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AAC Flight Rotation



Sixty per cent of UNFICYP AAC Flight Pilots rotate within 10 days. It is hoped that there will be enough left to climb in their perspex domes and operate the meccano-type machines. Two of the Sioux 'drivers' are pictured here with two of their replacements. They are; L to R Capt E.J. Everett-Heath, Lt J. Williams, Capt R. Mallock, Capt J. C. Tyzack.

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES SW AFRICAN SENTENCES

South Africa's recent sentencing of 33 South West Africans to prison sentences ranging from five years to life for alleged terrorism was denounced in Security Council meetings held at UN Headquarters on Friday and Monday.

Representatives from 18 countries stressed that the penalties imposed earlier this month in Pretoria were in defiance of earlier appeals of the Council and the UN General Assembly that the trials be halted and the accused freed. Although the censure of South Africa was unanimous, agreement however, was not yet evident on what the Council should do to get the prisoners freed.

In January, the Council unanimously requested South Africa to end the trial, initiated last summer, and let the defendants return home. The Council's central theme was that South Africa had no right to try the South West Africans since the Assembly had ended its League of Nations Mandate over the Territory late in 1966. However, the sentencing proceeded despite the appeal of the Council as well as an earlier one from the Assembly. Over the years, South Africa has refused

as illegal all efforts by the UN to assert its authority in South West Africa.

Among the delegates who addressed the Council during its (Continued on p. 8)

UN Body Urges Release of South West Africans

THE UN Commission on Human Rights last week expressed deep indignation at the sentencing of South West Africans under South African law which it said was rejected by the whole international community as being contrary to the principles of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In a consensus adopted last Friday, the Commission called upon the Government of South Africa to immediately release

Middle - East Crisis

U THANT CONCERNED OVER ISRAEL - JORDAN FIGHTING

United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, last week expressed his concern with the deteriorating situation on the Israel-Jordan border reflected in press reports of renewed and serious outbreaks of hostilities there.

The United Nations has received no direct reports on the recent fighting in view of the fact that it has no UN observers on the Israel-Jordan sector such as it has on the Israel-Syrian and the Israel-United Arab Republic sectors. In the past, U Thant has suggested that it would be advantageous to have the Israel-Jordan sector observed by the UN Truce Supervisory Organisation.

Israel and Jordan have accused each other of stepping up military activity across the cease-fire line.

Israel said Jordan launched a number of assaults on Israeli villages last week causing severe damage to houses and farm installations, and that her aircraft had reacted in self-defense.

Jordan said Israel had deliberately opened a shelling and bombing assault on Jordanian villages and refugee camps on the East Bank, with the resulting casualties numbering at least 16 civilians and seven soldiers killed, and 32 civilians and 27 soldiers seriously injured.

Jordan also charged that Israeli authorities were stepping up their campaign of expulsion, with 84 Jordanian citizens being expelled last week from the West Bank.

SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MEET PRES. JOHNSON

U Thant, UN Secretary-General, returned to New York last Thursday following a week of visits to New Delhi, Moscow, London and Paris.

Viet-Nam was the main subject of his talks with government leaders in these capitals, and U Thant also had occasion to meet with representatives of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

The Middle East situation was also touched upon in the course of the Secretary-General's meetings with Indian, Soviet, British and French leaders.

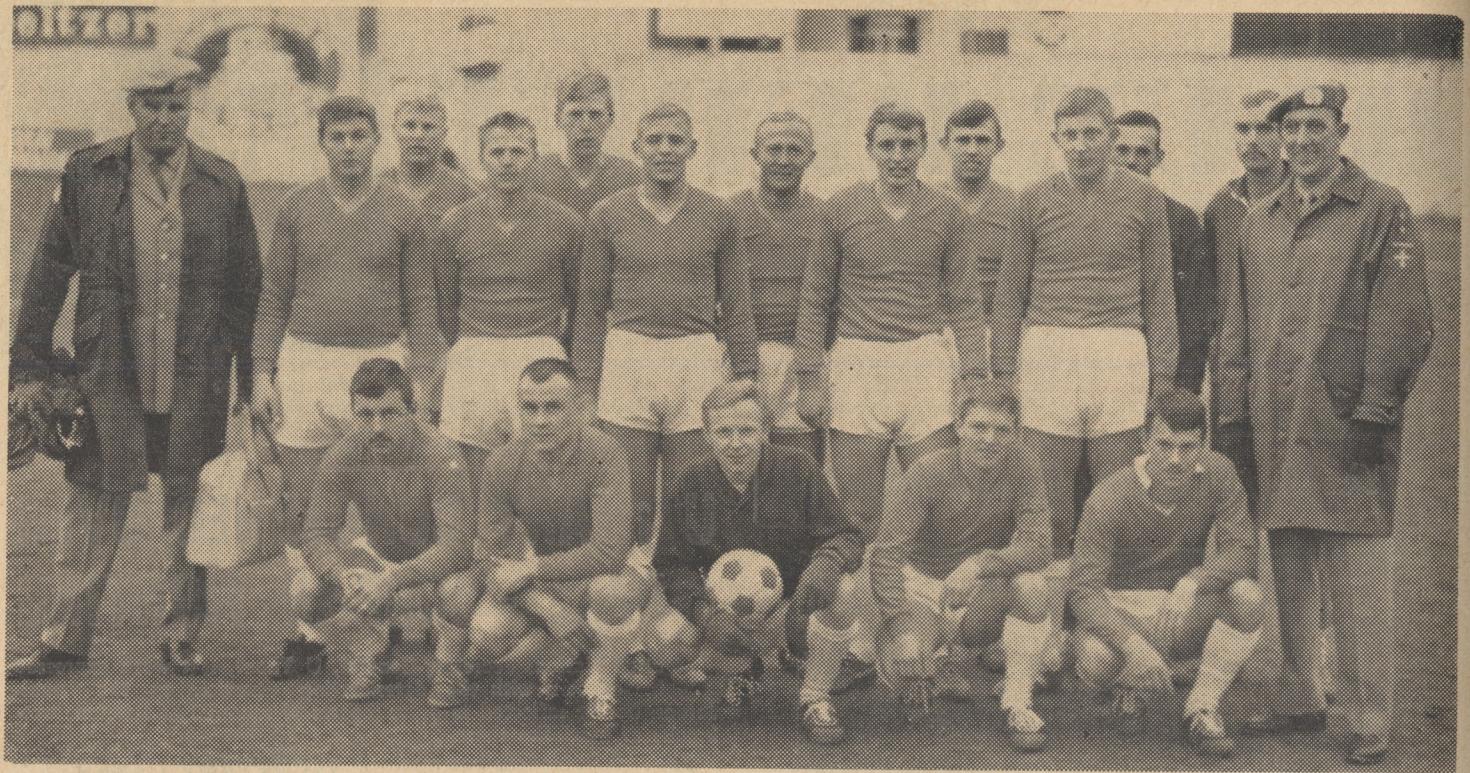
Upon his return to New York U Thant met with Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States at the latter's request. On Saturday it was announced that the Secretary-General would meet with President Johnson in Washington today, Wednesday, 21 February.

The Secretary-General had originally planned to return to New York following his talks in London Tuesday of last week, but he extended his trip to include a visit to Paris, where he met with President De Gaulle, as well as with the Delegate-General of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

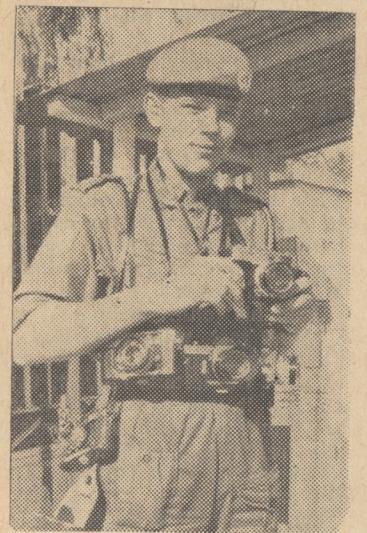
UN - backed Rocket Centre in India

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, last week dedicated the international rocket launching facilities at Thumba, India. The centre is sponsored by the United Nations.

More than 100 scientists from 12 countries were present at the dedication ceremony. The site offers facilities for scientific research on ionosphere and meteorology problems.



På gentagne opfordringer viser vi her DANCON's "fodboldlandshold" under ledelse af OFR(S) E.C. Plovdrup og PRLT(S) O.T. Christensen. Den største bedrift, som holdet indtil nu har udført, var, da det onsdag den 7. februar stillede op mod det cypriske landshold, som nærmest "legede" sig til en sejr på 6 - 0. Men trods nederlaget kæmpede danskerne bravt hele kampen.

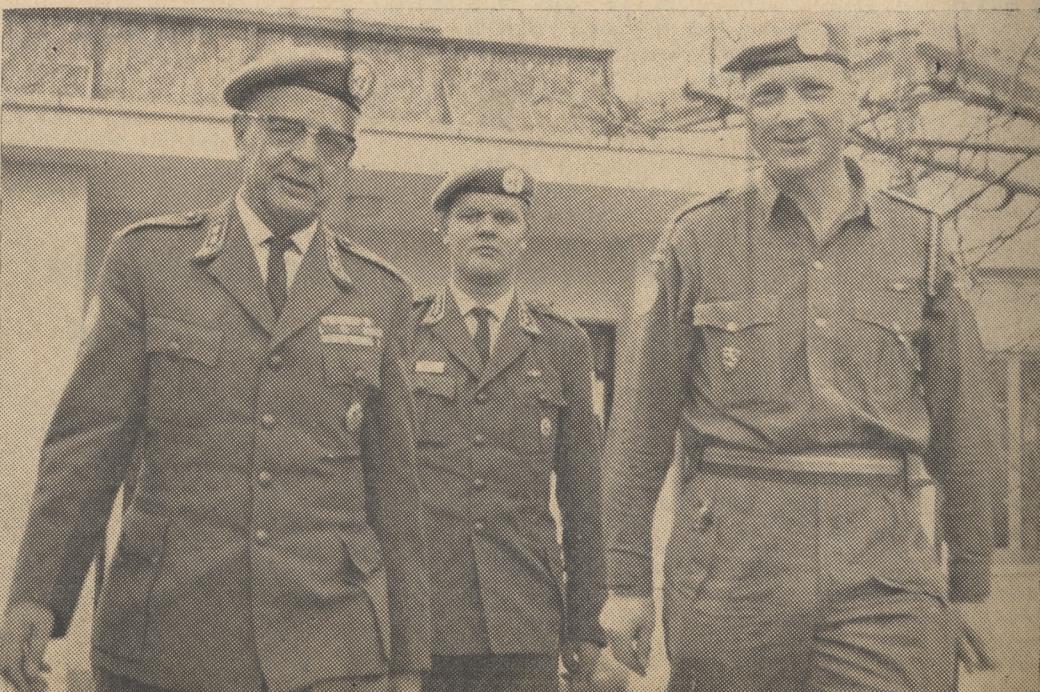


DANCON - NYT

Det må bestemt være Sophia Loren, som KS J. Poulsen står og venter på med alle de "skud", han er parat til at fyre af, - men hun udeblev, og i stedet var han så heldig, at general A. Martola og MAJ K.L. Hansen var på besøg på "Den grønne Linie", hvorved han alligevel fik brug for sine kameraer.

MED SORG

må vi erkende, at The Blue Beret's konkurrence i nr. 42 desværre har været for svær for personellet ved DANCON, da vi i modsætning til forrige konkurrence overhovedet ikke har modtaget nogle løsninger. Gevinsten tilfælder ubeskåret pressejnenesten.



DET HANDLAR OM SNÖ....



Kommenderingar till fredstjänst i FN:s blå barker brukar för oss svenskar mestadels innehåra sex månaders tjänstgöring under brinnande sol långt borta från vårt hemlands nordiska klimat. Men Cypern är anorlunda - det har säkert de flesta av oss hunnit konstatera vid det här laget. Cypern är inte bara ön i solen med det blänkande Medelhavet runt omkring - Cypern kan också bjuda den hugade på sådana exklusiviteter, på samma dag om så önskas, som Tylösand och Storlien, varmed skall förstås badliv på soldräkta sandstränder och skidliv på snötäckta bergsväder.

Den snö vi tar om återfinns i engelska utförsäknings-uttryck. er trädde de svenska instruktörer naturligtvis i Troodosmassivet. Där De fem var efter omsorgsfull galla- återfinns också i dessa dagar skid- ring sergeant Nils Andersson, Särö, instruktörer från den svenska Cypern-bataljonen. Det har blivit tradition mer eller mindre att den svenska bataljonen ställer instruktörer till de engelska Cypern-styrkorna förfogande. Under en

Efter den gemensamma, veckolånga introduktionen i de engelska befattningar för att uppe i Troodos specialuttrycken för plogsväng och dalskida bland många andra term- undergå en veckas specialträning

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SWEDCON NEWS



På tefat i Troodos

På 3. komp nere i Larnaca händer de mest förvånansvärd ting, inte minst genom kapten Ulf Gyllenwärd ingripande. Högst densamma kallade härom veckoändan till kompanimästerskap i tefatsåkning, vilket naturnödvändigt måste äga rum i Troodos.

Tefatsåkning är nu en gång fortfarande en exklusiv alpin gren, som inte undgick att väcka vintereturisternas intresse. Mästerskapet avgjordes häromsöndagen, och uppgiften var att tillsammans med sitt tefat transportera sig 80 meter rätt nerför en av de snöklädda sluttningar, på vilka Troodos är så rikt. Fanfar i trumpet blåstes i startögonblicket av kapten Gyllenwärd iförd FN:s blå hjälm, vilket inte hindrade Leif Abrahamsson från Kil att gå i på bästa tiden eller 9,4 sekunder, en olympisk bedrift.

Vår bild visar ett startögonblick med kaptenen Gyllenwärd exek-



Colonel of The Regiment Visits 4th/7th Dragoon Guards

On Friday, Major-General J. A. d'Avigdor Goldsmid, CB, OBE, MC, Colonel of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, commenced a short visit to 'B' Squadron at Zyyi.

On Saturday, he inspected the Squadron on parade and took the salute at a drive past. Later, he was shown all aspects of life in the unit.

The General is seen talking to Troopers Bob Ditchburn, from Seaton, and Ian Bray from Huddersfield.

Maj Gen d'Avigdor Goldsmid, CB, OBE, MC, left on Sunday to return to the UK.



THE 'RECRUIT' AND THE 'RECRUITER'

Serving together with 'B' Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards at Zyyi, is the 'Recruiter' and the 'Recruited'.

Staff Sergeant Fred Bones, Troop Commander of 1 Troop is pictured here with Trooper Stephen Yeomans who he recruited into the Army while serving at the Army Recruiting Office, York, in January, 1966.

After initial training Tpr Yeomans joined the Squadron in Northern Ireland, but did not meet his 'Recruiter' again until May 1967 when Sgt Bones rejoined the Squadron. Since then Stephen Yeomans has been the driver of his Troop Commander's vehicle. No doubt continuing to receive good advice.



Some-one is obviously coming though loud and clear on this set at Mavrolias Lance-Corporal Patrick Mahoney of the Royal Green Jackets from Oxford is having to hold the receiver at a distance. Perhaps it is a word about a piece of Turkish delight or is he just "a-muazzin" himself?

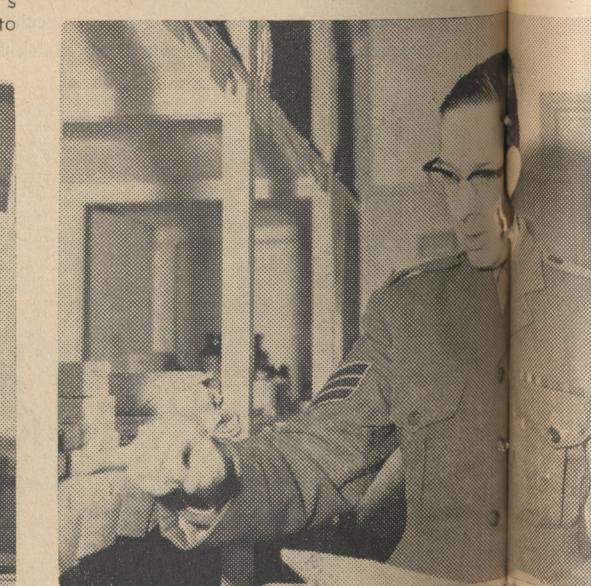
'BOWSER' Brothers

Having found brothers serving together in Zyyi and Limassol, another pair has been found in the HQ area of UNFICYP, serving with 8 Squadron, RCT.

They are the Finn brothers — Trevor (left) and Len from West Ham, London, — who have served in the same unit only since last November, when the Squadron was preparing for its tour in Cyprus.

Trevor is a boxer and was the Royal Corps of Transport (previously RASC) middle-weight champion of BAOR in 1964/65. Len is a keen skier and was placed third in the Army Championships held in Germany last year. Both are to be seen on the football field whenever there is a game available.

Together they drive the bowsers supplying petrol to the UNFICYP contingents and average over one hundred miles per day on their deliveries.



Well-versed in the art of first-aid is the charge of the Medical Centre of the Royal Green Jackets at Mavrolias Camp. Sgt George French, from Tyneside, has served with the battalion for six years and has served in Malaya, Borneo, Berlin, Tidworth and now Cyprus. He is seen giving vital stocks of bandages, etc, in the battalion medical centre.

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards Visits IRCON

Last week members of B Squadron 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards visited Lefka District on an inter-contingent liaison mission. Photo shows (Left car) members of IRCON Armoured Car Group, driver, Tpr William Povey; in turret Cpl George Hayes (L) and Tpr Christie Moore; (Right car) Tpr Jim Singleton (driver) and Tpr Bill Horne of 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards.



IRCON NEWS



L/Cpl John Williams and Tpr Terry Armstrong explain the "mysteries" of their Armoured Car to Tpr William Povey, IRCON, at Xeros last week.



The task of keeping weapons in good working order never ends and the photo shows members of A Company engaged in this important aspect of Army life. (L to R) Cpl John Nolan, 2 FA Regiment McKee Barracks Dublin; Cpl Sean McNamara, 2 Garrison Company Supply and Transport Corps McKee Barracks Dublin; Pte Declan Murtagh, 2 Battalion Cathal Brugha Barracks Dublin; Cpl Joseph Poland, 5 Battalion Collins Barracks Dublin and Gnr Frank McGovern, 2 FA Regiment McKee Barracks Dublin.

Recently a thirty minute programme of Irish music and songs was broadcast over the local network. Photo shows members of the Pipe Band 9 Inf Gp during the recording session (L to R) Sgt Paddy Hughes, Cpl John Kelly, Pte Christie Stevens, Pte Daniel Smullen. (Back Row) Cpl Tom Jinks (L) and Sgt Dan Mannix.



LIIKENNEKILPAILUT



FINCON NEWS



Tarkastusasemalla jonotetaan. Lantikan miehistö on syventynyt kirjallisiin tehtäviin, ja toimistojat seuraavat tarkkana tilanteen kehitystä.



Yli Rantala antaa Volvolle lähtöluvan.



Maj J Vuorela edessään hankalan näköinen kokelma eri moottorijoneuvojen osia.

Pataljoonan liikennekilpailut suoritettiin sunnuntaina 11.2.1968 Kikossa ihanteellisen sään vallissa. Tehtäviin sisältyi kartanlukua, liikennemerkkien tunteusta, YK-joukkojen toiminnan tuntemusta, moottoriajoneuvojen osien tietämistä ym. Salaisissa tarkkailupisteissä tehtiin huomioita osanottajien käyttäytymisestä liikenteessä. Loppuhuipennuksena oli vielä maalipaikalla kuljettajalla taitoajo ja kartanlukijalla häään tuupertuneen "henkiinherättämisen". Siinä oli viimeinen tilaisuus lisätä virhepisteittensä lukumääriä, ja monet taisivat lisätäkin.

Kilpailun johtajana toimi kapt E Piironen, ratamestarina ylik K Ahtainen, autojen katsastuksen suoritti sotimest V A Vepsäläinen ja toimistojoiden johtajana oli vääp V Fagerström.

Palkintojen jaon suoritti evl N Palmen 13.2. Myllylä.



MOBILE COMMAND

TEAM TOURS

CANCON UNITS

The Mobile Command team, which is visiting Cyprus, is shown arriving at Nicosia airport. Left to right, Lt Col J.R. O'Farrell, Senior Staff Officer Manpower and Management; Lt Col R.G.C. Cunningham Comb Chaplin (P) and Lt Col R.D. Watson, Senior Staff Officer Personnel Services. Greeting them are Col H.C.F. Elliot, Deputy Commander UNFICYP and Major R.L. Strawbridge, DAA and QMG of Camp Maple Leaf.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



NEIGHBOURS MEET — Comdt Stephen Leech (left) and Captain Patrick Austin who were both born in Navan, County Meath, Ireland, met in Cyprus for the first time recently. Although born only three miles apart, their homes are now separated by 5000 miles for although Comdt Leech still considers Ireland his home, Captain Austin now lives in Canada and is currently serving with HQ CANCON at Camp Maple Leaf. Comdt Leech is the AMPIO for IRCON.



Cpl John LePage of Trail B.C. is shown chatting with one of the photogenic Brothers at the St. Barnabas Monastery near Famagusta. The monk is one of three Brothers who paint the icons shown on so many Cyprus postcards.

Pte John Trefiak and Cpl Clarence Willman chat with a shepherd and inspect the unusually long tails on the Cyprus sheep. The island abounds with sheep and photographs of the flocks and their keepers provide memorable souvenirs.

BETTER SAFE.....



Twenty-nine FINCON cross-country cars, motorcycles and trucks participated in a traffic contest which was held on Sunday, 11 Feb 1968 in the Kykko area. Wonderful weather and smooth working of the organizing machinery guaranteed the success of the contest. The tasks one had to pass in the contest involved familiarity with traffic rules, map reading, knowledge of UN operations, mastery of the technical details of motor vehicles, driving skill and the giving of first aid. Most of the contestants found this kind of activity most rewarding and necessary both for professionals and amateurs. Photograph (above) shows one of the checkpoints where written answers to difficult questions had to be handed in.

Det handlar....

(Forts från sid 3)

herre vände sig nämligen till UNFICYP Force Commander General Martola med en förfrågan om inte FN-soldat Björke kunde få kvarbliva i Troodos. Svenska bataljonen svarade ja - förstås - vilket betyder att Matts Björke ända fram till den 10 mars är skidinstruktör också för Cyprus Ski Club i Sun Valley-terrängen vid Mount Olympus i stället för att vara driver på TPC i Famagusta.

På bilden visar Matts Björke sin stil för överstelöjtnant Börje Wictorsson, Umeå, Kjell Haglund, Malmberget, Toni Seidl, Österrike, Sven Björkhed, Vittangi, Robert Mc Coy, Malta samt två unga flickor, vilka båda råkar heta Mariau.

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

A frequent cause of road accidents is a failure to brake and to come to a halt in an emergency.

This often stems from a lack of knowledge of the timings and distances involved in halting a vehicle on the move. These are made up of:-

Reaction distance — distance covered by the driver while he reacts to the situation. Braking distance. Overall stopping distance.

Given ideal circumstances — a good driver, a vehicle in perfect condition and a first-class road surface — the facts are:-

Vehicle speeds — 20 mph 30 mph 40 mph 50 mph 60 mph

Reaction distance — 20 30 40 50 60

Braking distance — 20 45 80 125 180

Overall stopping distance — 40 75 120 175 240

(All distances in feet)

KNOW THE DISTANCES AND SPEEDS INVOLVED IN BRAKING & HALTING!

UN CAMBODIA - THAILAND MISSION IS TERMINATED

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has reported to the UN Security Council on the termination of the mission of Ambassador Herbert De Ribbing as his Special Representative in Cambodia and Thailand.

Mr De Ribbing was initially appointed in August 1966 for a six-month period to seek ways of reducing tension between the two Governments. His assignment was subsequently extended for further six-month periods — the last ending on the 15th of February. In the course of consultations, Thailand agreed to a further extension of the De Ribbing mission, but Cambodia did not, and in the absence of agreement by the parties, the Secretary-General has notified the two Governments of the termination of the mission.

In expressing his gratitude for the cooperation extended to Ambassador De Ribbing, U Thant expressed the hope that there would be no aggravation of the situation between Cambodia and Thailand in the months ahead and that the two Governments would

continue to act with the necessary restraint in a region already beset by grave tensions.

455 Nuclear Reactors Now In Operation World Wide

THE International Atomic Energy Agency—an inter-governmental agency related to the United Nations — reports that a total of 455 nuclear reactors will be in operation among its Member States this year.

Of this total, 94 will be in power stations and will generate over 14,000 megawatts of electricity.

The others in operation or under construction by January 1968 are research reactors and are situated in 48 countries.

The survey conducted by the Atomic Energy Agency indicates that by 1974 there will be 242 power reactors in operation with a total generating capacity of more than 100,000 megawatts. By that year, nuclear energy will be in use in 19 countries in comparison with 15 in 1968 and 5 in 1960.

STOP PRESS

..... THAN SORRY



Safe driving — defensive driving and road safety exercises as the one carried out by FINCON recently (see top photograph) can prevent such accidents as illustrated in the above photograph.

SOUTH WEST AFRICANS

(Continued from Page 1)

current debate on the question, Ambassador Shahi of Pakistan, head of the UN Council for South West Africa, emphasized that South Africa had no rights in South West Africa. The so-called "Terrorism Act", he added, was a mockery of justice, with its presumption of guilt, its retroactivity extended five years prior to the enactment, and its sweeping and vague provisions. The Council headed by Mr Shahi was set up by the UN General Assembly to take over the administration of South West Africa; South Africa however, has remained adamantly opposed to this move.

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States urged that the UN and its individual mem-

bers continue their representations in Pretoria, that a special UN representative be sent there, and that South Africa be requested to allow the International Red Cross full access to the South West Africans held under the "Terrorism Act".

For the Soviet Union, Ambassador Morozov declared that the racist authorities of Pretoria had defied the United Nations with the support of western imperialism — notably the US, Great Britain, and West Germany. These forces, he said, wished to keep the southern part of Africa as a bastion against national liberation movements — but that the USSR would continue to support the latter, and any Council action to that end.