



Wednesday

2nd April

1969

SECURITY COUNCIL

DEEP SORROW EXPRESSED ON IKE's DEATH

Secretary-General, U Thant and members of the Security Council, expressed deep sorrow on 29th March, 1969, at the death of former United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

U Thant, in a message of condolence to Mrs Eisenhower, paid tribute to the General as "One of the great leaders of our times, both in war and peace".

U Thant said he had admired the General particularly for his concern for the welfare of people everywhere in the world. He was "A good man whose goodness was evident to all", U Thant declared.

Before the Security Council continued its debate on the Middle East, the Council President, Mr Csatorday of Hungary, read out a message which the Council was sending to the United States Government and General Eisenhower's family.

The Council observed a one minute silence and each mem-

ber then took the floor to praise General Eisenhower as a soldier and statesman.

Mourning will be observed for 30 days when flags on US diplomatic buildings in Nicosia will fly at half mast during this period.



GENERAL EISENHOWER

The Blue Beret

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CANADA TO REMAIN IN NATO?

The Canadian parliament's committee on defence and external affairs recommended on 27 March, 1969, that Canada continue its membership in NATO and maintain forces in Europe.

In an interim report to the House of Commons, the committee also said that through NATO, Canada should use its influences to seek a detente in Europe.

While maintaining security, it should negotiate balanced force reductions by both East and West as recommended in the Harmel Report. This report, named after Belgian Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel, dealt with the future of NATO and set out ways in which member countries could help to bring about understanding with the Soviet bloc.

The committee, which has been studying Canada's defence and foreign policy since January, issued a generally "no change" report on Canada's ties to NATO.

"Canada should continue to

play an effective role in the preservation of peace through membership in NATO" it said.

"Canada should continue to maintain forces in Europe as a contribution to the collective defence arrangements of NATO".

SECRETARIAT PILOT'S



Ann Valentine, Lisa Chang and Anne Roberts, three enterprising members of the secretariat have just flown solo for the first time.

The girls started to learn to fly at Nicosia last January, Masaichi Nagai of the UN Field Force was their instructor. They hope to obtain their licences in May.

WORLD STAR RECORD ON SALE

The World Star Film Festival record issued by the World Refugee Organization is available through the civilian Personnel Officer Headquarters UNFICYP. The sales price is £1.250.

Proceeds from the sale of the record will go to the World Refugee Organization. Welfare Officers of Contingents should contact the Civilian Personnel Officer regarding the number of records required for their Contingents.

Ivory Coast and Japan Contributes To UNFICYP

The Permanent Representative of the Ivory Coast to the United Nations, Simeon Ake, informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, on 19 March, 1969, that this Government is to make a contribution of \$30,000 towards the cost of maintaining the Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

JAPAN

The Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, Senjin Tsuruoka, has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the Japanese Government is to make a voluntary contribution of \$65,000, towards the cost of UNFICYP for the period from 27 June 1968 to 15 December 1969.



Her er den motorsagkyndige, MAJ I. Lauridsen ved at kontrollere en motors ophængning sammen med motormekanikeren, OFRS A. Rasmussen. Og på tilsvarende måde kontrolleres hele undervognen, nemlig ved inspektion af om delene er hele og velsmurte, og at evt. slør i transmissionsdelene o. lign. ikke overstiger det tilladelige.



På billedet overvåger flyveinstruktør J. Hansen, at eleven KS A.C. Jensen foretager starteftersyn forskriftsmæssigt.



Engelske køretøjer i dansk tjeneste er efter engelske bestemmelser ikke udstyret med afviserblink og stoplys. DANCON har besluttet at avertere efterkørende om denne afvigelse ved at påmale "Take care No blinkers, No stop light" på disse køretøjer som vist på billedet.

MOTOREFTERSYN

Som alle motorførere ved, holdes der et motoreftersyn af alle køretøjer i hvert kvartal af sikkerhedsmæssige grunde.

Ved et sådant eftersyn efterses ikke alene lys, bremses, signalanordninger og dæk, men også motorens vedligeholdelsesmæssige stand kontrolleres, herunder olieskiftstermin overholdes. Endvidere kontrolleres om chassis og karosseri ikke er beskadiget f. eks. ved rustangreb. Ved det sidste motoreftersyn ved stabsskorpagniet, hvorfra billedet herunder viser en bremseprøve, var

resultatet, at køretøjerne stort set var vel vedligeholdte. Den motorsagkyndige udtaler i denne forbindelse, at man tydeligt kan se bl.a. på motorens renhedstilstand, der var særdeles god, at vognen var blevet rensat på en privat servicestation. Han udtaler endvidere, at der er grund til at advare imod denne damprensning, der også fjerner fedt og olie, hvis vognen ikke bliver smurt umiddelbart efter.



FLYVNING SOM HOBBY

I DANCON har indtil 16 øvrige befalingsmænd og konstabler i deres fritid begyndt en uddæelse i flyvning for at opnå A-flyvecertifikat (privatcertifikat). Pilotuddannelsen er her på Cypern billigere end i Danmark, og certifikatet kan direkte ombyttes med et tilsvarende dansk certifikat, når man kommer hjem til Danmark.

Uddannelsen består af en teoretisk og en praktisk del. Den teoretiske del omfatter flyvebeskrivelser, navigation, meteorologisk radionavigation ialt ca. 40 timer. 9 mand har indtil nu bestået

teoretiske prøve. Den praktiske del består af ca. 40 flyvetimer, hvoraf de 20 timer er soloflyvning. De 9 mand, som har bestået den teoretiske prøve, skal op til flyveprøve den 15. april.



Her er KS A.C. Jensen ved at få taget opstart af maskinen og at checke instrumenterne under flyveinstruktørens kontrol. KS A.C. Jensen er en af de elever, der skal til flyveprøven 15. april.

DANCON NYT



Lefkara - dukarnas by

Man havde slitit ganske mange år med den nye katedralen i Lefkara. Nu var den næsten klar. En liten detalj återstod - praktfulla dukar för altaret.

På Lefkara är den större byn på cirka åttahundra meters höjd över havet. Men båda tvillingbyarna är lika pittoreska med vindlande gränder, blåa och vita kalk-

UTFLYKT PÅ CYPERN VII

Leonardo da Vinci, hade hört talas om Lefkara på Cypern, de små tvillingbyarna som sedan medeltiden var vida berömda för sina handgjorda dukar och spetsar. Han for dit. Och den norditalienska katedralen fick omsider sina altardukar.

Så berättas det. Och det är nu länge sedan. Flera hundra år.

fasader och åldrigt hängande balkonger och burspråk.

Och i båda byarna sitter kvinnorna - från tonåren till ålderdomen - lutade över sina spetsar. flera timmar varje dag. Ensamma eller i grupp, inomhus eller ute i solskenet på bygatan. Precis som



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

Idogt handarbete i generationer har gett de båda cypernbyarna Lefkara världsberömmelse för sina spetsar och dukar. En utflykt dit ger belägg för det och dessutom några trevliga timmar i ett par mycket pittoreska och traditionsfyllda byar. (Bilden t.v.)

Men också svenska UNFICYP-soldater har lärt sig att beundra dessa mästerverk av handarbete liksom kännare av konstantverk världen över och cypernturister i största allmänhet.

Vägen till Kato (Nedre) Lefkara och Pano (Övre) Lefkara går ut från Skarinou Bridge strax väster om Kopinou. En vindlande smal landsväg upp över Troodosbergens utlöpare.

i århundraden tillbaka.

Lefkara-duk (Lefkaritika) görs nuförtiden även på andra håll på Cypern. Men Lefkara är själva centrum, och det är dit den intresserade bör ställa färd för att få uppleva lite av atmosfären kring de världsberömda dukarnas tillkomst och ursprung. - Men, glöm inte att pruta!

Goda resultat i fri idrott

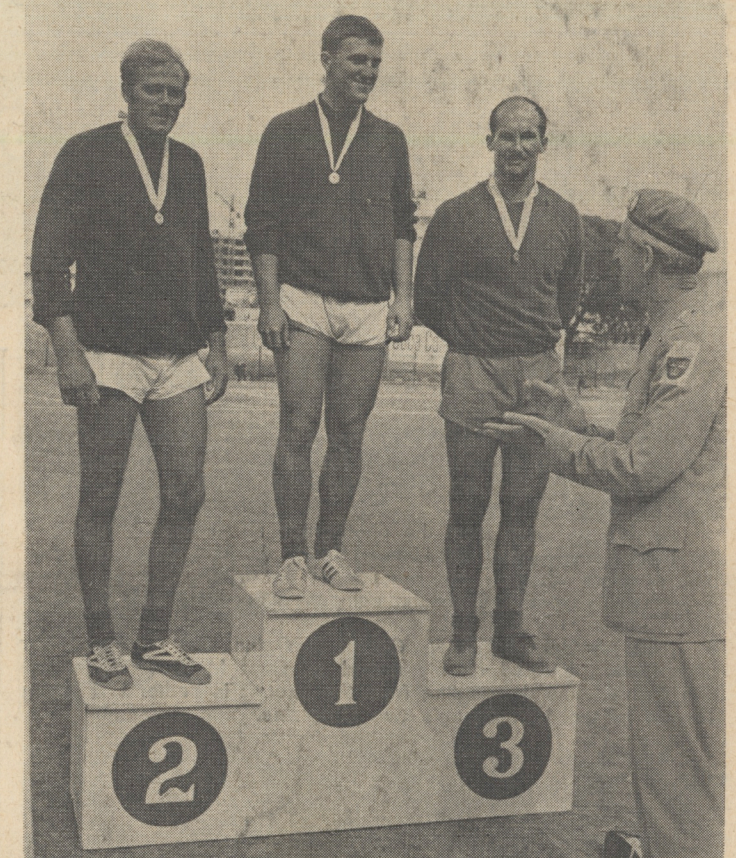
Lördagen den 29 mars var en solig Fri Idrottens Dag på Athletics Field i Famagusta, där Swedcons zonmästare korades. I flera grenar noterades verkligt goda resultat, som skvallrade om löftrika begåvningar. Är det München 1972 som hägrar?

Här är grensegrarna och zonmästarna:

100 m 610 Thorstensson-Olsson, STR, 11.1; 400 m 210 Rapp, 2.komp, 54.1; 1500 m 246 Johansson, 2.komp, 4.16.0; Kula Fpa Sten Hansson, Civalpol, 12.12; Diskus 628 Ohlsson, 3.komp, 39.10; Höjd 224 Fredriksson, 2.komp, 1.70; Längd 154 Jansson, STR, 5.85; Svensk stafett STR-komp 2.09.6.

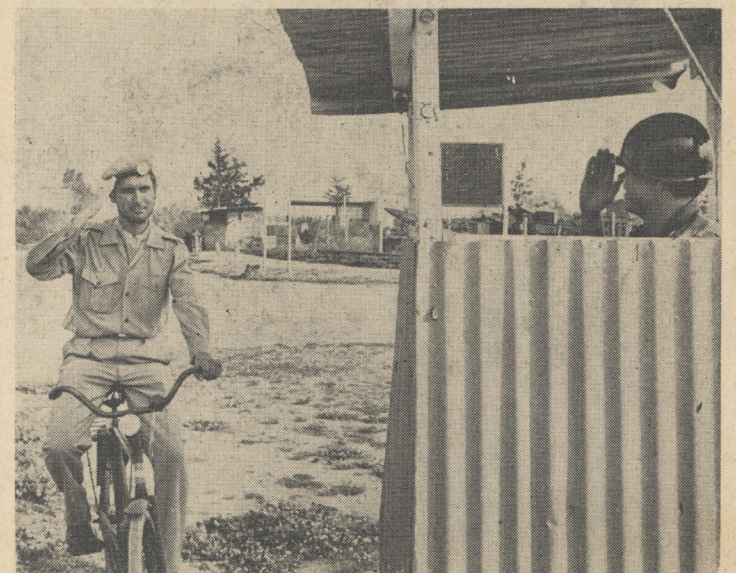
Bataljonens snabbaste driver! Båda Thorsten Thorstensson-Olsson (nr 1 på bröstet) vinner 100 m på fina tiden 11.1 sek. (T.v.) Långt, längre, längst - diskus-

kastarna på pris pall. Zonmästaren Kp Göran Ohlsson och civilpoliserna Kjell Herbertsson (t.v.) och Leif Johansson gratuleras av öv Lars Lavén. (Nedan)



Honnör bröder emellan

Det händer ibland att nära släktingar möts i samma FN-förband. Såsom i den nuvarande svenska FN-bataljonen, där bröderna Bernhards-son från Nyköping tjänstgör i lika blåa baskrar. Här får Lennart, 23 år och skyttesoldat vid OP 207 av cyklande storebror Christer, 28 år och chef för zonstabsexpeditionen.





Colours: 11th Infantry Group

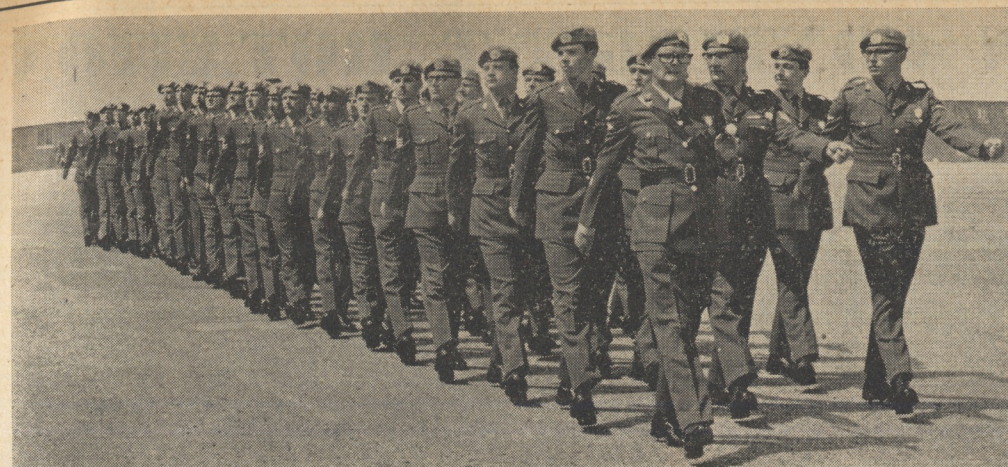
By the time that this issue of the Blue Beret appears, the repatriation of the 11th Infantry Group's colours and its colours returned to Ireland will have been completed.

The next occasion on which these Colours will be seen is the Annual Parade in Commemoration of the 1916 Rebellion to be held in Dublin on Easter Monday next. The 11th Group will be taking part in the parade and immediately afterwards will "stand down" with personnel returning to their parent units.

The Colours will then be kept in the Museum of the Military College, Curragh Camp.

The Colours are of green and gold cloth and bear the designation of the Unit in Gaelic. Centrally on a shield it carries the arm flashes of the home Commands and Staffs which have personnel serving with the Group.

Reading from top to bottom on the left: Southern Command — A red spear in blue on a yellow field. Western Command — A silver shod sword in a blue field. The Military College — The historical torch of knowledge in yellow on a red field. Reading from top to bottom on the right: Southern Command — A red spear in blue on a yellow field. The Curragh Training Camp — The acorns and oak leaf of Kildare in yellow on a red field. The Army Air Corps — A winged sphere bearing the National Colours, green, white and orange. At the bottom centre: Army HQ — A gold sword in a red field.



LAST PARADE

Last Thursday R.S.M. Peter Jones made his last public appearance with members of the British Contingent, on the occasion of the HQ Medal Parade. Our picture shows him leading the march past.

TWO MEDALS

Sergeant John Ralph of 644 Signal Troop received two medals on the parade. In addition to his UN medal he was presented with the Long Service and Good Conduct medal by the Officer Commanding the British Contingent.

ROTATION OF IRCON

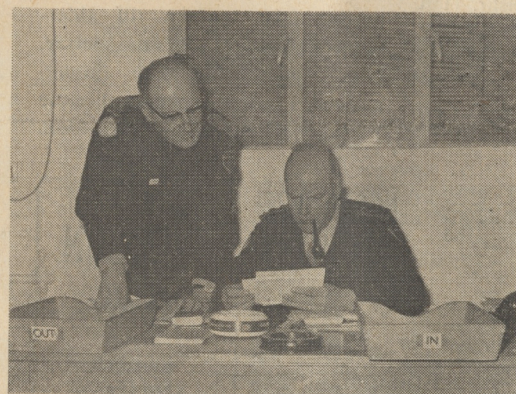
The Rotation of the Irish Contingent continued during the week with the arrival of another Boeing 707 of Aer Lingus bringing 100 all ranks to begin their six month tour of duty and taking the same number home.

As can be seen from the photograph all planes belonging to Aer Lingus are named after some Saint, this one being St Enda. One wonders whether this practice of so naming the aircraft is in any way responsible for the company's excellent safety record.

This photograph shows Comdt D. Quinn, OC Armoured Car Group being greeted on his arrival by Capt M. Downing of the 11th Group. Also descending from the aircraft is Father L. Fleming CF one of the 12th Group's two Chaplains.



HANDOVER DUTIES AT HQ UNFCYP



Lt Col J CONNOLLE, Force Engineer (seated) handing over his duties to Lt Col J. SEWARD who will have to deal with many and varied problems for the next six months.



Comdt O. KEILY induced Lt Col D. RANFT, Chief Signals Officer in the presence of Comdt W. McDONNELL (Rtd) the outgoing Signal Staff Officer.

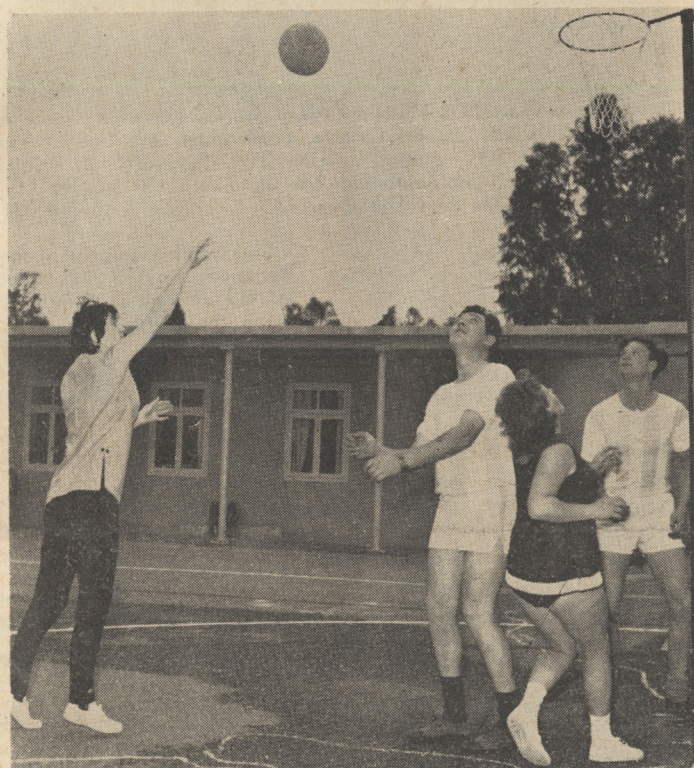
IRCON NEWS

Presentation To Capt. T. LEYNE

Lt Col ARNE KARLSEN (DANCON) Chief Ops Officer (Right) making a presentation to Capt T. LEYNE (IRCON) to mark the completion of Capt LEYNE'S tour of duty with UNFCYP HQ. Seated and duly applauding is Major CHUCK BURANT (CANCON).



CRAFTY NETBALL



On Wednesday, 26th March, 1969, at RAF Nicosia, a team from the Craftymans Club HQ UNFCYP, played the RAF Nicosia Ladies at NETBALL.

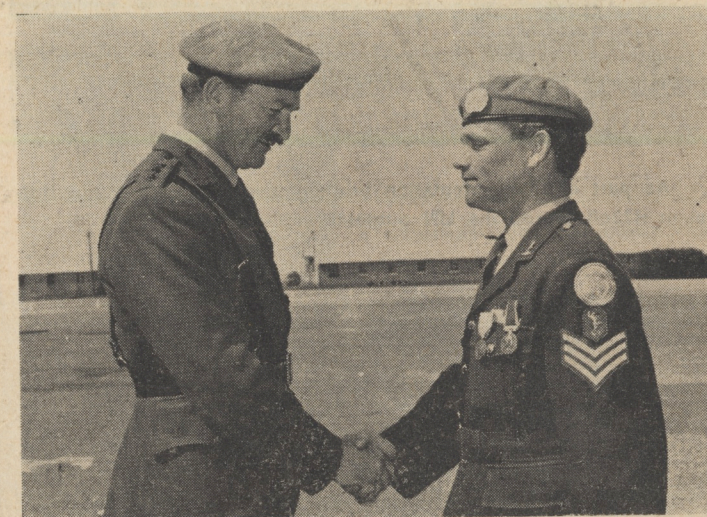
At the start of the game the rules were explained to the 'gentlemen'. However, during play the rules were bent, somewhat, but UNFCYP never slipped past the eyes of the 'ladies' referee, Glen Place.

The 'gentlemen's' referee Cfn Paddy Grimason caught on fast and the 'ladies' didn't get away with anything either.

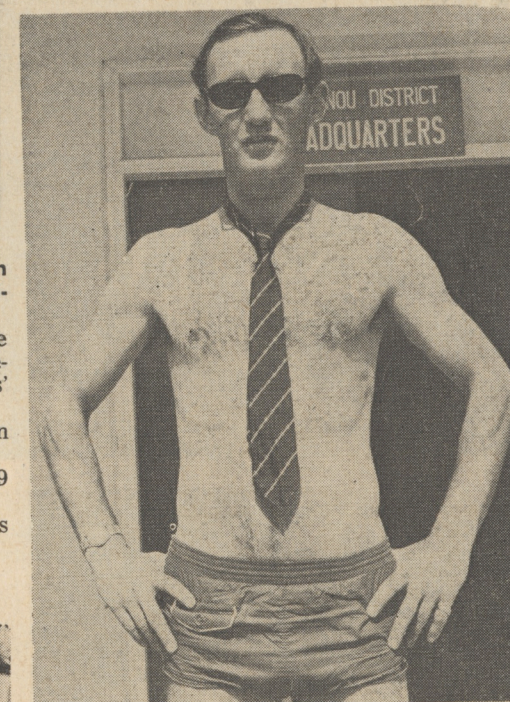
The final result was a fine win for the Nicosia Ladies, 19 goals to the Craftymans 17.

Afterwards the visitors were entertained to refreshments in the Youth Club.

WEATHER FOILS RALLY



KOPHINOU SPRING COLLECTION



Twiggy models the latest Kophinou tie of Azure Blue crossed with silver barbed wire. Members of the trendy set wear it with a natural fur backing and crumpled shorty trunks.

BRITCON NEWS

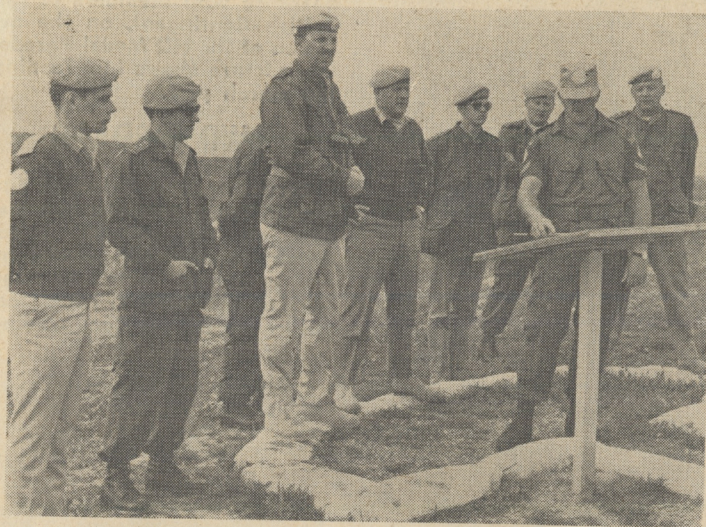
In pouring rain the drivers of Seven Squadron recently set off on a carefully selected rally course round the Northern part of the Island.

Unfortunately the weather, which had previously failed to deter the drivers finally got the better of them. A bridge had collapsed at a vital position and the rally had to be abandoned.

However all was not lost for the next day a skilled driving contest was held on the HQ square, which resulted in a victory for B Troop, L. Cpl Malloch was the overall winner and gained the £5 prize money.

Picture: Drivers Mills and Fulton check their maps before the start of the rally.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT ROTATION



As part of their orientation briefing members of the 2nd Battalion R22eR toured the UN outposts in the District.



Lt. Col. C.H. Belzile, centre, commander 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment, was greeted by UNFICYP Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. E.M. Leslie, left and outgoing 3rd Battalion commander Lt. Col. J.B. Riffou, on his arrival in Cyprus.

This week members of the 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment started arriving in Cyprus to replace the 3rd Battalion R22eR who are returning to their home base at Valcartier, near Quebec City after serving six months with UNFICYP.

Commanded by Lt. Col. C.H. Belzile, many of the 2nd Battalion are returning to Cyprus for their second and third tours of duty here. Most served with the first Canadian Contingent in the fall of 1964.

By Wednesday April 2nd all 458 members of the Battalion will have arrived from Canada to start their six month tour with UNFICYP.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

The first arrivals at Nicosia airport leave the Canadian Armed Forces Yukon aircraft to form up on the tarmac.



On arrival at Camp Leaf, 2nd Battalion R22eR soldiers leave trucks to draw their bedding and find their new homes for the next six months.



Four cooks from the Mess Hall were on hand to greet the new arrivals with the knowledge that they have their work cut out for them over the next six months.



Vihreän linjan viestijuoksu käynnissä. Sateesta huolimatta kapulaa vain vaihdetaan.



FINCON NEWS

VIHREÄN LINJAN VIESTI juostiin 20.3.69 ja voittajaksi selviytyi 3.JK ajalla 6.27.

Varokaa vihaista koiraa - tiedusteluhava pitää viholliset loitolla.



Näin ylitetään levyestettä kuntosadalla.

NYRKKI-harjoitus meneillään kuvassa oikealla.



FINCON - KUVASATO



Kuvassa oikealla 2.JK kuormaus- ja purkausharjoituksessa.

Vasemmalla kenraali Martola, — seurassaan eversti Purhonen, suorittamassa katselmusta mitaliparaatissa.



Jalkapallo pyörii 2.JKn voimalla.

Ev A Purhonen lentokentällä toivottamassa ken A E Martolaa tervetulleeksi takaisin Kyproksella. Vieressä rva Martola - selin adjutantti kapt L Karlsson.



Vetäkää pojat, vetäkää!



Jääkiekkoako? Ei - on kysymys anton tarkastuksesta, joka tehtiin mellakantorjuntaharjoituksen yhteydessä.

COPPERS CONVENTION



An UNFICYP Military Police Conference was held on 25 Feb 69 at Wolseley Barracks, Nicosia. These conferences, which are held periodically are attended by the MP Coy HQ Officers, the Zone and District Provost Marshals, MP Detachment Commanders and Section Heads. The picture shows the Force Provost Marshal Lt Col R.T. Grogan, CD and those attending.

MONSTER DROPS IN



This creature on the right, officially called '10 Ton AEC Bowser' dropped into a ditch close to FINCON on 27th March, 1969.

Photo by Sgt Kostiainen — FINCON.

ICE HOCKEY World Championship

The Soviet Union captured their seventh successive world ice hockey championship title in Stockholm on 30 March, when they came from behind to beat Canada 4-2 in the final game of the tournament.

The Russians got their unexpected chance to retain their title after Czechoslovakia, who had beaten them twice, slumped to a sad defeat to Sweden earlier in the day.

The Czechoslovakians only needed to draw against the Swedes, but nervous play and a 17th-minute goal destroyed their hopes.

Sweden took the silver medal and Czechoslovakia the bronze.

SPEED BOAT RACING

An international speed boat competition is to be held in Cyprus again this year, between 4-8 April.

The races will take place at Famagusta and Larnaca, as in the past three years.

Organisers say a record turnout is expected this year. At least 11 countries are to take part, with more than 120 athletes and technicians.

Margaret: Miss UNFICYP No. 9

Our Miss UNFICYP this week is 16 year-old Margaret Beresford, daughter of Bombardier Charles Beresford, who works with Dhekalia Garrison Admin Unit.

Margaret has been in Cyprus for nearly three years and works at CESSAC in Dhekalia. On her return to the UK later this year she hopes to become a hairdresser.

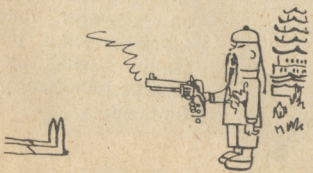
Her hobbies are dancing and reading; she is also a rugby and baseball fan.

Margaret qualifies for her title of 'Miss UNFICYP' because a few weeks ago she modeled, with UN Soldiers, for a cover page picture for 'Soldier', the British Army Magazine, when their staff were in Cyprus collecting material for an article on UNFICYP.

PHOTO: Soldier Magazine.



"I'm the fastest gun in the West"



"But this is the East"