointed UNIC Director in Athens Jean Back Joins Unficyp as PIO

The Secretary-General, U Thant, has appointed Nils Lund as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Athens, Greece. He will succeed Jean Back, who is being reassigned as Principal Information Officer to the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

Mr. Lund, who is a national of Finland, was born in Kuopio in December 1915. He completed his education in Finland in 1939 when he obtained a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Helsinki, majoring in international law and economics. He spent the next five years in wartime military service in Finland, following which he joined the Finnish News Agency as a journalist.

In 1950, after having served as a correspondent for the Agency in a number of European countries, he was appointed Press Officer with the Information Service of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1950 to 1958 he was Press and Cultural Attache with the Finnish Embassy in Paris.

He joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1959 as Chief of the Press Division. From 1965 until he joined the United Nations Secretariat in January 1969, he was Chief, Division of Public Information, International Atomic Energy Agency, in Vienna.

Mr. Lund was expected to take up his post in Athens on or about 14 April.

UNFICYP MILITARY POLICE



MPs representing the six contingents line up in front of Wolseley Barracks MP sign in left to right order corresponding to their country's insignias. Story and more pictures page 7

Australia Hosts 2nd Meeting of Asian Development Bank

In Sydney, Australia, last week the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank opened its second annual meeting. A message of good wishes was read out from the Secretary-General, U Thant.

"In the two years since its inaugural meeting", said U Thant, "the bank had become a potent and constructive force on the Asian scene".

"By the end of last year", he pointed out, "its total loan commitments already amounted to over 41 million dollars, and the bank had been able to cater to the broad spectrum

of needs".

"Looking to the future", the Secretary-General said, he believed it would be useful for the bank to work closely with such well-established multilateral programmes as the development of the Lower Mekong Basin, the Asian Highway and other regional projects of the United Nations

Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

The Secretary-Generals message was read out by his

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CORRECTION

It is regretted that in last weeks issue the Name of the Austrian Ambassador to Greece and Cyprus was incorrectly spelt. He is His Excellency, Doctor Ludwig Steiner.

HYGIEJNE



Slambrønde, som er tilstoppe, er udklækningssted for fluer, og det er her epidemierne begynder.



Køkkenets hygiejniske standard er et godt mål for kompagniets standard. Servicet efteres.

DANCON NYT



Kritisk vurdering af kostrationerne og deres indpakning.



DANCON deltog lørdag d. 12. april i en 6-A-SIDE fodboldturnering hos 9th Signals Regiment, Famagusta.

I turneringen deltog DANCON, SWEDCON og 8 engelske hold.

Holdene var delt op i to puljer, hvorfra de to bedst placerede hold gik videre til de afgørende kampe således, at nr. 1 fra pulje A mødte nr. 2 fra pulje B og omvendt.

DANCON og SWEDCON vandt hver sin pulje temmelig suverænt, og så skete det paradoksale, at begge tabte til den anden puljes nr. to i semifinalerne således, at finalen blev et rent engelsk opgør. I kampen om tredjepladsen slog DANCON SWEDCON med 2-1.

Synd for de danske spillere, at bolden ikke rullede for dem i semifinalen, for de var afgjort turneringens bedste holdspillere.

På billedet ses i de mørke trøjer SG H.J.P. Åbling og KS P.E. Jensen angribe det svenske mål.

BADMINTON

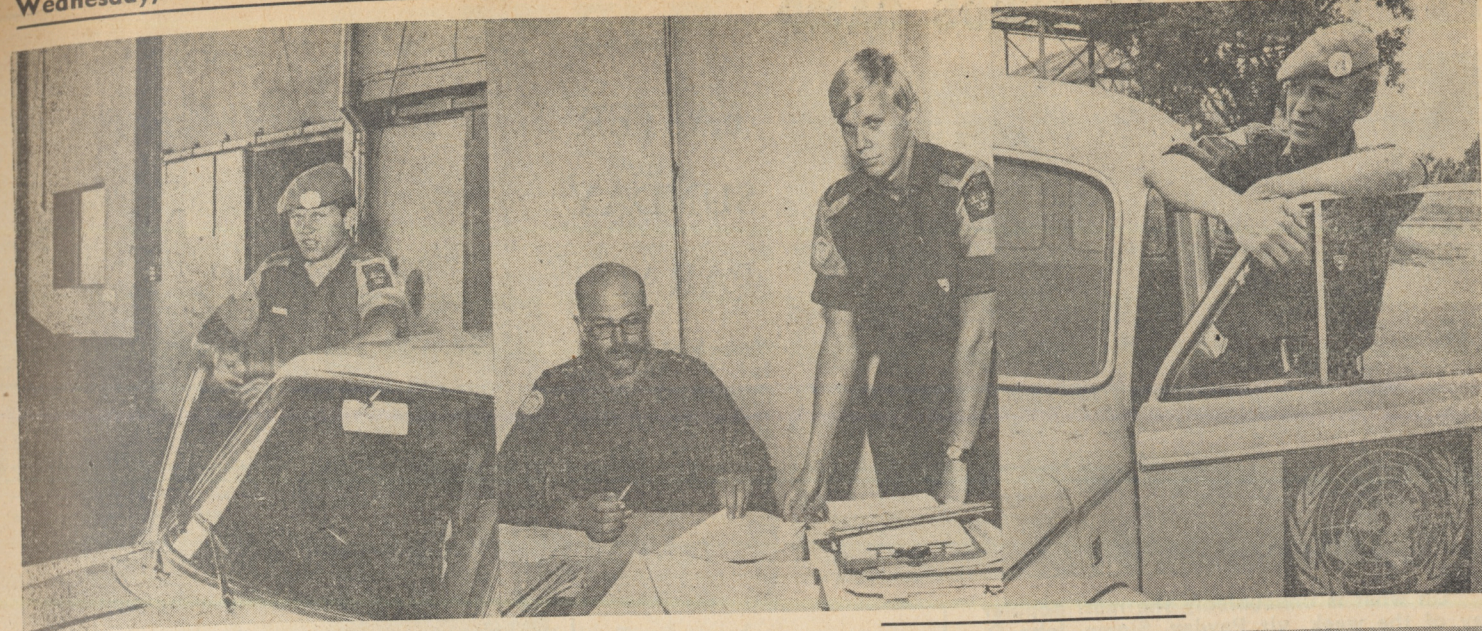
Lørdag d. 19. april kl. 1700 spiller et kombineret UN-hold mod RAF i gymnastiksalen WOLSELEY BARRACKS. På UN-holdet deltager tre danskere, nemlig PRLT P.T. Eriksen, SG M. Olesen og SG O. Ingerslev.



DANCON faldskærmsudspringere deltog d. 5., 6. og 7. april med et hold bestående af: KN N.O. Buch, STKMP, (tv) KS C.G. Aakerlund, C-KMP og KS C.E. Hansen, A-KMP (th) i Cypern Mesterskabet arrangeret i Dhekelia af "Cyprus Combined Parachut Club":



Utæt pakning under håndvask, der ikke blev meldt i tide, forårsagede udhulning af væg under loftet i stueetagen.



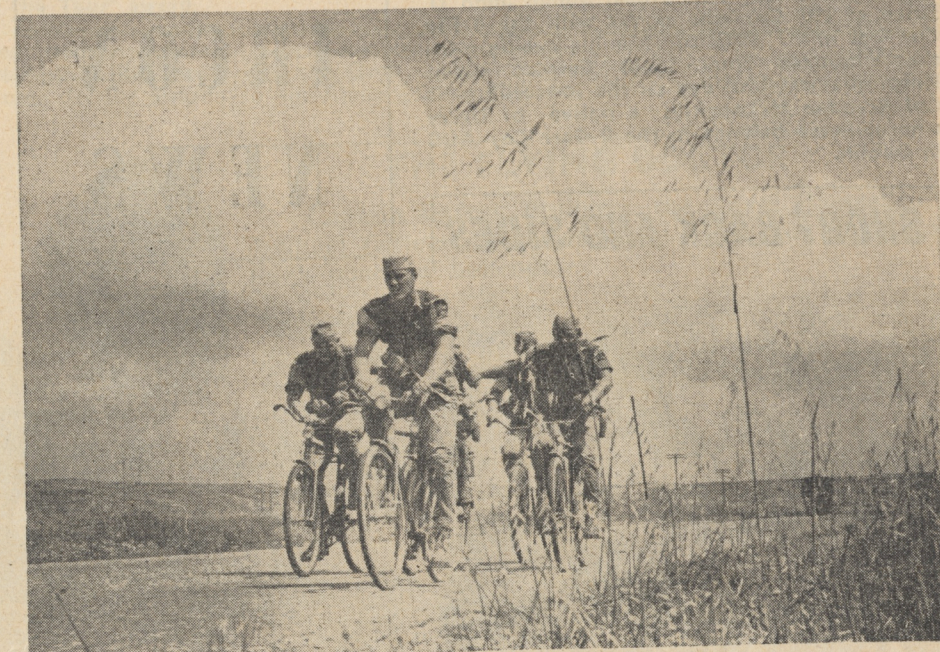
FN - tjänt i HQ - hangar

Ja, det har det faktisk varit för en liten skara ur FN-bat 41 C - FN-tjänst i HQ-hangar. Närmare bestämt är det fem officerare och fyra soldater, som de senaste sex månaderna representerat de svenska färgerna vid Unficyps högkvarter i Nicosia. Till skaran av "HQ-svenskar" hör förstås också de två svenska militärpoliserna, som är stationerade i Wolseley Barracks. Hursomhelst, bildmontaget ovan presenterar några av dessa "41:or" i bild.

- T.v. - Ensio Andersson, bohuslänning som i sex månader varit bilförare på Economics-sektionen vid HQ i Nicosia.
- Mitten - Västmanlänningen krp Dag Hoffsten med den flottä titeln "Chief Clerk Swedish Liaison Office" går igenom post med Logistic-majoren Sten Wittboldt, svensk förbindelseofficer vid HQ.
- T.h. - Thorsten Thorstensson från Skåne har största delen av tiden vid HQ varit zonpressofficeren behjälplig som "driver" och mycket annat.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



Vildhavre på väg ?

NEJ, MEN PATRULLFÄLTÄVLAN!

- När sädesfälten böja sig för vinden . . . Men annars är det faktiskt 10 grp med fu Åke Höjer, som stormar fram i tempoloppet på cykel i bat patrullfälttävlan härnadsdagen. (Ovan).
- Och medan svetten lackar i försommarvärmen kämpade sig grp 10 fram genom den cypriotiska vegetationen. Avsnittet gällde fotorientering. (T.v.).
- Underlig mackapär det här, och smäller gör den kanske också! Grp 5 från STR har råkat ut för eldavgång i skyttemomentet, dvs Rolf Lindvall, Runo Dahlberg, Ulf Einarsson, Åke Nygren och fu Jan-Erik Pettersson. (Nederst t.v.).
- Johansson, var det. Angenämt! Och tack så mycket för det fina priset! Från 3.komp trossropp kom segrande grp, som här mottar vinnarnas priser ur övl Allan Sjöbergs hand. (Nedan).



PAY PARADE AT XEROS CAMP



EASTER SUNDAY PARADE

Troops of HQ Coy led by the unit Pipe Band parade to church on Easter Sunday.

On what is undoubtedly the most popular day of the week, viz Payday, Sigmn John O'Brien of HQ Coy who serves with the 4 Fld Coy Sigs in ATLONE receives his weekly overseas allowance from Lieut Cormac Lalor. Keeping a watchful eye on the proceedings is Cpl Brendan McLoughlin a native of Derry who at home belongs to the 2 Carr Coy AOC in Dublin.

IRCON NEWS

SHORT BACK AND SIDES



Although the day of the famous or infamous (depending on your point of view and more important still, on your shape of head) No 1 haircut is gone. The barber at Xeros Pte James McCormack is kept busy practising his tonsorial art (haircutting to you). Getting the full treatment here is Cpl James Ronan a native of Fermoy, Co. Cork. Cpl Ronan in addition to being a keen Rugby and Volley Ball player is well known in Cross-Country circles having two All Army Medals to his credit in this sport.

STAFF OF THE BLUE BERET

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ABOVE

Seen here taking particulars of a UN vehicle passing through the Checkpoint at Limni is Tpr Barry.

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

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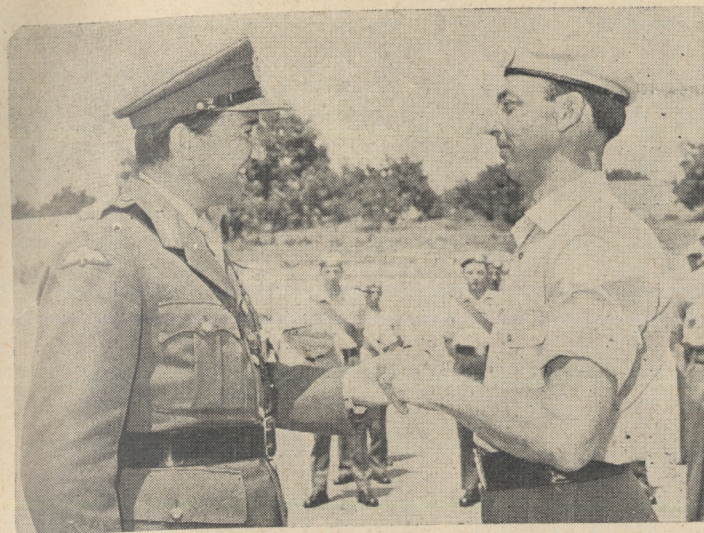
These members of the Group seem to believe this old proverb and are doing their best to ensure that this fate will not befall them.



KEEPING THE TRPORT ROLLING



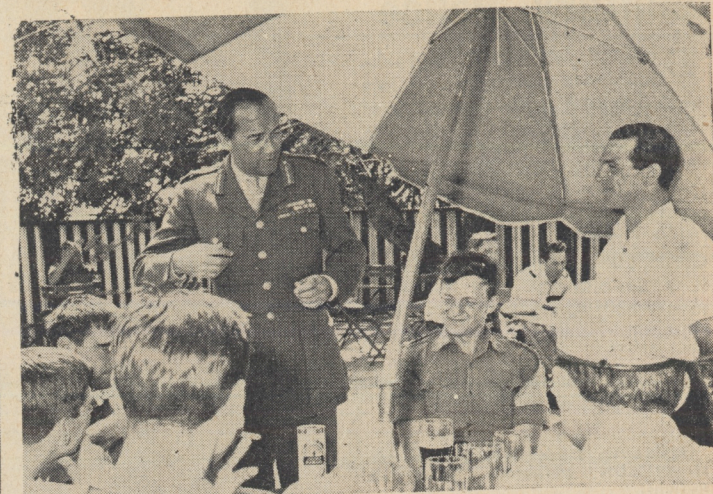
GOC NEARELF AT POLEMEDIA



Lcpl Robert Clive receives his 'Driver of the Tour' award.

Major General D. L. Lloyd Owen DSO, OBE, MC, General Officer Commanding Near East

Land Forces recently visited the Royal Hampshire Regiment. He presented driving awards



Visiting the Corporal's Club.

to some soldiers and Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to Sgt Alban James and Sgt Peter Salmon. After the presentations he made informal visits to the various messes.

THE FLYING DOCTOR

Captain Jeffrey Williams, the Royal Hampshire's Medical Officer, makes frequent visits to the battalion's posts by helicopter.



ABOVE
Preparing to take off in a Sioux helicopter of UNFICYP Flight AAC.

LEFT
Sometimes members of nearby villages call for advice.



BRITCON NEWS

WESSEX AT YIALIA

Wessex helicopters of 72 Squadron Royal Air Force are the aircraft used by the UNFICYP helicopter flight.

They carry out a multitude of tasks from casualty evacuation to supply lifting. This picture was recently taken at Yialia.

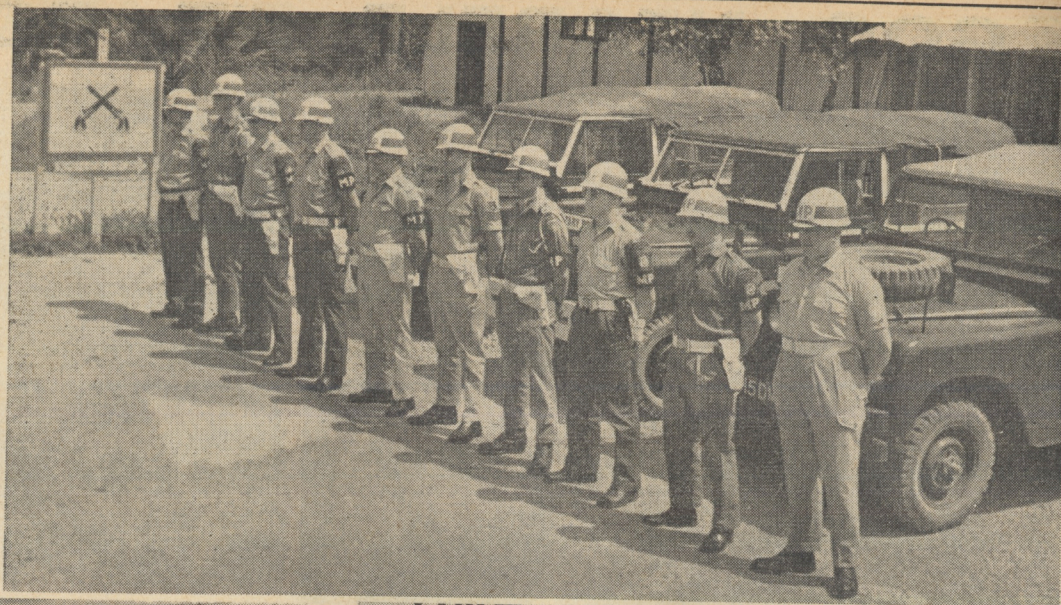
UNFICYP Military Police

Down at Wolseley Barracks there are policemen — lots of policemen; a good majority of which are members of the Canadian Provost Corps.

Commanding Officer of MP Company and Provost Marshal for UNFICYP is Lt. Col. R.T. (Bob) Grogan, Canadian Provost Corps. His establishment strength is three officers and about 60 men with Canadian Contingent members having the largest representation of two officers and 18 men. The rest of the com-

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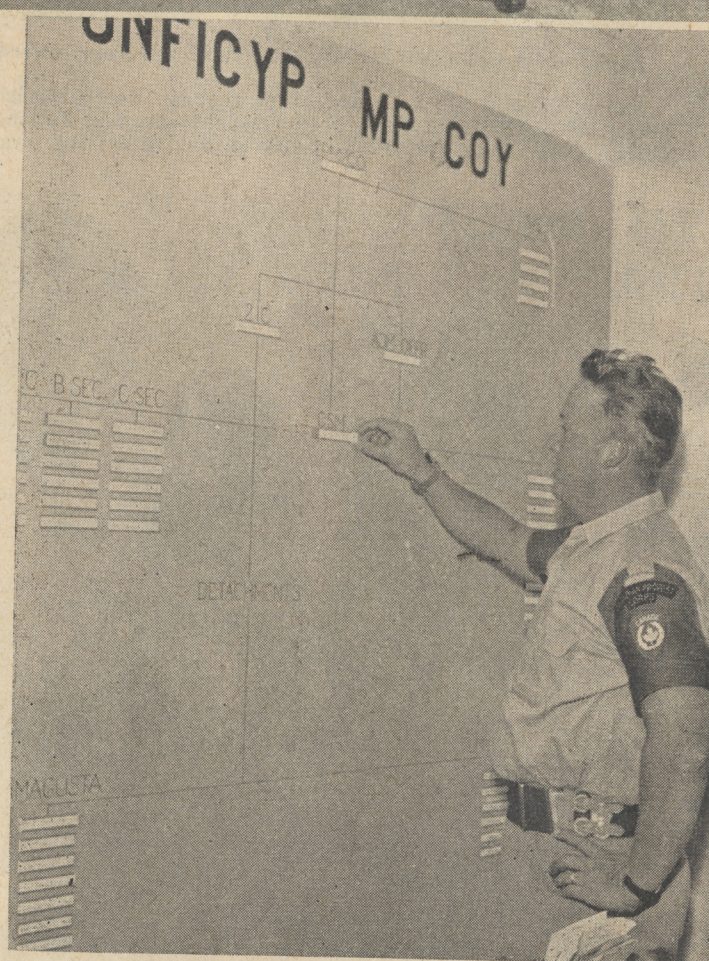
RIGHT Lining up ready to roll are ten sturdy UN policemen from six nations.



Dispatcher Corporal D.E. Frost alerts MP vehicles.



Lt. Col. R.T. (Bob) Grogan, left, CO of MP Coy and Force Provost Marshal checks report by Special Investigation Section member Sgt. Kenneth C. Thompson.

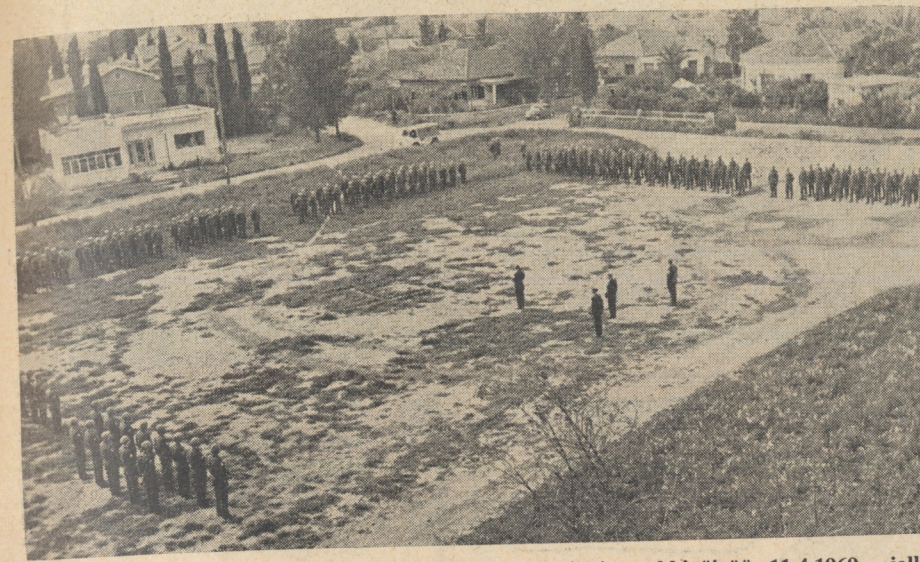


Master Warrant Officer E.F. "Digger" Dooks, MP Company sergeant major, checks his roster board.



Doing what comes naturally is Sgt. J.A. Exell who tickets Canadian Contingent PIO driver Cpl Norm Belyea for going out the "In" entrance at Wolseley Barracks.

PATALJOONAN 5 - VUOTISPAIVA 11. 4. 1969.



Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien Suomen Pataljoona vietti merkkipäivää 11.4.1969, jollon pataljoona tuli toimineeksi viisi vuotta rauhanturvaamistehtävissä Kyproksella. Näiden viiden vuoden aikana on järjestyksessä kymmenen eri pataljoonaa turvannut rauhan vastualueellaan.

Päivän vietto aloitettiin katselmuksella esikunnan kentällä. YK:n Kyproksen joukkojen komentaja kenraaliluutnantti A.E. Martola kunnioitti tilaisuutta läsnäolollaan ja esitti tervehdyksensä pataljoonalle. Myös YKSP 10:n komentaja eversti A. Purhonen lausui tervehdyksensä mainiten samalla puolustusministeri Suorttasen ja kenraali Keinosen lähettämistä sähköistä. Ministeri S. Suorttasen sähkö ev. A. Purhoselle kuului: "Suomalaisten sotilaiden Kyproksella suorittaman rauhanturvamistoinnin viisivuotismerkkipäivänä tervehdin Teitä suomalaisten valvontajoukon komentajana

sekä kauttanne kaikkia YKSP 10:n päällystään, alipäällystään ja miehistöön kuuluvia.

Jatkuvaa mene stystä toivottaen lausun parhaat kiitokseni siitä maallamme tunnustusta tuottaneesta tavasta, jolla olette vaativan tehtävänne suorittaneet ja osaltanne lisänneet sitä arvostusta, jota maailmanjärjestyksen piirissä tunnetaan suomalaista rauhanturvaajaa kohtaan".

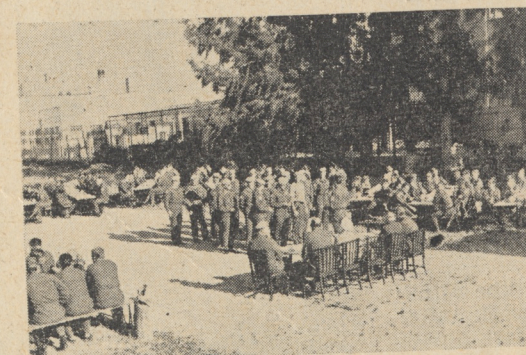
Päiväjuhlassa jaettiin palkintoja, kuultiin YKSP:n historiikkia maj. Kurjen esittämänä, laulua ja soittoa oli mukana ja lopuksi vielä juotiin pullakahvit.

Illaksi oli upseerimiehin järjestetty juhlapäivälliset.

Eversti A. Purhonen esittämässä tervehdystään pataljoonalle kuvassa oikealla.



Kuva päiväjuhlasta oikealla. Palkintojen jako on käynnissä parhailaan.



Kuntomarskipailun voittajaksi selviytynyt 1.JKsaapumassa maaliin. Voittaneen komppanian loppuaika oli 1.17.06.

FINCON NEWS

"Falling Plate" -ampumamestaruuskilpailut suoritettiin 10.4.69 Dhekeliassa. Kisan voitti 3.JK.



Kenraaliluutnantti A.E. Martola pitämässä tervehdyspuhettaan kuvassa yllä.



HELL - O - !

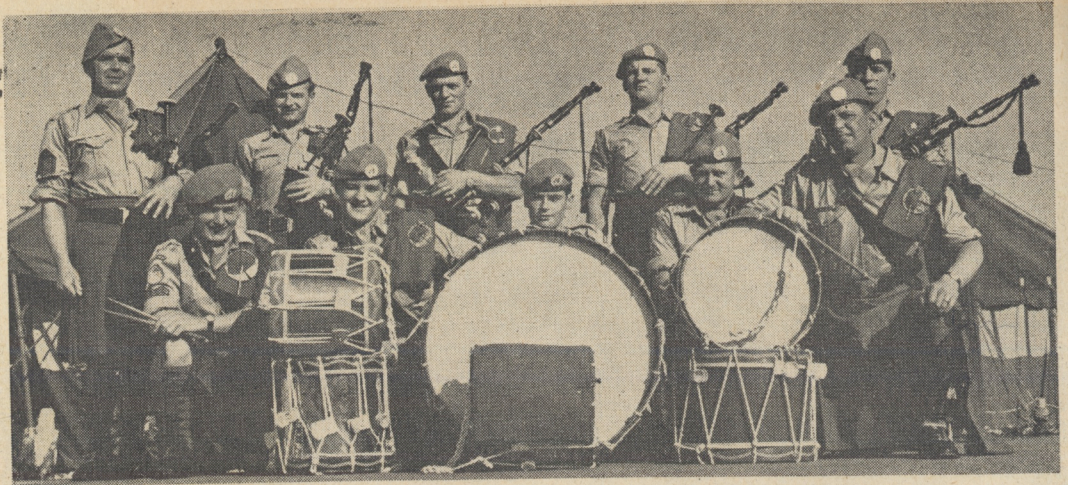
Tälle sivulle tarkoitettavat valokuvat tai kirjoitukset (ainoastaan lyhyet purnauksen tapaiset) on toimitettava komentotoimistoon (YKSP).

Huomautetaan vielä, että sopivaksi katsotut valokuvat julkaistaan ja varustetaan ottajan nimellä. (negatiivikin kelpaavat).



PIPE BAND OF THE 12 INF GP

A close up view of the 12th Group's Pipe Band with the Pipe Major, CQMS Duggan, on the left in the back row. Pipe Bands are always one of the main attractions in Irish Units serving overseas and consequently there is a constant demand for their services.



UNFICYP MILITARY POLICE

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pany strength is divided between the Irish, Finnish, Danish, British and Swedish contingents.

And they are busy – very busy. Their main functions can be divided into three categories; disciplinary patrols; traffic control, speed checks, accident investigation; and investigation of crime and service offences committed by UNFICYP members.

Their's is an important and often frustrating job. The "Fuzz" as they are often referred to are the friends of every serviceman and they are there to prevent problems before they start.

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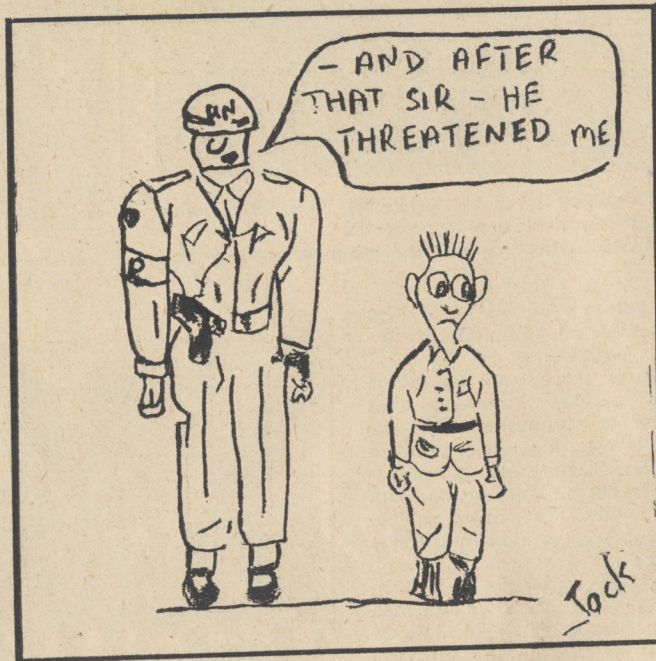
We hope they also have a sense of humour.

MORE HASTE? LESS SPEED!

Is much time saved by driving as quickly as you can? The results of an interesting experiment on the continent were published in 'Motorwelt', the official magazine of a West German motoring organisation, last year. Two cars were sent from Hamburg to the Italian Adriatic resort of Rimini, roughly 1,000 miles away. The driver of one car was told to travel as fast as he could. The driver of the other car was instructed to travel along with the general traffic flow.

On the journey the fast driver had to brake 1339 times. Four of these were emergency brakings. He overtook 2,004 vehicles and was himself overtaken by only 13. The second driver had to brake 652 times and never once in an emergency. He overtook 645 other vehicles and was himself overtaken 142 times.

The driver of the fast car arrived in Rimini only half an hour ahead of the other driver yet his car had consumed nine gallons more petrol – not to mention the fatigue and risks involved.



JENNY - Miss UNFICYP No. 10

Our Miss UNFICYP this week is Miss Jenny Nieass, the daughter of Sqn Ldr E.L. Nieass, outgoing Station Commander, RAF Nicosia.

Jenny left for the United Kingdom this week after being in Cyprus for almost three years.

During her stay in Cyprus Jenny had worked part of the time at HQ UNFICYP, Personnel Branch, and for the last six months as a volunteer member of the local RAF Nicosia Reddifusion Network as the Librarian.

Her sporting hobbies are squash and sailing. Jenny was also a member of the Windsox Drama Group, RAF Nicosia.

We take this opportunity, through the pages of Blue Beret, to wish her all the best for the future.



Asian Development Bank

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Chief de Cabinet, C. V. Narahimhan.

At a ceremony at Headquarters, New York, Denmark and France signed an agreement to contribute 500,000 dollars and 1 million dollars respectively to Cambodian power and irrigation project which is part of the comprehensive programme for the development of the Lower Mekong Basin.

Ten other Governments, along with the United Nations Development programme, are already cooperating with Cambodia on the project. They are: Australia, Canada, Federal Republic of Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines and United Kingdom.