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POPE'S GIFT TO U.N. TO AID NEEDY

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AT UN HEADQUARTERS THAT THE GIFT OF A DIAMOND CROSS and ring presented to the World Organization by Pope Paul VI on the occasion of his visit in 1965, will be sold at auction at Parke-Bernet Galleries in New York on November 1st.

Pope Paul had suggested that the cross and ring be sold and that the proceeds be used by the United Nations to help relieve, in some measure, human suffering.

It has already been decided that the proceeds of the sale be distributed in equal parts to the UN Children's Fund, the High Commissioner for Refugees, Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees, and the Food and Agricultural Organization's Freedom from Hunger campaign. Pope Paul has already made a personal gift of 10,000 dollars to the World Food Programme.



Dr. B.F. Osorio Tafall shown above talking with Ambassador M. Alexandrakis of Greece (left) and Mr. F. Yavuzalp, Turkish charge d'affaires, at Nicosia Airport.

UNEASY QUIET PREVAILS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE GENERAL Assembly on the Middle East last week, an uneasy quiet has prevailed — broken only by a brief outbreak of firing on the Israel-Syrian front which was quickly set-

tled after the UN Truce Observation Organisation arranged the cease fire. The UN observation of the cease-fire front in the Suez Canal sector between Israel and the United Arab Republic continued.

So far, the UN observation force of 26 has been established, 13 based in Ismailia on the west bank of the Canal and 13 in Kantara on the east bank. The UN observers have been patrolling in jeeps up and down the Canal and the latest reports were that the situation was calm.

General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization, has spent a week conferring with Israeli and UAR authorities on the detailed arrangements for the observation of the cease-fire.

Difficulties have arisen regarding the precise definition of the cease-fire line in the Suez Canal sector and the rights of Israel and UAR ships to use the Canal. Latest reports indicate that these difficulties have not yet been resolved.



Members of the Australian Police Element relaxing at the plaza in the village of Kakopetria on a recent Sunday morning.

From L/R F. Leznick, K. Smith, K. French, D. Mannewell, R. Stewart, B. Lux.

OSORIO-TAFALL "PLEASED" WITH TRIP

DR. B.F. OSORIO-TAFALL, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CYPRUS, RETURNED TO NICOSIA ON 28 JULY 1967, FROM ATHENS AFTER A TEN-DAY TRIP THAT TOOK HIM TO ANKARA AND ATHENS. He was met at the airport by the representatives of the Cyprus Government, Ambassador Menelaos Alexandrakis of Greece, Ercument Yavuzalp Turkish Charge d'affaires, other members of the diplomatic corps in Nicosia, UNFICYP Commander General Martola and other UNFICYP officials.

Speaking to reporters at the airport, Dr. Osorio-Tafall said that his main task in Ankara and Athens, in addition to getting to know personally all officials in charge of the Cyprus question, was to find ways and means to work together in order to improve conditions in Cyprus and to move back slowly, though continuously, towards normality.

Dr. Osorio-Tafall recalled his statement on his departure from Nicosia that he was not bearing any suggestions or taking any new initiative, because the Governments of Turkey and Greece, with the knowledge of the Government of Cyprus, were engaged in direct negotiations and the United Nations would not want to take any parallel negotiations which

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S.G. DISTRESSED OVER TURKISH EARTHQUAKE

SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT HAS EXPRESSED HIS DEEP DISTRESS AT THE NEWS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY which took a number of lives.

In a cable to Turkey's Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, U Thant said that the United Nations stood ready to offer whatever help was needed.

DANCON NEWS



DANCON's "gammel" afholdte DEPUTY, OL B.O. Fabricius, ses her ved indstigning i SCACYP'en

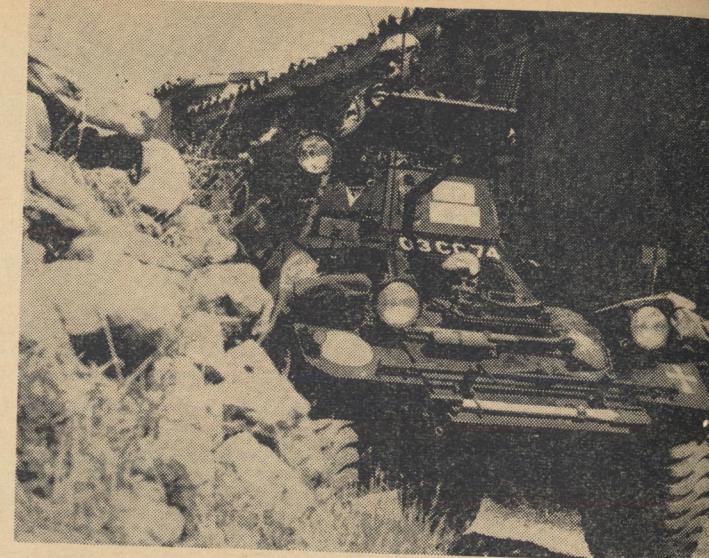
27 JUL.



DF/SPVGDEL, PRLT (R) V. Madsen, JDR.



NK/SPVGDEL, OS H.R. Zoega, JDR.



De, der ser og oplever mest ved DANCON, er jo nok SPVGDEL. Nok er det interessant at være i denne deling, men i længden kan den megen kørel dog godt blive trivel, for det er den ene patrulje efter den anden dag efter dag. Man kan nu nok vænne sig til det også som til så meget andet, for SG S. Fenneberg, der sidder i tårnet på sin Ferret panservogn, har været her på både hold IV, V, VI og nu hold VII. Som kører ses KS V.S. Sørensen, JDR.



Indimellem må der standses op for at drøfte patruljens videre vej frem. Her er der gjort hold i en af de uddøde landsbyer, hvor der dog stadig er enkelte seværdigheder. På billedet ses fra venstre SG B. Jørgensen, KS V.S. Sørensen og SG S. Fenneberg, alle JDR, samt KS B.L. Nielsen KJFR i godt selskab.

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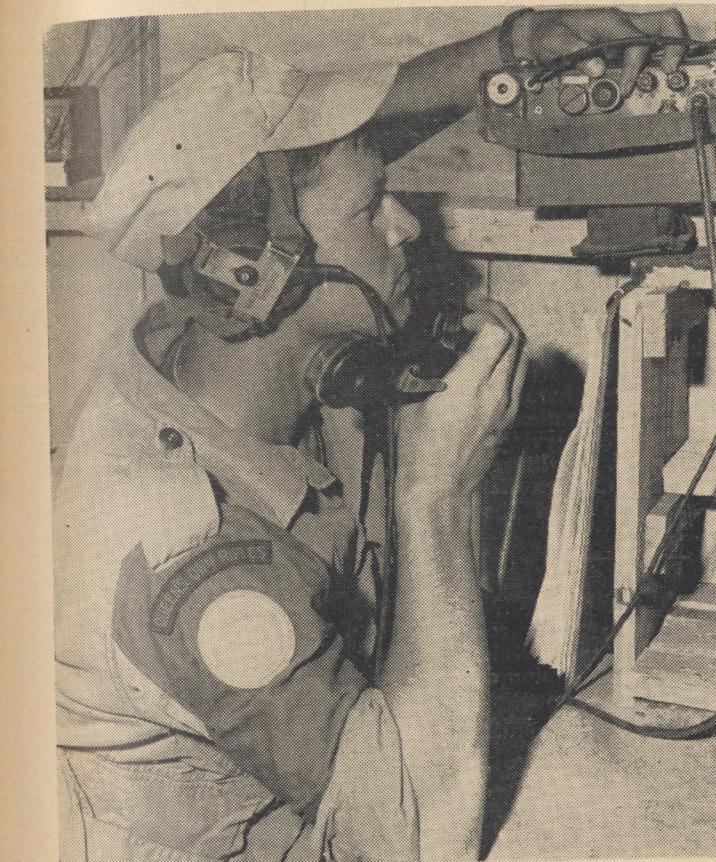
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På SPVGDEL patruljer kan de komme ud for meget, og en mindre flod kan jo give et flot billede. Fotografen indrømmede dog - hårdt trængt - at "den havde fået lidt ekstra gas" for at få det til at se godt ud.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



Rifleman Percy Boudreau, of Arcadia Nova Scotia, mans the radio in Martin's Mound Outpost.



Rifleman Garry Higgins and his outpost commander Sst. Robie Hudson, check a grid reference at a lookout near Saddle Outpost.



During their six month stay in Cyprus, it is estimated that the 2nd Bn of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada will cover over 6,000 miles on foot patrols similar to this one being carried out near Martin's Mound. Left to right; Rifleman Gorden Curtis, Rifleman Eric Purfield and Cpl Jack Anthony, the outpost commander.

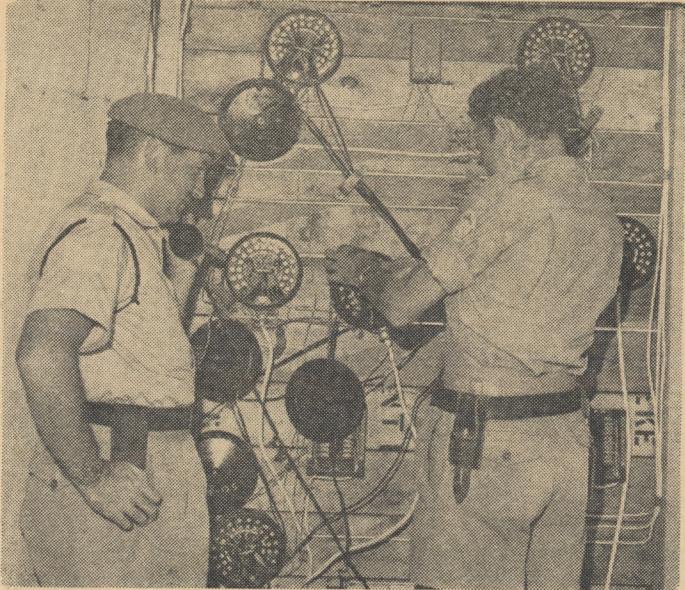


Rifleman David Sims, (left) and Cpl Walter Currie of Temblos LP, pause to talk to an old woman during one of their regular patrols through the small village of Temblos.



A soldier and a little girl walk hand in hand at the Red Cross Home for Sick Children in Kyrenia. Canadian Units contribute much of the money necessary for the up-keep and new building at the hospital through voluntary donations by the men.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS



TESTING TESTING! — Sgt Jerry Orton and Sig Paul Beemand from the line detachment of 644 Signal Troop at work at the test point in HQ UNFICYP. Sgt Orton is serving on a one-year tour with the Force and has his wife and family in Nicosia.



WHO DUNNIT? Very often this is a question WO1 Norman Jackson BEM RMP, has to try and answer. WO1 Jackson is head of the Special Investigation Unit and deals with all serious crimes varying from grand larceny to homicide. He is ably assisted by a team comprised of a representative from each contingent.



CALLING DOCTOR KILDARE — Cpl Tony Fry RAMC, examines the ear of Cpl Richard Allely RMP. Tony's wife is an SRN and works in Harley Street and his mother is a Nursing Sister in the City General Hospital. Last but not least Tony's younger brother has just started training at the Hospital also. It's in the blood.

AROUND AND ABOUT NICOSIA

WITHIN THE HEADQUARTERS OF UNFICYP THERE ARE MANY DEPARTMENTS AND BRANCHES, SOME LARGE SUCH AS THE FORCE WORKSHOPS REME OR 65 SQUADRON RCT. There are also many small ones, such as the Special Investigation Unit and the Medical Centre to name but a few. Some are employed on tasks affecting the Force, whilst others look after the administration of members of Britcon serving in the Headquarters. In this edition our Roving Camera visits some of the BRITS at their work.

ALL SYSTEMS GO — No, not a scene from Space control but Cpl Peter McKaine REME, testing radio equipment in the Tel's department of Force Workshops. Peter, whose family are in quarters in TYCROES Anglesey, comes from Gosport.

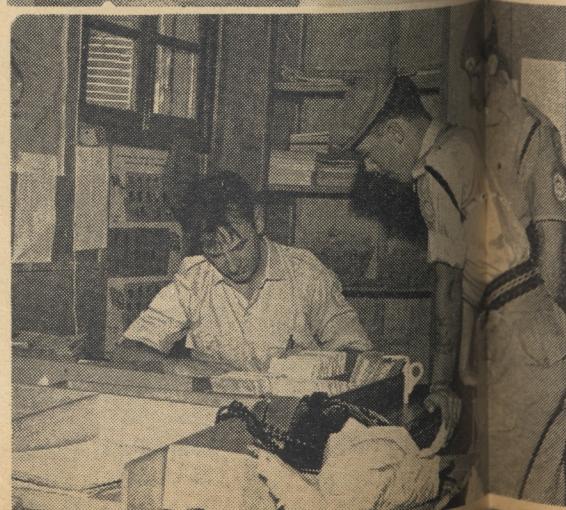
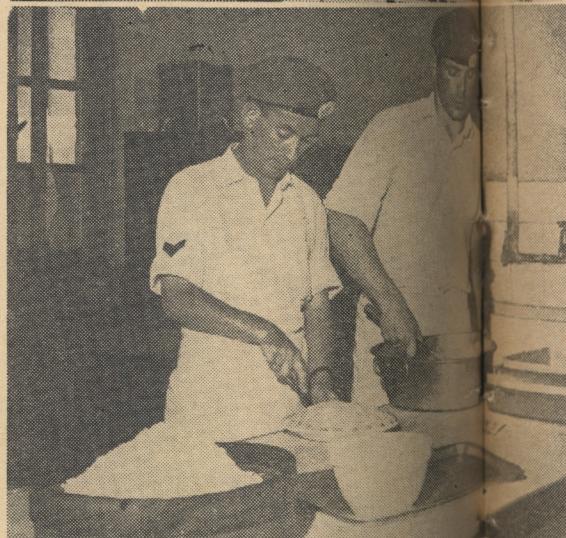
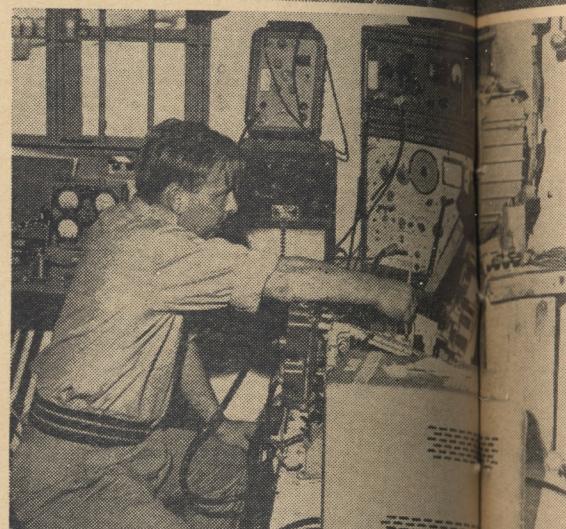
STIRRING IT UP is Pte Mike Dick ACC, who comes from Peterborough. Cutting the pie is Sgt Alf Allen ACC, who is due to complete his tour shortly. Cooking to please seven or eight different nationalities is no mean feat.

FOUND

Famagusta Beach
Sat. 29th July
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HQ UNFICYP

PAY QUERIES! — Always a headache, especially when rotations occur. Cpl Frank Berry RAPC, who works in the pay department of the Camp Office attends to Lcpl's Ken Land (rear) and James Wilson, both from 65 Sqn RCT.

THE MAN WITH THE GAS — Pte Andy Sharkey RAOC, who issues 12000 gallons of gasoline a week and who gets up at the crack of dawn daily so that he is head of the queue at Dhekelia with his petrol bowser. Our picture shows Andy filling up the static petrol tank in HQ UNFICYP.



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IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

THE TARA BROOCH

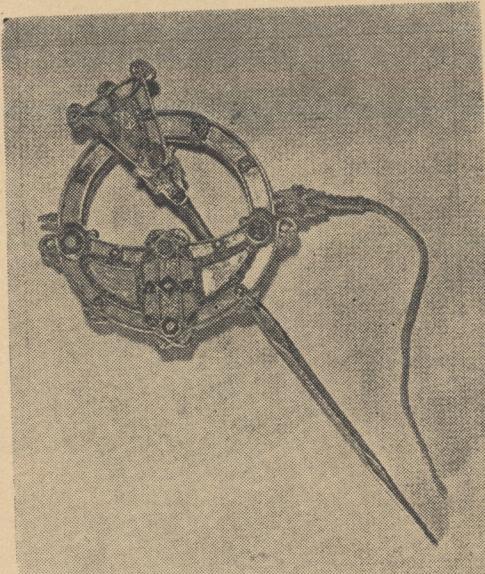
AN ITEM OF HISTORICAL IRISH JEWELLERY MUCH COPIED TODAY IS THE TARA BROOCH IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, DUBLIN. Reproductions are worn by Irish pipers and dancers and are a favourite item of costume jewellery.

Dating to the early 8th century A.D., this is the most magnificent of the ring-brooches, surpassing all its fellows in the delicacy and perfection of its workmanship and unique in being as richly decorated on the back as on the front. It is of silver heavily gilt and the decoration on the front consists of inset panels of gold filigree interlacing and of glass

these last being crowned with tiny gold granulation and filigree.

Most of the decoration on the back is cast in one with the ring and differs remarkably in style from that on the front, embodying patterns of spirals, scrolls and triskeles. The two triangular panels on the lower wider part are of filigree interlacing and of glass copper overlaid with silver, and amber stubs, a number of the latter being cut away to

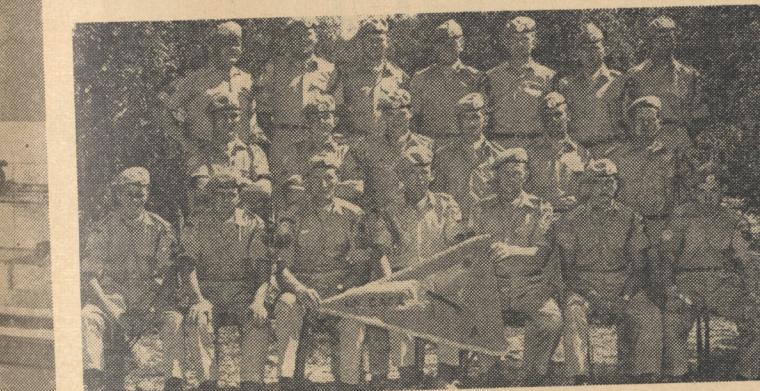
leave the exquisite spiral design silhouetted in copper against the silver. The design in the panel at the top of the ring is similarly executed in copper overlaid with gold. On one side is a chain of silver mesh attached to the ring by a hinge of gilt silver in which are inset two minute human faces of cast violet glass. The brooch was found on the seashore near Drogheda, Co. Louth, and "Tara" is a purely fanciful appellation.



The TARA BROOCH. Irish pipers and dancers wear reproductions. Cast in silver or gold it is in keen demand as an item of jewellery.



"IF YOU WORK UNTIL 2200 HRS EVERY DAY YOU CAN HAVE SUNDAY OFF". Pte PADDY O'NEILL (Left) and Sgt John Joe Murray of IRCON Engineers don't seem unduly perturbed as they prepare another site for building.



The Support Platoon of "A" Coy 8th INF GROUP. Lieut Tony McCourt, Platoon officer, is fourth from left, front rank.



At an NCOs' MESS PARTY in 'B' Coy. (L to R) Sgt Dan Goggins, Sgt Tim Kelleher, Sgt Tim Murray (with dish), Sgt Mossie Geary, Coy-Sgt Nicky O'Brien, Cpl Dan McGivern and Pte Noel Kennedy (waiter).



Who said QMs are dour? Sqm QMS Nick Lambert (left) and Bty QMS Gus Jones, both of ICA, show how cheerful quartermasters can really be.



Ja kun loppu on hyvin, on kaikki hyvin. Sarjan voittanut 1 JK:n joukkue eversti Rusasen onniteltavana.

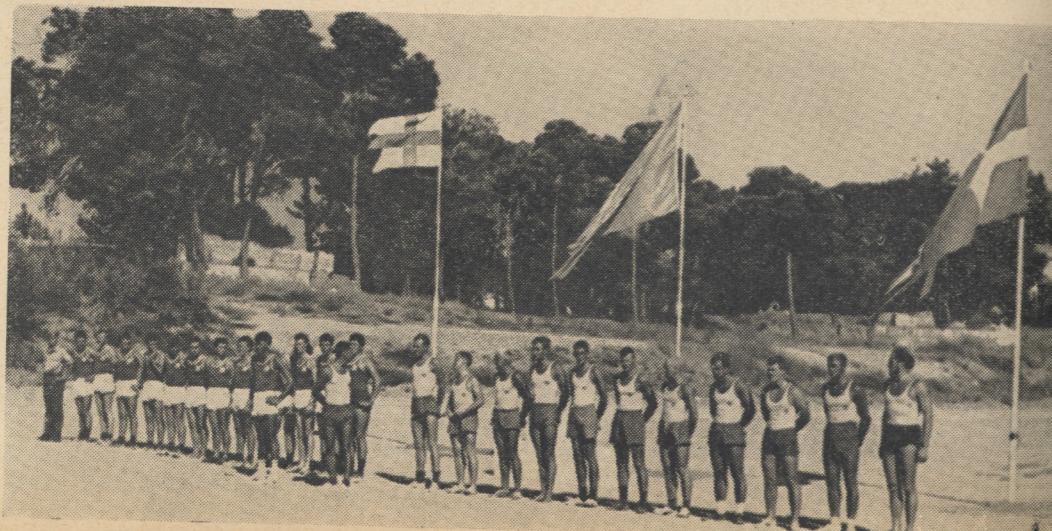


Osaa se everstikin... Siitä lähti etä pölähti.

SVERIGE 54 - SUOMI 42

NIIN KÄVI TÄLLÄ KERTAA. Naapuri voitti ja hyvänen kakkosen tuli perille Suomi ja suomalaiset rauhanpuolustajat. Kisa-tantereena oli Famagustan Kultakalastadion ja päivämäärä 30.7.1967. - Voittajille onnittelut ja kiitokset hyvästä otteesta! Mittaa otetaan toisenkin kerran... - Vi tackar och gratulerar Swedcon i alla fall!

SÖNDAGENS FRIIDROTTSKAMP mellan Fincon och Swedcon på Gold Fish Stadium i Famagusta blev en rafflande uppgörelse, som slutade i svensk favor men med våra finska cyperkollegor bara tolv poäng efter. Finland erövrade fyra grensegrar mot Sveriges fem. Fu Kjell Erik Bernhardsson, 2. Komp, vann tre grenar, och MP-rustm Rudolf Martinen, Nicosia, belade tre silverplatser. Swedcon tackar



Fincon för fin kamp och fruktar revansch...

RESULTAT - TULOKSET

100 m.: 1. Bernhardsson, Sv. 11.7, 2. Kunnari 11.9.

Diskus-Kiekko: 1. Juuti 39.56, 2. Martinen, Sv. 34.52.

Längdhopp-Pituus: 1. Olsson, Sv. 6.01, 2. Alamaunu 5.67.

400 m.: 1. Bernhardsson, Sv. 54.5, 2. Nordqvist, Sv. 57.1, 3. Pukkinen 59.4.

Höjdhopp - Korkeus: 1. Riipi- luoma 1,72, 2. Nyberg, Sv. 1.69.

Stafett - Viesti: 1. Sverige 2.13.0, 2. Suomi 2.21.5.

FINCON NEWS

Pesäpallossa on sitten katsottu, kuka kuka on. Voittajaksi selviytyi kovassa kilvassa 1 JK. Ja häviäjä oli ratkaisuottelussa EK ja seitsemän kymmentä vastaan olivat juoksur. Muutkin mitalit on jo ratkottu lehden ilmestyessä, vaikka toimituksen tätyykin vaieta niistä vielä tässä vaiheessa. Omittelut joka tapauksessa voittajille ja hyvin häninneille!

Pesäpallon kimpussa pyörittiin myös esiupseeritasolla viime viikolla. Tarkoituksesta oli kokeilla, kenen henkilöt kestävät totisessa pallonlyönnissä. Säännöt edellyttivät kolmea osumaa ja kokeilupaikana oli Kykon kenttä kesäviikkona. Tuomari Nevasuon ja kapt Aittoniemen valvonnassa saavutettiin seuraavat tulokset: -Esikuntaryhmä ei osallistunut.

1. maj Karvinen 82 metriä
2. ev Rusanen 80 m
3. maj Lenkki 77 m
4. maj Yrjölä 69 m
5. maj Virmo 59 m
6. maj Kinnari 55 m
7. maj Ulfsson 50 m
8. evl Kuosmanen 47 m
9. maj Jokinen 40 m
10. evl Kuosa 39 m
11. maj Pasila 38 m
12. sotpast Reimaa 33 m



URHEILUA MONELLA RINTAMALLA

General gästade Carl Gustaf Camp



En av de ljumma kvällarna i juli var den svenska kontingentschefen och officerskåren vid Carl Gustaf Camp värder för sina kolleger vid UNFICYP HQ i Nicosia. Bland de många gästerna vid partyståndet i den grönskande mästrädgården sågs även Force Commander, general-löjtnant I.A.E. Martola - här i samtal med överste Curt Hermanson.



STR:s "sergeants"



Vad är nu det här för ett gruppfoto? Sångören "Blandade stämror"? Fel! Vinnande laget i Carl Gustaf's pannkaksätartävlan? Fel! Alla aktiva underbefälen på Carl Gustaf Camp? Rätt! "Stammisarna" är fr.v. öfu Fredrik Norman, Sollefteå, öfu Kenneth Karlsson, Åseda, rustm Hans Fransson, Västerås, rustm Per Arne Wiklund, Östersund, rustm Åke Stenemalm, Ljungbyhed, öfu Nore Berglund, Uddevalla, öfu Lars Wilhelmsen, Boden, rustm David Persson, Oscar Fredriksborg, och längst t.h. rustm Birger Schärdin, Luleå.



Starten går i terrängstafetten vid Gold Fish Camp. Samtliga kompanier utom 1.komp "gick i elden".

Gold Fish - seger i terrängstafetten

Arrangörerna gick faktiskt själva och vann den spänande terrängstafetten, som gick av stapeln vid Gold Fish Camp - 2.komp alltså - i början av denna månad. För bästa tiderna på den 1.200 meter långa banan stod öfu Torsten Stålnacke och fu Nordqvist, båda hade tiden 3.43 min. Men så är ju också Stålnacke en särdeles idrottshejare...

Det tog i uppgörelsen mellan stammar och buskar i Gold Fish-terrängen gjorde samtliga kompanier utom 1.komp. STR och 2.komp ställd till och med upp med två lag.

Efter segrande lag I från 2.komp placerade sig på silverplats 3.komp följt på bronsplats av lag II från 2.komp. De övriga? Ja, det blir väl tillfälle till revansch någon gång...

SWEDCON NEWS



Segrande laget - trötta, svettiga men segerstolta - lag I från 2.komp. Fr.v. krp Lars Måansson, Trelleborg, öfu Torsten Stålnacke, Svappavaara, krp Bo Eklund, Vimmerby, men Walter Hofer, Vaggeryd, och fu Kjell Erik Bernhardsson, Oxelösund.

IDROTTSMÖTET MED FINCON

Den stora "sammandräbningen" i friidrott mellan Fincon och Swedcon gick av stapeln på Gold Fish Camps idrottsplats på söndagsmorgonen. På det finska uppslaget (sid. 6) i detta nummer finns några glimtar i bild och text från idrottsmötet med våra nordiska grannar.



Finnish Commander, Col. Rusanen, congratulating the winner of the "discus throw", Juuti, Fincon.

FINCON, SWEDCON ATHLETIC MEETING

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High Jump 1st, Riipiluoma, Fincon.



Mäntylä, Fincon, leading 1.500 m. race followed by Grängfors, Swedcon, who finally won the race.

LIFE HAS PRIORITY

PART XI

ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS

Some signs are commands. When we come up to traffic signals or stop signs, we have no choice in the matter. A red light means "stop". When the green light changes to amber, that also means "stop" — if we are not too close to the corner.

These signs are not suggestions or advice — they are commands. Commands made for our benefit, to help us get where we are going more quickly and easily. It pays to obey these robots.

One special kind of sign is that giving the speed limit for a street on which we are travelling. These instructions should not be trifled with. They are established by experienced people who are familiar with the road and the hazards that may be lurking there, and it is just good sense to obey them.

We can just as easily form one habit as the other, and it pays to form the habit of acting automatically on the advice of our roadside signs.

Observing and obeying road signs and signals is not the whole story. Another important thing is to give our own signals in order to let the other driver know what we are

going to do. The only way we can anticipate each other's intention is by giving the proper signals.

One thing we should always remember is to signal in plenty of time. It does not help much to signal and change our course at the same time, although perhaps it is better than no signal. There is nothing more irritating than to pull up behind a car waiting at a traffic light and then have the driver signal a turn after the light turns green.

We should always make sure it is safe before we carry out the manoeuvre we have signalled. A good driver always knows where the other cars are around him. Take a quick look in the rear-view mirror fairly often. It is not enough just to have our engine, brakes, lights and tyres in good shape, and to watch our fuel and oil, or to follow the rule of not driving too many hours at a stretch. Those things are highly important, but it is just as important to give our signals and to watch our signs and follow them religiously. It saves our vehicle and it may save our lives.

Because we can carry out the mechanics of driving almost automatically, and hardly even have to think about it, we are apt to go rolling along thinking of something else. Then, all at once, our eyes have an important message for our brain, and when they try to get the message through, the line is busy. So it does not pay to let our thoughts go wool-gathering.

As a matter of fact, it makes driving just one emergency after another, which takes all the pleasure out of it. And there is a lot of pleasure in driving a vehicle when we know we are doing a skilful job, keeping the proper margins of time and space.

OSORIO TAFALL...

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might jeopardize or interfere with the continuing of these conversations.

Summarizing his trip, he said, "I am extremely pleased, not only for the warm welcome received from both sides, but I am encouraged as there is a very clear possibility of creating in Cyprus a much better climate of understanding which eventually might help towards a final settlement".

Asked if he intended to make a second trip to both capitals, Dr. Osorio-Tafall said, "not for the moment". He also said he had no specific plans to go to New York — "my job is here, in Nicosia".