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QUARTER GUARD INSPECTION



General A. E. Martola, accompanied by Lt Col Earle Nicoll, inspects a Quarter Guard provided by the 1st Bn The Black Watch at Polemidhia Camp — Limassol Zone — on 20th March, 67.

VISIT TO BRITCON

ON Monday 20th March the Force Commander, Lt-General A.E. Martola, — accompanied by Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary General's Special Representative in Cyprus — completed his postponed visit to the British Contingent in Limassol Zone.

At Zyyl — where the Wessex helicopter transporting the official party first alighted — the General presented UN Medals to Captain James Rucker and five members of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. After a tour of Zyyl Camp, the General and his en-

tourage flew to Polemidhia where they were greeted by Lt Col Earle Nicoll and a quarter guard provided by the 1st Bn The Black Watch, the major British unit serving with UNFICYP.

Following a briefing on the zone's special problems, the General flew to Anadhiou O.P.

At HQ Paphos District the Commander met Major Peter Carthew and a second quarter guard. Later he was to realise a personal ambition when he was conducted around the famous mosaics at Paphos at the end of his tour of the zone.

INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM

SOMALIA COMPLAINT

IN a letter to the Decolonization Committee, Somalia urged renewed consideration of developments in French Somaliland following the independence referendum.

The letter said the conditions in which the referendum

was conducted and the disturbances which followed left no doubt the balloting was manipulated and its outcome in favour of continued association with France did not represent the true wishes of the people.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

PROPOSALS FOR SELF-RULE

THE COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA THIS WEEK continued to examine various proposals on how the world organization should carry out its responsibility of paving the way for independence of South West Africa.

The African and Latin American proposals would have the UN take over administration of the territory from South Africa and set a date for independence.

The proposals for Canada, Italy and the United States provide for consultations with a view to early establishment of a nucleus of self-government.

Meanwhile, South Africa which challenges the right of the UN to intervene in the territory, transmitted to the UN Secretary-General its own proposals for developing self-rule in Ovamboland, a portion of South West Africa containing nearly half of the territory's inhabitants.

South Africa also transmitted to U Thant a comprehensive survey of the territory, while reaffirming her position that she is not accountable to the UN for her administration. She was providing information, she said, to show she had nothing to hide.

A statement, issued by the African-Asian group said South Africa's proposals regarding South West Africa were entirely illegal since the General Assembly had decided to terminate her mandate over the territory and she had no further right to administer it. Moreover, the statement said, the proposals were a deliberate attempt to create a fiction of self-government and mislead public opinion before the opening of the special Assembly session on South West Africa.

In fact, it said, they represented an extension of the condemned system of apartheid and sought to fragment the territory with a view to covering up South African domination.

HUMAN RIGHTS SESSION COMPLETED

VARIOUS MEASURES DESIGNED TO PROTECT FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS were approved in Geneva last week as the UN Commission on Human Rights completed the work of its session.

One resolution recommended the appointment of a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Another sought early adherence to international covenants on human rights and expressed the hope that all member states would submit reports on freedom of information.

The question of punishment of criminals was transmitted to the Economic and Social Council with a recommendation that it be dealt with by the next regular session of the General Assembly.

The Commission expressed regret that lack of time prevented it from drafting a convention on the subject at the current session.

The Commission indicated satisfaction with the decision to hold an international seminar on racial discrimination in 1968, and recommended that seminars on the status of women and on freedom of association also be held next year.

In another resolution, the Commission asked the Secretary-General to take further steps for the wide dissemination of the declaration and convention against all forms of racial discrimination.



ENDNU ET BROD- REPAR

Der findes flere brødrepar tjenstgørende ved DANCON, men så vidt os bekendt er disse det eneste par blandt befalingsmændene. De er begge fra FIK, og tv. ses SG Svend Erik Jacobsen, regnskabskontoret, der er Cypern-veteran, idet han har været her siden hold 3. SG Flemming Jacobsen, STKMP, er imidlertid heller ikke novice på dette område, da han har været tjenstgørende på både hold 3, 5 og 6.

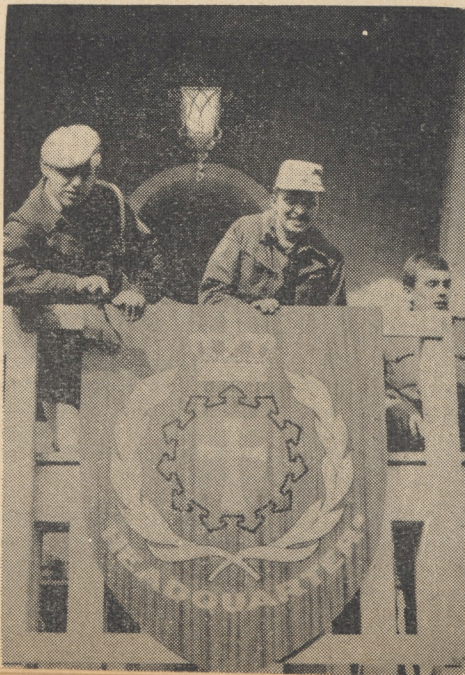
FERIETID?

Efter kalenderen skulle solen nu være fremme hele dagen på Cypern, og ferietiden skulle så småt være begyndt. Imidlertid arter vejret sig jo ikke som det burde, og der er ikke så mange DANCON-folk, der har benyttet påsken til at slappe af i på vore orlovshoteller, som man kunne forvente. Vor fotograf var dog heldig at indfange disse to, KS 670782 Frede Sørensen, JDR, tv. og 650110 Willy Jensen NJAR, foran hotel Konstantia i Famagusta. KS, der begge er tjenstgørende ved C-KMP, er tydeligt nok klædt på efter vejrliget.



NYE SKILTE

DANCON er i denne tid ved at få sat nye skilte op rundt omkring ved enhederne. Nogle af skiltene er lidt ud over det sædvanlige og ualmindeligt nydeligt udført. Mesteren for dem er MPKP Peder Nielsen, vel nok bedre kendt som Fuffy. Han er uddannet som skilttemaler og forretter tjeneste ved MP COY UNFICYP i Wolseley Barracks. På foto'et ses Fuffy tv. ved skiltet foran HQ DANCON. I midten står KS 659736 Svend Rasmussen fra JTGR og th. KS 449548 Ole Bang fra FIK i Vedbæk. Begge KS forretter herved tjeneste ved Pionerdelingen.



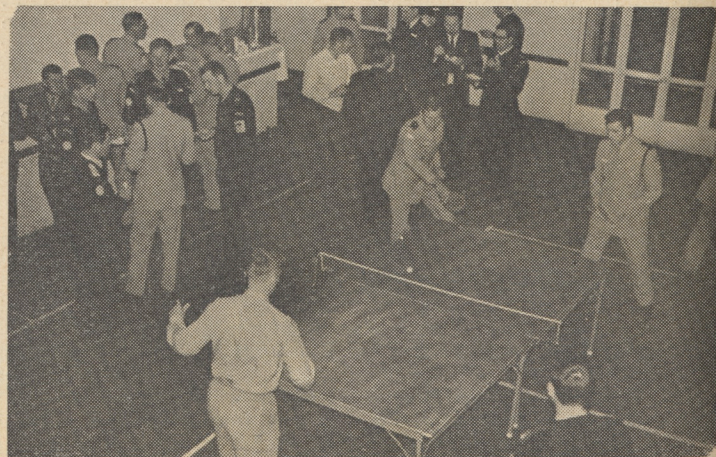
MOVEMENT CONTROL



Et meget vigtigt, men måske ikke alt for velkendt arbejde, udføres bag kulisserne af movement control, som hører hjemme på HQ UNFICYP. Arbejdet består i at sørge for lastning og losning og det gælder såvel personer som gods og post af al militær flytransport til og fra Cypern. Man expedierer ca. 40 fly pr. måned, og hvert fly bærer i gennemsnit ca. 60 mand og ca. 312 tons fragt. Leder af movement control er PRLTF. Buchholtz fra STRR, på billedet nr. 2 fra højre, og hans hjælpere er i midten KS V. Marcussen fra Bornholms Værn og tv. OS H. Christiansen, DRLR, sidstnævnte også kendt som en habil back på DANCON's fodboldhold. PRLT Buchholtz fortæller, at der er så mange ting at tage hensyn til og så meget forarbejde at gøre, at man allerede nu er i gang med at tilrettelægge rotationen mellem DANCON VI og VII, der finder sted i maj måned.

BUESKYDNING SOM HOBBY

Der drives mange former for sport rundt om i vore kompagnier, men mon ikke bueskydning er en af de mere sjældne? KS 625613 Knud Rasmussen, FAFR i Vordingborg, p.t. tjenstgørende ved C-Kompagniet, går imidlertid ind for denne sport med liv og sjæl. Den normale skydeafstand er ca. 200 m, men KS hævder, at han kun kan ramme sikkert på en afstand af 20 til 30 m. Det er iøvrigt ikke nogen helt billig hobby, idet en bue koster 8 pund og pilene 800 mils pr. stk.



På Wolseley Barracks udkæmpes mangan en drabelig bordtenniskamp. Her ses i forgrunden tv. PB Max Andresen, der sammen med constable Ian Kington fra New Zealand spiller mod PB Villy Bøgelund, baggrunden tv., og PB Gunnar Bach.

600 ÅR SEDAN FÖRSTA SVENSKA 'CYPERNHJÄLPEN'

VEM GJORDE FÖRSTA SVENSKA HJÄLPINSATSEN PÅ CYPERN?

För ungefär 600 år sedan landsteg ett litet svenskt sällskap på Cyperns kust. I spetsen syntes en enkelt klädd kvinna med energiska drag och brinnande ögon. Hon bör ha varit en av de allra första svenskar som kommit till denna ö i avsikt att göra en insats för befolkningen här.

Det var närmare bestämt den 14 april 1372 som den heliga Birgitta anlände till Cypern. Egentligen var hon på pilgrimsfärd till Jerusalem, men på vägen dit passade hon på att göra ett uppehåll på denna ö. Hon var inte ute som någon lyx turist precis, under båtresan höll hon till i lastrummet. Vad som lockade henne till Cypern var framförallt de politiska förhållandena här.

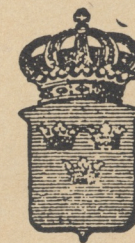
Hon hade inte varit i Nicosia så länge förrän hon bad drottningen kalla rikets stormän till huvudstaden. När de församlats höll den oförskräckta svenskan räfst och rättarting med dem allesammans för de "hemska och avskyvärda synder, som alltid och alltjämt voro i svang". Om de inte bättre sig skulle svåra straffdomar drabba dem, sade hon. Många skrattade och gjorde sig lustiga över henne, en broder Simon sa: -Kvinnan är tokig. Men andra tog varningen på allvar, bl a själva drottningens bikt fader.

Om Famagusta yttrade Birgitta:

Denna stad är ett Gomorra, brinnande med liderlighetens eld. Därför skall dess murar falla, och den skall läggas öde, dess invånare skola utvandra, suckande av smärta och kval, och dess fall skall omtalas i många länder.

Vid den turkiska erövringen 200 år senare gick hennes ord i så gott som bokstavlig uppfyllelse.

Birgitta nöjde sig dock inte med



enbart varningar. På drottningens begäran ingrep hon i vissa besvärliga politiska problem, bl a i samband med tronföljden och den nye kungens kröning. Birgittas inställning var hela tiden att på alla sätt hjälpa Cypern. Vilken uppfattning man än har om denna märkliga kvinna kan man knappast annat än beundra hennes oräddhet och handlingskraft. Och det bör ju vara en svensk tradition så god som någon att upprätthålla på Cypern än i dag, eller hur?



Den svenska bataljonens hundar sprider respekt omkring sig vart de kommer. Senast har några av dem satts in i Kopinou för att hjälpa till att uppehålla uppehålla ordningen. Här poserar fr v Kent Malm, Skövde, Jan Olov Fredricson, Norrköping och Bo Ekholm, med sina hundar för stabsfotografen på polishusets gård i Kopinou.

STR' bäst i pistol



Zonmästerskapet i pistolskjutning gick av stapeln på Dhekelia-banan onsdagen den 22 mars. Segrande lag blev STR:s bestående av öfu Sven Hansson, Göteborg, kn Nils-Olov Engvist, Sollefteå och mj Stig Barke, Visby.

Ovan en bild från skjutningarna: T v civpol Kurt Mellbris, Påarp och mj Stig Barke.

Vem åt flest ägg



Ingen påsk utan ägg-inte ens på Cypern. Så här glad såg STR-kocken Haine Svensson, Motala, ut inför påskens äggsträff. Han åt dock inte alla själv, enligt vad The Blue Beret erfarit. Men vem åt flest ägg? Vi tar gärna emot äggnoteringar för publicering, vederbörligen betrykt av minst två vittnen förstas.



Soldaterna i fält brukar alltid hilla sig framme på alla bilder. Men inte mindre betydelsefulla är de som krigar på våra expeditioner. Här är två av dem, fr v förvaltare Lars Liström, Umeå och menige Alf Wejdell, Jönköping från 3 komp, som snällt poserar för fotografen vid infarten till Grenadier Camp.

THE 7th INFANTRY SAYS FAREWELL

LIEUTENANT Colonel M.K. Hanley, Commander of the 7th Infantry Group, the main body of which will return to Ireland next week, has given the following farewell message for publication:

"The unit of the Irish Contingent, which took up duty early last October, has entered its last week of service with UNFICYP.

"This is not the place to take stock but merely to make our goodbyes before we head for the green fields of Erin.

"We know that other contingents, amongst whom we have many friends, will also shortly depart for their home countries. To all of them, to our UNFICYP HQ staff and to all the people of Cyprus we say a tender farewell with many

thanks for all the kindness and co-operation extended.

"Our distinguished General we salute as a gallant gentleman and a great soldier — we wish him length of days,

Rath Dé ortha uilig,"



SOME FIRSTS

OF THE 7th INFANTRY GROUP

WHEN COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT IRISH Contingents which served in Cyprus will be made in the future we think the 7th Infantry Group will have many reasons to claim distinction.

- They were the first group to be visited by a Minister of Defence while on service.
- They were the first contingent to open a leave centre.
- They were the first Irish

unit to win an island-wide sporting competition — the Dhekelia invitation seven-aside rugby.

- They were the first to introduce colour into the Blue Beret.

Besides these firsts, the contingent feels that they have improved the living conditions for all ranks in all the stations which they occupied. They are, of course, cognizant that their successors will make a mark too and they wish them every success.

Lt. Colonel James Beary, Commander of the new Irish 8th Infantry Group, being greeted on arrival at Nicosia Airport by Lt. Colonel M.K. Hanley, Commander, 7th Infantry Group.



Four members of the new 8th Infantry Group who arrived with the advance party during the week. They are (from left) Cpl. Chris O'Conner, Pte. Gerry O'Mahoney, Company Sgt. Harry Wolverson and Company Sgt. John Gallagher. All four served with the 6th Infantry Group in Cyprus last year and are back for another tour.



Four of the Irish element of Military Police, UNFICYP, pictured before leaving for home at the end of their tour of duty (from left) Cpl. P. Morey, Cpl. J. Hand, CQMS J. Rowe and Cpl. W. Carroll.



Captain G. Staunton (centre) 7th Infantry Group, greets two of the officers of the incoming contingent (from left) Captain J. J. Barry, HQ UNFICYP, and Captain Pat Nugent, QM 8th Infantry Group.

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Congratulations from the General for Troop Evans, from Co Tyrone, receiving his UN Medal at camp on 20th March. Also in picture are:- (from the left) Captain James Rucker, Cpl. Burn and Cpl. Harry Moir, members of 'A' Sqn, 5th Dragoon Guards.

LIFELAS PRITY DRIVEN HILLS

THERE ARE SEVERAL CONDITIONS PECULIAR TO DRIVING IN VERY STEEP HILL and mountainous. Firstly there is nothing like a gear. Because the minute the vehicle starts uphill, gravity starts to work and work forced by yard it uses up the vehicle's momentum until the momentum is finally just about gone. Then it is necessary to shift to a low gear to increase pulling power.

The most common fault in hill climbing is a failure to shift to a low gear soon enough. The consensus would seem to be that second gear should be used as the speed is down to 20 miles an hour.

There are times when it becomes necessary to stop a vehicle on a hill. It is therefore important to know how to start the vehicle again when it is the upgrade. The simplest is to apply the handbrake. It is not already applied then speed up the engine slightly, letting the clutch pedal up slowly and easing the handbrake. The actions are all done at the same time.

Coming down a hill may require more than going up. If a vehicle is in second or low gear descending a hill, the engine works as a very effective brake and, besides being safe, saves a great deal of wear on the wheel brakes.

And, finally, when crossing the centre line of hills if it is not possible to see far enough ahead either any other vehicle approaching



At the Anadhiou O.P. the Force Commander studies a map with Lt Col Nicoll (back to camera) Capt James Campbell, Mr Osorio-Tafall and Mr Osvaldo Lopez-Noguerol the acting Principal Information Officer of UNFICYP.



At the Mavroli O.P., which is on a roof top, Mr Osorio-Tafall, his son Ramon, and the Force Commander descend a ladder to the ground.



WO I Jack Clayton, RAOC, who left UNFICYP on 22nd March 67 upon completion of his tour is seen here saying farewell to Sgt Stan Garner (CC Ops A). He has been the Superintending Clerk at the Headquarters on attachment from his parent Unit — HQ Northern Command.

STORY IN PICTURES

FORCE COMMANDER AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE VISIT BRITCON



General Martola and Major Anthony Millen (the Squadron Commander) discuss the role of 'A' Squadron's Ferret scout cars, at Zyyi.



A salute for General A. E. Martola and the Special Representative at HQ Paphos District. On the right is Major Peter Carthew.



The acting Curator, explains the history of the Paphos mosaics to General A.E. Martola and Mr Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General.



Mr Vivian Bird, a feature writer of the "Sunday Mercury", seen with some of UNFICYP's "Brummies" (natives of Birmingham), on 23rd March 67 when he was gathering "local boy" stories for his paper.

FINNISH CONTINGENT NEWS



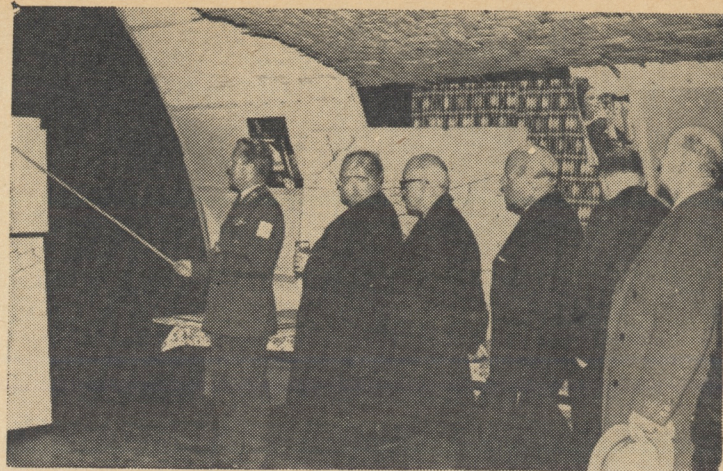
Kilpailu on alkamassa, ja jännitys tihenee katsojien parvessa. Kapteeni Pöijärvi selvittää tilannetta viehättäville safarittarille.



Kersantti Kankare lyöntivuorossa nuotion vierellä. Asfaltilla lukee STOP, ja tekee mieli yhtyä kehotukseen, sillä pallon näyttää käyvän heikosti.



Naisten sarjan voittaja saa tässä onnittelut ja kaksi tikkukaramellia yliluutnantti Palvalinilta.



Tilanneselustus aliupseerimessissä. Puhumassa vasemmalla kontingentin komentaja eversti Nuutilainen.

JUHA SAFARILAISILLE HUOLTOKOMPPANIASSA

SAFARIKONE SAAPUI NISKOSIAAN AAMULLA 23.3 täynnä kokeneita Afrikan kävijöitä, jotka olivat täpötäynnä toinen toistaan hurjempia juttuja alkuasukasjuhlista, poppamiehistä, seeproista, sarvikuonoista ja norsuista, joiden väri vaihtelee harmaasta vaaleanpunaiseen. YK:n sotilaiden ohella oli safarilla ollut mukana ehkä kolmisenkymmentä matkailijaa Suomesta, ja samana iltana oli heidän kunniakseen järjestetty Kykkossa huoltokomppanian pihassa ja messissä nuotioillanvietto. Illan isäntänä toimi huoltokomppanian pitkäaikainen, tässä rotatiossa Suomen palaava päällikkö, kapteeni Kotiranta.

Ennen illanvieron alkua oli tämän lyhyen hetken saarella viivähtäville suomalaisille järjestetty aliupseerimessissä tilanneselustus, jonka piti kontingentin komentaja eversti Nuutilainen. Hän selvitteli ilmeisen kiinnostuneelle kuulijakunnalleen Kyproksen kriisin poliittista taustaa, YK:n roolia rauhan turvaajana sekä suomalaisen

pataljoonan toimintaa ja elämäolosuhteita. Kuulijat esittivät runsaasti kysymyksiä.

Illan ohjelmassa oli yhteislaulua kuten tapaan kuuluu, ja jääkäri Seppä esitti joitakin kappaleita kuuluksi tulleella trumpetiltaan. Pataljoonan monipuolisia ja voimakkaita urheiluperinteitä vaalittiin siinä sivussa pelillä, jossa punnittiin ottelijan kuntoa ja tarkkuutta. Kilpailtiin siitä, kuka saa salamapallon lentämään pisimmälle huitaisemalla sitä hillittömän kokoisella puunuijalla. Kun nuoriamiehen silmät sidottiin ennen lyöntiyritystä, suoritukseen liittyvät vaikeutensa.

Illan ohjelma päättyi sotilaspastori Reimaan pitämään kenttähartauteen, jonka jälkeen siirryttiin tarjoilun pariin. Pöydän

antimet olivat kotoisia, kuten hyvin tilanteeseen sopikin: hernekeittoa ja suomalaista Lahden olutta, jotka omalta osaltaan merkittävästi auttoivat illan tunnelmaa ja vieraiden viihtyvyyttä.



Ilthartaudessa laulettiin. Pianon takana kolmas oikealta huoltokomppanian päällikkö kapteeni Kotiranta soittamassa sen sotilaspastori Reimaa.



LUNAR LANDSCAPE — An astronaut could not be more at home in the moon country of the Kyrenia district of Cyprus, so similar are the terrains. Sgt. Bill Candie of Montreal and Pte. Rick Pettifer of Guelph, Ontario, plot their next move during a vehicle patrol from "C" Company headquarters, The Royal Canadian Regiment.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS



Cpl. Merlin Storey, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, followed by Pte. John Angus MacDonald of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, begin a dawn patrol in the Kyrenia district. (Canadian Forces Photo).



ON THE BEAT — Sergeants Bill Quann, left, of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and John McArdle of Port Credit, Ontario, in the Kyrenia district during a perimeter patrol by jeep from the town of Kyrenia. (Canadian Forces Photo)

BEST RIFLE MARKSMEN

THE SELECTION OF SOLDIERS FOR UNITED NATIONS peace-keeping duties produces an occasional paradox.

Take the case of the incoming 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, coming from Calgary, Alberta, to take over the bulk of the Canadian Contingent commitment in April.

The Rifles have been awarded the Hamilton Gault Trophy for having the best rifle marksmen in the Canadian Army during 1966.

In Cyprus, however, they will be dedicated to the effort of ensuring that shooting will not happen.

It is the third time the battalion has been awarded the trophy since 1958.

The late Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault put the trophy up for unit marksmanship and it is awarded annually to the regular infantry battalion with the best record of rifle shooting for the entire unit rather than a select team of crack shots.



CYPRUS SCENERY — Perimeter patrols of the Kyrenia district, give the soldier a rewarding eyeful of scenery. From a craggy outcropping, two members of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, check a distant town and environs with their field glasses and enjoy the countryside at the same time. (Canadian Forces Photo)

ELIMINATION OF RACIAL PREJUDICE

CALLS FOR NEW EFFORTS TO WIPE OUT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION were heard last week as the United Nations observed the special day proclaimed by the General Assembly for this purpose.

March 21st was chosen in commemoration of the day in 1960 when many demonstrators against apartheid laws were fired upon and killed in Sharpeville, South Africa.

One observance took place at headquarters at a special meeting called by the UN Committee concerned with South Africa's apartheid policies.

Representatives of more than 75 member states attended.

Addressing the gathering, the Secretary-General, U Thant, and Committee Chairman, Mr. Achkar Marof of Guinea, emphasized the dangers to peace inherent in racial doctrines.

"In an age in which it is imperative to reduce tensions and promote the concept of one human family," said U Thant, "none may safely indulge in race hate and race injustice."

Mr. Achkar declared that the peoples of Africa had undertaken to end racism on their continent and called on white minorities there "while there is still time, to cure themselves of this disease."

He said Africa appealed particularly to the great industrial nations of the West "to forsake the profits of racism" and join in building a future of peace and fraternity.

The day was also commemorated in Geneva by a special meeting held in the assembly hall of the Palais des Nations. The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, Mr. Petr Nedbailo of Ukraine, who declared that the time had come for active steps to give effect to the principles of international law and the decisions and appeals of the United Nations.

C.S.O.'s CUP COMPETITION



The final of the Volleyball Competition, entered by most of the national contingents, was played off at HQ UNFICYP on Thursday 23 March 1967. The Finnish team won and are here seen being congratulated and presented with the winner's cup by Lt. Col. A.R. Wythe, Chief Signals Officer.

PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

PROBLEM OF FINANCING

THERE WERE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS LAST WEEK IN THE working group of the 33-nation Committee which is examining the problems of peace-keeping operations and their financing.

Mr. Endalkachew Makonnen of Ethiopia suggested that constitutional difficulties could be circumvented by evolving gentlemen's agreements on procedures to be used in initiation, conduct and financing of peace-keeping operations.

The real problem, he said, was not financial or constitutional, but political.

Mr. Akira Matsui of Japan offered a set of suggestions for financing.

CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES

THE DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE LAST WEEK APPROVED a resolution reaffirming that the UN declaration against colonialism continued to apply in the six small Caribbean territories linked to Britain which are assuming new status.

At the same time, it asked the sub-committee to examine the situation there in the light of recent constitutional developments. The territories are Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis Anguilla, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Grenada and Dominica.

Britain says she has fully carried out her Charter obligations to the territories under the new arrangements, which she describes as free association with her, full self-government, and the right to complete independence if desired later.

Mr. Arthur Goldberg of the United States, said his Government was prepared to consider various financial or other formulas but firmly believed there must be "no veto over peace-keeping."

Mr. Karoly Csatorday of Hungary said there could be no solution outside the Charter, which clearly gave the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of peace, not only politically, but also financially.

Mr. Hugo Gobbi of Argentina said it would not be useful to press for a financial solution now, and that continued studies and discussions should lead to greater understanding.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS CONDEMNED

THE UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week reiterated his view that anyone who anywhere used nuclear weapons for destructive purposes was "out of his mind."

The statement was made by a UN spokesman in response to a question raised by correspondents regarding a news report that the possibility of using tactical nuclear weapons in Vietnam was under consideration.

In making this statement, the spokesman made clear that the Secretary-General had not himself seen the report which prompted the question.

U THANT MEETS US SENATE COMMITTEE

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT MET FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS last Wednesday with members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Subsequently, a UN spokesman said there was a free and frank exchange on Viet-Nam and on such other issues as the Convention on Privileges and Immunities, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and disarmament. He declined, however, to comment on the substance of the talks.

Ambassador Goldberg, as well as the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator William Fulbright, also declined publicly to go into substance, but Senator Fulbright told newsmen some points had emerged which he felt were worth bringing to the attention of the U.S. administration.

The Secretary-General has scheduled a press conference for next Tuesday.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

SLOWER ECONOMIC GROWTH

ACCORDING TO A UNITED NATIONS REPORT published on Monday, 1967 is likely to be a third year of relatively slow economic growth in the industrial states of Western Europe.

This forecast is made in a survey of 1966 drawn up annually by the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

West European output last year increased by 3½ per cent — slightly less than 1965, when the increase was 4 per cent. These rates of growth are all below the long-term average of 4½ to 5 per cent — and well below the 6 per cent reached in 1964.

The current period represents one of readjustment. Reversion to higher growth rates depends primarily on an increase in demand in West Germany and Britain — who represent approximately half of the aggregate West European output, and take over a quarter of the exports of the rest of Western Europe.

The general outlook for Western Europe this year is continued growth at something less than the average experienced during the last fifteen years.

As to Southern Europe, which has not reached the high level of industrialization of Western Europe, its economies continued to expand vigorously last year. The growth rate in Greece, Spain and Turkey exceeded 8 per cent; in Portugal and Cyprus it was about 5 per cent.