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## AIRPORT FAREWELL



ABOVE: Mr. Pier Pasquale Spinelli, at Nicosia Airport, bidding farewell to Lt. General A.E. Martola, the Force Commander (second from left) and Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, Chief of Staff (left). RIGHT: Mr. Spinelli says farewell to Mr. Bibiano F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative.



## ADEN MISSION

### THREE AMBASSADORS NAMED

#### INDEPENDENCE PREPARATIONS

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, LAST WEEK announced the composition of a special UN mission to Aden to determine the extent of UN participation in the supervision of elections leading to the territory's independence.

Under the terms of the General Assembly resolution providing for its establishment, the mission will also consider practical steps for the establishment of a central caretaker government to assist in organizing elections.

Serving on the mission will be Ambassador Manuel Perez Guerrero of Venezuela — who will be Chairman — along with Ambassador Abdul Satar Shalizi of Afghanistan and Ambassador Moussa Leo Keita of Mali.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A photo report on the Memorial Service, held yesterday, 28 February, in Nicosia, for Lt. Colonel Clive Chettle, will be published in next week's "BLUE BERET".

## SPINELLI RETURNS TO GENEVA

M R. PIER PASQUALE SPINELLI, UN UNDER-SECRETARY, DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the United Nations Office at Geneva, left Nicosia Airport last Wednesday (22 February) for Rome enroute to Geneva, where he this week resumes his previous responsibilities.

Mr. P.P. Spinelli was seen off at the airport by Cyprus Government officials, members of the foreign diplomatic corps in Cyprus, Mr. Bibiano F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's new Special Representative in Cyprus, Lt. General A.E. Martola, the Force Commander, and other UNFICYP officials.

Mr. Spinelli had been temporarily acting as the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus since the resignation of Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, pending the arrival of Mr. Osorio-Tafall.

### SOUTH-WEST AFRICA COMMITTEE

### INDEPENDENCE DEBATE CONTINUES

#### PRACTICAL SOLUTION SOUGHT

THE SOVIET UNION LAST WEEK CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE for South West Africa and the setting of a short time-limit for the withdrawal of South Africa from the territory.

Ambassador Platon Morozov told the Special Committee for South West Africa that the forthcoming special session of the General Assembly must completely liquidate the racist regime in South West Africa and that this meant the withdrawal of all South African troops and administration.

The Ambassador said that United States policy toward South Africa was "in the long" determined by the in-

### \$800,000 AID FOR FAMINE-STRICKEN ISLAND

THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION PLANS TO SHIP 6,000 TONS of rice and wheat to help 100,000 persons on the famine-stricken Indonesian island of Lombok, east of Abli.

The World Food Programme, a joint endeavour of the United Nations and F.A.O., will ship 900 tons of rice from Thailand, to arrive next month, and more than 5,000 tons of wheat from the United States and Canada soon afterwards.

The emergency food aid, which will cost some \$800,000, is expected to help tide the island over until new crops are harvested in July and August.

terests of monopolies. He called on the U.S. to state just what concrete measures it was prepared to take against South Africa. He said it was a time for deeds, not words, on the part of the United States.

In right of reply, Mrs. Eugenie Anderson of the United States said the Soviet Union was attempting to

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# DANCON I KAMP MOD SYRIENS TO BEDSTE FODBOLDHOLD

DANCON's FODBOLDHOLD HAR I DEN FORLOEBNE UGE SOM bekendt gæstet Syrien som regeringens indbudte, og der blev spillet to kampe, begge i Damascus. Kampene blev afviklet på Damascus Stadion, og de aften var en kæmpe-publikumsinteresse, idet der på den første dag, fredag, der er muhamedansk helligdag, var fyldt på tilskueralderne, hvilket vil sige ca. 6.000 tilskuere, medens der ved søndagens kamp - og søndagen er muhamedansk hverdag - var ca. 4.000. Kampene blev dog overværet af adskilligt flere, idet de begge i deres fulde længde blev transmitteret af såvel det syriske fjernsyn som af den syriske radio.

Den første kamp var så afgjort langt den bedste set fra et dansk synspunkt. Den blev spillet mod den syriske hærs udvalgte hold, som er det førende inden for den syriske fodboldturnering. Syrerne begyndte deres vane tro med at storme det danske mål, men da det ikke gav bonus, varede det ikke længe, før danskerne fik tag på spillet, som nu bølgede frem og tilbage på begge banehalvdele. Efter ca. 15 minutters spil fik syrerne tilkendt et hjørnespark, som resulterede i skud på mål, men DANCON's målmand klarede i finst stil. Kort efter havde løjt. Hansen et nærgående skud på det syriske mål, men bolden strøg lige over overliggeren. I den følgende halve times tid blev der vist udvalgt spil i marken af begge hold. Syrerne havde nogle nævneværdige skud på DANCON's mål, men målmanden klarede strålende, hvilket flere gange fik de syriske tilskuere til at applaudere ham voldsomt. Begge hold fik flere hjørnesparker, og efter et af dem havde syrerne et kæmpeki, som nær havde givet mål, men den danske højre back, oversergent Kristensen, klarede på målstregen. 10 minutter før halvlegens slutning scorede syrerne på et godt skud, som DANCON's målmand var uden chance for at redde, og få minutter før halvtid øgede de til 2-0 med et mål, som man heller ikke kan laste den danske målmand for.

I begyndelsen af anden halvleg havde danskerne fint samling over deres spil, og man begyndte så småt at håbe på, at de ville åbne scoringen, men bolden havde åbent bestemt sig til, at den ikke ville i det syriske mål. Efter 12 minutters spil blev sergeant Rasmussen ramt hårdt i ansigtet af en bold. Næsen sprang op at bløde, og han

spil på en sådan måde, at man turde håbe på en god anden halvleg.

Heller ikke i anden halvleg levede danskerne op til spillet fra kampen mod det militære hold. Syrerne pressede hårdt, og efter 6 minutters spil lykkedes det dem at score til 3-0. Det kneb forfærdeligt for DANCON at få form over spillet, og resten af halvlegens formede sig faktisk som meget trivel fodbold, uden at nogen af holdene viste noget serligt.

På det danske hold var målmanden, oversergent Sørensen, så klart den bedste, idet han klarede mange gode skud fra syrerne og ikke kan lastes for et eneste af de tre mål,



der gik ind hos ham. Endvidere var i forsvarer sergeant Knudsen en udvalgt syriske militære hold er på en undtagelse nær identisk med det syriske landshold, og de er at betragte som professionelle, idet de har to faste trænere, som ikke bestiller ret meget andet end at træne godt spil i marken.

Den anden kamp blev spillet mod det syriske politis hold, som er nummer 2 i den syriske fodboldturnering. Ligesom militærholdet pressede politiets hold hårdt fra starten. Dette skabte tilsyneladende en del forvirring på DANCON's hold, og efter ca. 10 minutters spil blev det 1-0 til syrerne på et hjørnespark. Målet var efter vor mening off side, og det samme mente åbenbart den danske målmand, oversergent Sørensen, thi han rørte sig overhovedet ikke efter bolden. Imidlertid vinkede linievogteren ikke, og dommeren var placeret på en sådan måde, at han ikke kunne se, så målet var en kendsgerning. Allerede efter kun ca. 2 minutters yderligere spil fik syrerne på hjørnespark, som de scorede på, og det var jo nok siges at være lidt af en chockstart. Syrerne havde nu overtaget indtil ca. 10 minutter før halvlegens slutning, uden at det dog lykkedes dem at score, og i slutningen af halvlegens spil fik DANCON organisert sit

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Tirsdag den 21. februar 1967 fandt den store samlede uddeling af FN-medaljer sted for DANCON's vedkommende.

Begivenheden kendtegnedes ved en storstillet parade på fodboldbanen bag Mermaid Bar. Til stede var bl.a. Force Commander, General A.E. Martola, som overrakte medaljen til chefen for DANCON. Oberstløjtnant Ladegaard-Mikkelsen dekorerede derefter stab og kompagniechef, hvorefter kompagniechefene uddelte medaljer til de inden for de respektive kompagnier, der skulle have dem overrakt. På billedet ses kompagnikommandøren for C-kompagniet, premierløjtnant F. Tandrup, festne medaljen på konstabel 595570 Keld Jensens bryst. Manden tv. med bakken er korporal Eifert.

dette hold. De træner kondition og boldøvelser 3 timer hver dag, og de har betydelig større kamptræning, end vort hold har det med sine fem kampe forud. Alligevel gik vore spillere til kampen med et gå på-mod som aldrig før, de fightede kampen igennem, de viste udmarket spil, og de gjorde absolut en god figur. De var efter den første kamp særdeles populære blandt befolkningen, der kendte dem fra fjernsynet, og når de gik på gaden, stod folk stille og sagde: Se, der er danskerne.

Politiholdet bliver trænet på samme måde som militærholdet og er også at betragte som professionelle. Når vore i kampen mod dem ikke spillede op til deres standard fra den første kamp, skyldes det sikkert to ting, som står i nær forbindelse med hinanden. For det første er det hårdt at skulle spille to sådanne kampe med kun en dag imellem, og for det andet skal der meget større kamptræning til, for at man kan gøre det. Vi er overbevist om, at DANCON med intensiv fælles- og kamptræning vil være jævnybyrdige modstandere for det syriske "landshold", og havde vi kunnet spille lige så godt i den anden kamp som i den første, havde vi utvivlsomt vundet den.

Billedet viser en af oversergent Sørensens prægtredninger i kampen mod det udvalgte militære hold



Vierata ovat tällä juuri saapuneet Reelle helikopterin mukana. Vasemmalta ilmoitusta tekemassa jääkäri Reho, sitten kenraalit M8rtola ja Yli-Risku, eversti Nuutilainen, ja taustalla esikuntaryhmän everstiluutnantti Kuusela ja majuri Leino.

## KENRAALEITA KIERROKSELLA

SAMALLA KONEELLA, JOLLA PUOLUSTUSMINISTERI SULO SUORTTANEN palasi takaisin kotimahan, saimme pataljoonaan toisia korke-arvoisia vieraita. Koulutuspäällikkö, kenraaliluutnantti Halttu ja jalkaväen tarkastaja, kenraalimajuri Yli-Risku vierailevat Kyproksella kolme päivää tutustuen pataljoonan elinolosuhteisiin ja koulutukseen, ja jatkoivat 25.2 matkaansa Libanoniin.

Ohjelma oli kenraaleilla 23.2 jo

tutuksi tullut tilanneselostus, vihreän linjan kierros sekä Nyrkin harjoitukseen seuraaminen. Myöhemmin aamupäivän aikana noustiin helikopteriin ja lennettiin vartioipaikka 211:een sekä release-malle, jossa pysähdyttiin siemaisemaan kahvit ennen paluuta lounaalle. Iltapäiväksi ei ollut järjestetty ohjelmaa, vaan se oli vapaa

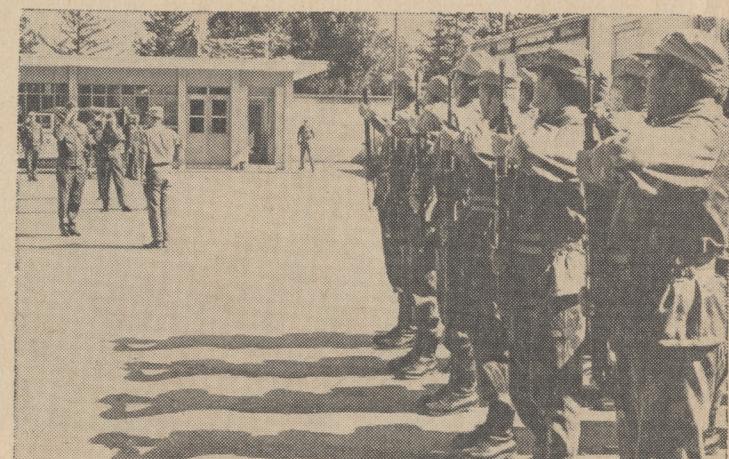
saaren katselemiseen.

24.2 pidettiin vieraille sarja esityksia ja näytöksiä pataljoonan koulutukseen eri muodoista. Iltapäivällä heidät oli kutsuttu huoltokomppaniaan lounaalle ja tutustumiskäynneille.

Oheiset kuvat esittelevät välädyksinä kenraalien matkaa kaikkiin kahviseen kahvistaan. Iltapäiväksi ei ollut järjestetty ohjelmaa, vaan se oli vapaa



Hyvin menee kuitenkin - vaikka kolme paria leijonia seuraaa silmäkovana lippaan meno paikoilleen. Seisomassa 3.K:n edustalla vasemmalta kenraalimajuri Ylikenraaliluutnantti Halttu.



Kenraalit seuraavat sulkeisharjoitusta Myllyllä. Tämä kuva on harjoitukseen alusta, ja osasto ilotetaan kenraaliluutnantti Haltulle (taustalla).



ME-lehden vähäiselle osanotolle jäänyt kirjoituskilpailu on ratkaistu. Kuva on pääpalkinnon arvonnasta esikunnan pihalta. Vasemmalta sota-polisiin corporal Carroll (iron), alik. Kestilä, ylik. Lemmettyinen, ar-palipuuta nostava jääk. Syrjala, ylik. Tiainen j barettia pitamassa alik. Nikkila.



Kahvi maistuu releellä, vaikkei paikka niin kovin yllinen olekaan. Vasemmalta kenraaliluutnantti Halttu, rauhanturajoukkojen kommentaja kenraaliluutnantti Martola sekä kenraalimajuri Yli-Risku.



Capt Jimmy Reilly (left) of Ops Staff, HQ UNFICYP who returned to Ireland last week on completion of his tour was replaced by Capt Kevin McCarthy (right).



## LEAVE CENTRE CLOSES

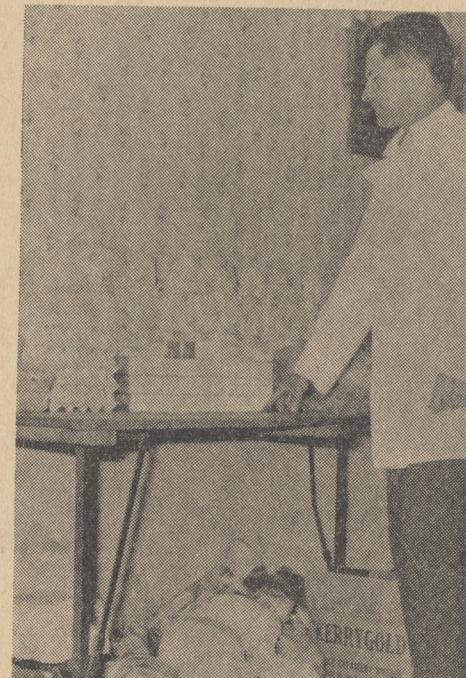
THE LEAVE CENTRE AT FAMAGUSTA closed down this week according to plan.

This was a most successful venture providing an amenity for the first time for those who wished to spend their leave on the island. More than 40% of the strength of the unit availed of it.

## SPORTS

The main sports item this week was the return soccer game between the Group of officers and officers of the local National Guard. The Group again won by three goals to two. It was a very entertaining game played before a large attendance. Scorers for the Group were Capt Niall Sheridan, Lieut Larry Cooke and Paul Quirke. A souvenir trophy and medals were presented to the losers.

CQMS John O'Hara at work in the 7th Infantry Group Ration Stores.



## CASUALTY EVACUATION BY SIOUX HELICOPTER

Pte. Noel Dermody weighing rations in the group stores.



AT 1555 ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 67, A 'CASEVAC' request was received by the Operations Centre at Headquarters UNFICYP. The casualty was a Canadian soldier, Pte Steeves, who had burned his face in an accident with a hydroburner, at Hilltop OP in the Canadian Zone.

By 1610 hrs, a Sioux helicopter of HQ UNFICYP Flight AAC - piloted by Captain Joe Aylward RA, was airborne; and by 1635 hrs the casualty had been conveyed to the Austrian Field Hospi-



A Sioux helicopter of HQ UNFICYP Flight AAC.

tal at Kokkinatrimithia. The total time for the 25 mile trip, from the time the message was received to the time the patient reached the hospital, was 40 minutes. This includes the time required to contact the pilot and prepare a helicopter, all of which took 15 minutes.

## MOUNTAIN RESCUE BY CHOPPER

ON SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 1967 A PARTY OF FOUR FINNS, under Captain Penti Sadeniemi set out to climb Pentadactylos — the 'Five Fingers Mountain' — in the Kyrenia range.

The party succeeded in reaching the summit of the right-hand 'finger' — as viewed from Nicosia — and then decided to attempt the next peak to their left. All went well until the 'lead man,' Private Pekka Silvennoinen — who is the FINCON photographer — was unfortunate to find himself in a position in which he was unable to either ascend — he was about 50 feet from the top — or to retrace his route back to safer ground, because of the extreme steepness of the cliff face at that point. (Experienced climbers will know that it is often more difficult to descend from a given position than to climb higher).

At any time during this difficult manoeuvre a sudden gust of wind might have blown the helicopter against the mountain with disastrous results for all concerned.

In recognition of the skill and bravery of the RAF personnel, and as a token of thanks for the rescue of one of their number, the four climbers presented their benefactors with a crate of one dozen bottles of 'White Horse' whisky and a signed statement — on vellum — of their gratitude and admiration.

The wording of the statement was as follows:

"TO THE MEN OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE who worked together in the rescue of Private Pekka Silvennoinen, FinCon, from the Five Fingers Mountain on the 19th of February 1967.

We wish to offer this gift to you to express our gratitude and admiration of the men to whom we owe, it seems certain, the life of one of us.

(Signed)  
Capt. in.

Penti Sadeniemi.  
Lieutenant.

Timo Saari.  
Private

Seppo Papunen.  
Private

Pekka Silvennoinen."

72 Squadron (Det) RAF UN has also received letters of thanks from the Force Chief of Staff, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, and from Colonel O. Nuutilainen, the Commander of the Finnish Contingent of UNFICYP.



The rescue helicopter approaching Pte. Silvennoinen, who took this photograph. The outboard winch and sling can be seen above the main exit door.

After various attempts had been made to help him from the ledge upon which he was stranded, Captain Sadeniemi descended the mountain and went to the near-by radio-relay station, where he requested assistance. The message was passed to 72 Sqn (Det) RAF UN. A helicopter piloted by Flt Sgt Jim Lawn, and with Sgt Ken Torkington and Sgt Hank Dawson as crew, proceeded to the area. On the way they stopped to pick up Captain Sadeniemi, who was to show them the exact location of Pte Silvennoinen.

Then followed a dangerous ten minutes. The helicopter hovered as close to the cliff face as possible whilst a cable was lowered down to the man on the ledge. On the end of the cable — which was controlled by Sgt Torkington — was Hank Dawson. They soon managed to winch Pekka Silvennoinen into the aircraft and flew him to safety.



The helicopter crew with their gifts. From the left they are: Flt Sgt Jim Lawn (pilot), Sgt Ken Torkington (winch operator), and Sgt Hank Dawson (pick-up man). Jim and Ken are holding the crate of whisky, and Hank has the Statement which was presented with it. In the background is their 'Wessex' helicopter.



Pte Graham Quinn, from Dundee, at the Airport entrance to the camp.



THE HEADQUARTERS GUARD DURING THE WEEK 13th to 20th February 1967 was provided by 1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR). Our photos show members of the guard on duty at UNFICYP Headquarters.

Pte Frank Barclay, from Brechin, on duty at the Morphou Road entrance to the Headquarters.

## SVENSK ANDRAPLACERING I UNFICYP-MÄSTERSKAP

UNFICYP-mästerskapen i fri idrott, som genomfördes i söndags, resulterade i en hedersam andraplacering för SWEDCON med 67 poäng efter FINCON, som vann med 79 poäng.

I den individuella tävlingen togs två mästerskap av svenska. Sven Hansson, Göteborg, ("MP-Hansson") vann 100 yards på 10,8-i lagtävlingen sprang han sträckan på 10,7. Den andra medaljen plökades av Jan Fredriksson, Vilhelmina, 3 komp, som tog hem höjdhoppsseger i hård konkurrens med finnarna. Hans segerhöjd blev 5 feet 6 inches, vad det nu kan vara på svenska. En annan 3-kompanist som gjorde bra ifrån sig i tävlingarna var Sune Ramberg, Älmhult, med bl a ett fint resultat i diskus.



Tävlingarna gick i strålande cypriskt värväder på idrottsplatsen vid The English School, Nicosia. Lagresultaten: 1. FINCON 79 p, 2. SWEDCON 67 p, 3. CANCON 47 p, BRITCON 44p, 5. IRCON 38 p.

## CM I SPECIALSLALOM BLEV SVENSK TRIUMF



Cyprnmästare i specialsłalom blev Bruno Björklund, Järvsö, STR-komp, när cyprnmästerskapen i slalom gick av stapeln upp i Troodos i lördags. Björklund ställde också upp i storsłalom där han placerade sig på sjunde plats. Tävlingarna var arrangerade av britterna.

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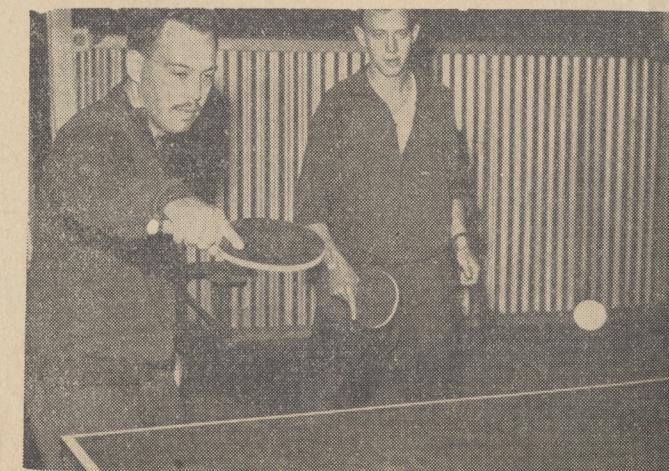


Lördagen den 25 februari gick startskottet för bataljonens frivilliga humanitära aktion "Sverige hjälper-på Cypern". Här studerar tre 3-kompanister i Ayios Theodoros broschyren och bildmaterial i anslutning till insamlingskampanjen. Fr v Kjell Öjvall, Kungsör, Bengt Cedergren, Visby och Hans Gustafsson, Klåglup. Aktionen pågår under den närmaste månaden och genomförs till förmån för hjälbehövande barn.

## BATMÄSTARE I BORDTENNIS



Torsdagen den 23 februari gick finalmatcherna i bordtennis i de pågående batmästerskapstävlingarna. Singelsegrare blev Inge Jonsson, Vilshult 3 komp, som här ger prov på sin koncentrerade spelstil. Tv förvalare Helge Fägerstål, Barkarby.



Finalmatchen i dubbel vanns av denna välspelande duo. Fr v fj Rolf Johansson Borlänge och Ronny Lundgren, Lund båda från STR-komp.

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# THE DAWN OF MAJUBA

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF PAARDEBERG

THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR THE ROYAL Canadian Regiment. It is the sixtieth seventh anniversary of the Battle of Paardeberg.

### CANADA'S FIRST WAR

The Battle of Paardeberg took place during the South African War of 1899 to 1901. This war was a first for Canada. When war erupted the Canadian Government offered to the United Kingdom an infantry Battalion and a cavalry element. These men were drawn from the larger population centres across Canada. They came from towns such as Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax and Charlottetown. Eight independent companies were formed into The Second (Special Service) Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel W.D. Otter. The Battalion and the Canadian Mounted Rifles concentrated at Quebec; then sailed on the SS Sardinia for South Africa Oct 30, 1899, the first overseas commitment for a contingent of Canadian troops.

The Canadian contingent, after disembarkation, took part in most of the battles as part of 19 Brigade. By the 13th of February, 1900 they began to close up to the river in a series of long hot marches.

### DAWN OF MAJUBA

THE RECCE SQUADRON OF THE FORT GARRY HORSE FROM CALGARY, ALBERTA, since taking on the Kyrenia convoy duty Oct. 13 has escorted 548 convoys composed of 52,471 people and 14,977 vehicles along the 16-mile route from Nicosia to the port of Kyrenia, or the other way.

Figures were up to the end of the Sunday (February 26) convoy runs. Two round trips under UNFICYP escort are organized every day one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

In addition to the convoy commitment, the Garrys have done 120 surveillance patrols and begin Monday with 137,288 miles on their scout cars and other vehicles.

### THE QUEEN'S SCARF OF HONOUR

It was during this battle that an Irish - Canadian, Pte. R.R. Thompson, was awarded the Queen's Scarf of Honour on the basis of a vote from his comrades.

There were five of these scarves crocheted personally by Queen Victoria, one to be given to each of the Commonwealth contingents. To earn the scarf a man had to be recommended for the Victoria Cross and subsequently recommended for the Cross again. As a medical assistant, Pte. Thompson justly earned the honour by saving many of his wounded comrades who were under heavy fire.

The Queen's Scarf was returned from Ireland to Canada by Pte. Thompson's family in 1965. Accepted by General Georges P. Vanier,

Governor-General, it now resides in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

### PAARDEBERG DAY

But Paardeberg day commemorates more than just this battle. It commemorates all the victories and battles fought by The Royal Canadian Regiment during its eighty - three years. The Regimental Birthday on 21 December is the only other regimental holiday. Therefore, to this day the 27th of February is always celebrated by The RCR no matter where the Regiment may be.

### LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

This year Paardeberg was celebrated by the First Battalion on UN Peacekeeping duties in Cyprus, the 2nd Battalion in Germany and the Home Station in London, Canada. On the 27th of February, each year, RCR officers and men will gather together for Paardeberg Day no matter where they be.

Here in Cyprus the Royal Canadians celebrated in the traditional manner of declaring a holiday and holding a sports day. Special meals were served and of course the free issue of beer was enjoyed by everyone. Towards the end of the day the officers of the First Battalion all gathered at the Coeur de Lion for the Annual Paardeberg mess dinner.

## KYRENIA CONVOY

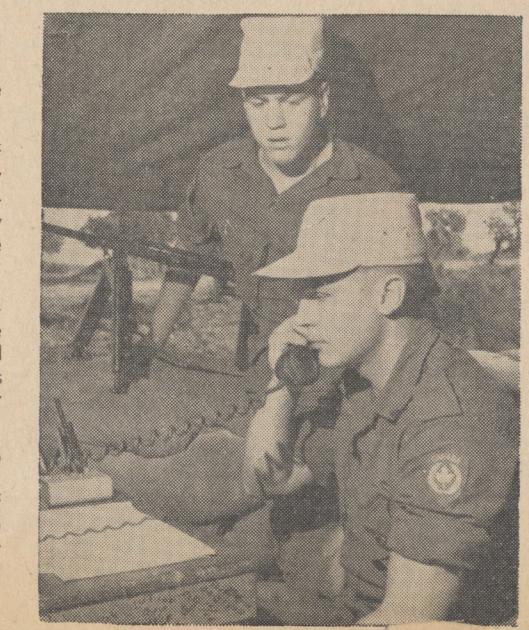


Finnish outriders and Canadian scout cars bring another car convoy through the direct road from Nicosia to Kyrenia.

## ESCORT DUTIES

forces for peace-keeping were formed in 1964.

The Kyrenia convoy was formed in late fall of that year.



Two soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment report all quiet. On the phone is Pte Allen Legoff, Richibucto, New Brunswick and standing behind him is Pte Ken Hoskins of Boswarlos, Newfoundland. (Canadian Forces Photo).

## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

# SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA

PORUGAL HAS "POINTS OF DOUBT"

**I**N A FIRST REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON COMPLIANCE WITH ITS demand for selective sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, the Secretary-General states that a great majority of the 75 states which have so far submitted information have taken measures they consider necessary to comply with that demand.

He notes, however, that one member — Portugal — did not report any measures it had taken or contemplated but instead had asked for clarification of what it considered to be "points of doubt" raised by the Council resolution.

Furthermore, Portugal has stated that its "Province of Mozambique" is suffering severe financial and economic losses as a result of the em-



**U THANT:** Substantial number of states have not yet answered.

bargo and has asked for consultations with the Security Council on the payment of compensation for that loss.

The Charter provides that states confronted with special economic problems "arising from the carrying out" of enforcement measures called for by the Security Council, shall have the right to consult the Council on a solution to those problems.

Zambia, Southern Rhodesia's neighbour to the north, has already requested and received a UN technical mission to study the whole problem of the serious difficulties it faces as a result of compliance with the Security Council's call for sanctions.

It has informed the Secretary-General that it has already adopted a policy aimed at severing all economic and trade connections with Southern Rhodesia, despite the fact that the economies of Zambia and Southern Rhodesia have "for the past 70 years been inextricably joined like Siamese twins" and that any sanctions aimed at Southern Rhodesia are bound

## DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE

## HALTING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED IN GENEVA

**T**HE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL LAST WEEK URGED the 18-nation Disarmament Committee to "renew and intensify" its efforts to reach an agreement on the treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and on other disarmament measures.

In a message to the Committee as it resumed negotiations in Geneva, the Secretary-General pointed out that the General Assembly had asked the group to give high priority to the non-proliferation treaty, and had also urged an early conclusion of the treaty banning under-

ground nuclear weapons tests.

He recalled other resolutions adopted at the last Assembly session that asked the Committee to consider the question of eliminating foreign military bases in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and to pursue new efforts toward an agreement on general and complete disarmament.

**U Thant saw hope for progress in the two treaties recently concluded. One, signed in London, Moscow and Washington on 27 January, removed outer space, the moon and other celestial bo-**

to disrupt the economy of Zambia.

Zambia has further stated that, although it is giving maximum co-operation in implementation of the sanctions called for, it does not believe they will be effective enough to bring down the illegal regime in Southern Rhodesia.

Another neighbour of Southern Rhodesia, Malawi, reports that it has taken various measures called for by the Council but, because of its geographical situation, is having to continue to import limited quantities of sugar, meat and meat products, having no immediate available alternative sources of supply.

Malawi has also said it is ready to enter into consultations with the Security Council on finding a solution.

Further replies are still being received to the Secretary-General's request for information on measures taken to comply with the Security Council's decision. At the time this first report was prepared, however, the Secretary-General notes that a substantial number of states have not yet answered, including certain states which have significant trade with Southern Rhodesia.

## U THANT IN BURMA

**T**he UN Secretary-General, U Thant, left New York on 22 February for a ten-day visit to his native land, Burma. He was scheduled to arrive in Rangoon on 24 February after an over-night stop in London. U Thant will return to UN Headquarters on 5 March.

## SOUTH WEST

## AFRICA

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deflect the Committee from its main task by making wholly false allegations against her country. She said it was the responsibility of all U.N. members to find a practical solution to the problem of South West Africa and added that the Soviet Union's proposals were lacking in "the essential of practicability".

The call for practicability in proposals also came from Ambassador Matti Cawen of Finland. He said the logic of the Assembly's resolution terminating South Africa's mandate pointed to United Nations machinery. He added that the Committee should also consider the question of access to South West Africa and the problem of how to introduce United Nations administration to the territory.

dies from the nuclear arms race. The other, signed in Mexico City on 14 February, is for the prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America—providing for the first nuclear-free zone in an inhabited portion of the earth.

Both these treaties, said the Secretary-General, were of importance in helping to prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons. They were also important, he said, as steps which could lead to other measures of disarmament.

## DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE

## CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION WITH BRITAIN

**I**N THE UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE, BRITAIN LAST WEEK described arrangements by which six Caribbean territories are soon to become states in association with the United Kingdom.

Peter Hope of Britain told the Committee that under their new status, the territories would enjoy a full measure of self-government, being completely autonomous in their internal affairs; and that this would mark the full discharge of his Government's obligations under the charter provisions for non-self-governing territories.

**He added that under strictly voluntary association with Britain, each territory would be entirely free to declare itself independent at any time, to sever its association with Britain and enter into association with any other state.**

These arrangements, he said, had been worked out in full consultation with the people concerned and freely accepted by them.

The territories concerned are Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

## WORLD BANK

## \$13 MILLION LOAN FOR EAST AFRICA

TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS

**T**HE WORLD BANK LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED A \$13 MILLION LOAN for the improvement and expansion of telephone and telegraph services in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The three countries have a total population of about 25 million and a land area as large as that of France and Spain combined.

Considerable distances between capital cities and other population centres make efficient telecommunication particularly important, both to facilitate Government administration and to meet the requirements of the countries' growing trade and commerce.