



The Blue Beret

Wednesday

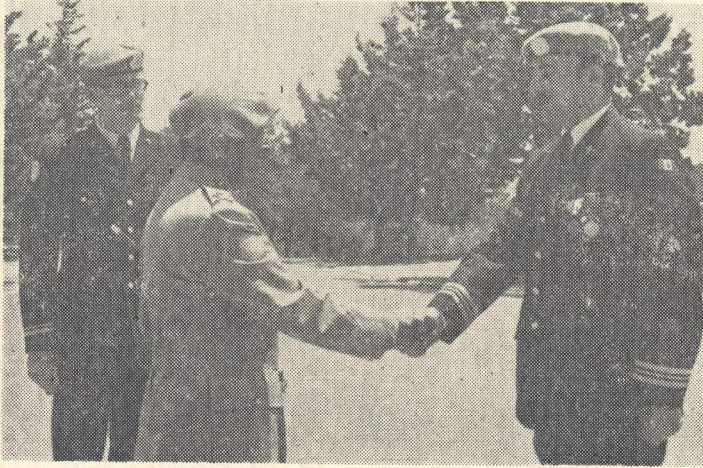
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UNFICYP MP MEDAL PARADE



On Saturday the 21st June the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM, attended the MP UN Medal Parade. Our picture shows the General congratulating the Force Provost Marshal, Maj. W.J. McCullough, shortly after presenting him with his medal.

Note: Since our picture was taken the Provost Marshal has been promoted to Lt. Colonel.

SWEDISH MIDSUMMER CELEBRATIONS



Midsummer is very big holiday in Sweden and of course it was celebrated in a proper Swedish way at Carl Gustaf Camp in Famagusta. That meant dances and games around a big pole, covered with flowers. It was very popular and everyone looked happy, even if there weren't so many girls as the years before. In the evening there was a dinner for nearly 300 soldiers, all ranks, on the

tennis lawn. In the picture the Battalion is marching to the dance. In front from the left is MTO, Lt. Gunnar Karlquist playing the violin; Capt. Bo Svedlund, Chief Personnel Officer dressed in a Swedish folk dress; and to the right M/Sgt Gert Michanek, TPC, playing accordeon. On the SWEDCON page you can see more pictures from the dances and the games.

AWARD FOR CHIEF OF STAFF



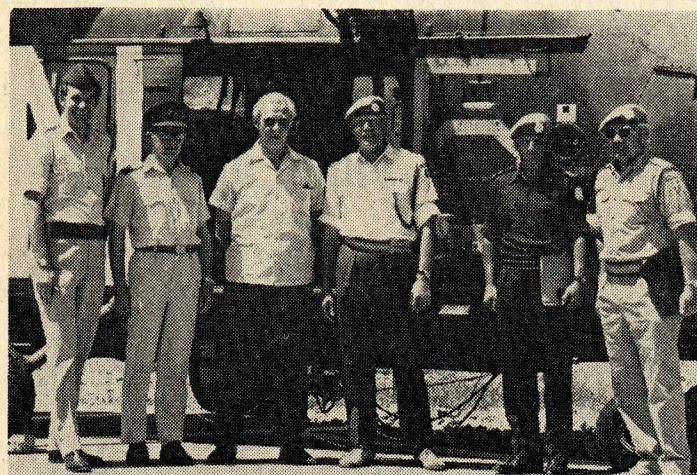
The Governor General of Canada recently announced that Brig. Gen. CE Beattie, Chief of Staff UNFICYP, has been appointed Commander of the Order of Military Merit. We would like to congratulate the General on his award and have pleasure in publishing his latest portrait showing him with his new ribbon.

COO HANDS OVER



This week another change in the staff of HQ UNFICYP as Lt. Col. H.E. Skaarup, right, prepares to depart from Cyprus. The job of Chief Operation Officer will now be held by Lt. Col. B. Johansson pictured above left.

BESØG



Onsdag 18 juni 1975 havde DANCON besøg af (f.v.) Lt. Col. A.W. Dawis, Wing Commander J. Ewan og Mr. Keeble fra British National Defence College. De britiske gæster var ledsaget af Major Vivian fra BRITCON (nr. 2 f.h.).

Formålet med besøget var at modtage orientering om en FN-styrkes operative muligheder i praksis.

På billedet ses endvidere Chefen for DANCON, Oberstløjtnant E.B. Herlevsen, og Chefen for C-Kompagniet, Major I. Handberg-Nielsen (yderst t.h.).

SIGHT - SEEING



DANCON velfærdstjeneste arrangerer med regelmæssige mellemrum sight-seeing-ture til forskellige seværdigheder på CYPERN.

Et meget yndet mål for disse ture er de velbevarede ruiner af byen SALAMIS, der blev grundlagt for mere end 3000 år siden (1190 f. Kr.). Byen er særligt interessant, fordi der er fundet beviser på, at der bl. a. har været både centralvarme, rindende vand, sauna og mulighed for såvel kolde som varme bade. Datidens dygtighed viser sig endvidere i form af kunstfærdigt udførte mosaikbilleder, figurer m.v.

På billedet ovenfor - taget under en udflugt 18 juni 1975 arrangeret i samarbejde med SWEDCON velfærdstjeneste - ses et lille udsnit af ruinerne.

DANCON "ANSIGT UDADTIL"



DANCON er en enhed, der er indsat under krigslignende forhold, i et fremmed land og med udlændinge som kritiske tilskuere. Hvor formel eksercits og formalia under hjemlige forhold tillægges stadigt mindre vægt, må det på CYPERN erkendes, at vore soldaters effektivitet af udlændinge ofte først og fremmest vurderes ud fra faktorer som påklædning, overholdelse af hilsepligt, overholdelse af henvendelsesregler, opførsel i fritiden m.v.

Ovenstående billede viser en dagligdags situation fra C-Kompagniet, hvor Løjtnant I.C. Blaaberg under inspektion af en OP (MANSOURA) bliver modtaget med honnørgreb og melding af vagten, Overkonstabel E. Svane.

DANCON NEWS

FRA LIMNITIS



Fra DANCON NEWS' agent i LIMNITIS meddeles det, at Chefen for C-Kompagniet, Major I. Handberg-Nielsen, er overud lykkelig for sin nye FN-medalje.

"Svensk" midsommar på Cypern

Det blev en "svensk" midsommar for bataljonen trods allt. Även om bristen på damer var markant så blev det ändå dans och lekar kring den fina midsommarstången. Lekledaren mj Per Beckard lyckades så småningom få riktigt bra fart på deltagarna.

När sedan lekarna började steg stämningen ännu mer. Det mest uppskattade inslaget var nog kuddkrig på stång. Deltagarna visade upp många egendomliga stilar. Obestridd mästare var Janne Jönsson, 1:a Komp som sopade ned samtliga motståndare med en blandning av råstyrka ock bra taktik.

Och sedan blev det middag för hela styrkan på tennisplanen, ett uppskattat initiativ.

Tredje komp firade midsommar på egen hand och började redan på degen med bad på Flamingo Beach. Därefter var det gemensam lunch samt lekar i sanden. Även där fortsatte festligheterna senare på kvällen.



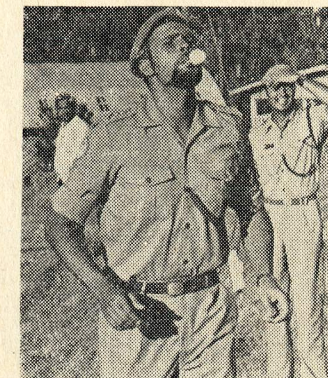
Här gäller det Bagarens visa som synes.



Även de små fick vara med och dansa. Kn Christer Lindroth tillsammans med sin tvååriga dotter.



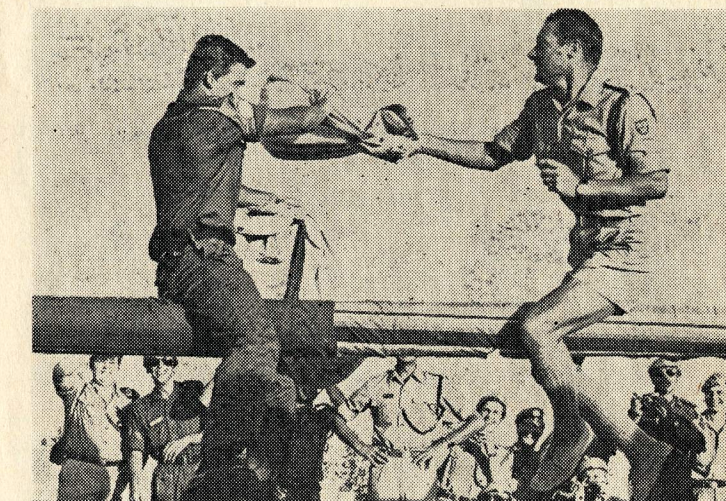
-Å så är ni med allihopa nu! Lekledaren mj Per Beckard försöker att få fart på några åskådare.



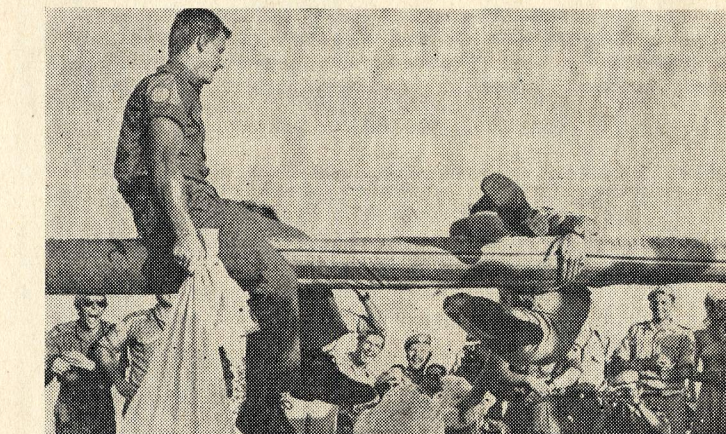
Kn Jan Olsson visar sin stil i äggstafetten.



Stångstörtning är en svår gren. Lt Hans Brolin försöker få iväg pålen.



Kuddkrig på stång är också svårt. Mj Gert Olsson försöker att slå ned mästaren Janne Jönsson.



Även Kn Lindroth fick ge sig för Jönssons taktik.



Tredje komp hade dragkamp på stranden. Här drar stab- och tross hem segern.

FC VISITS HQ UNFICYP SUPPORT UNITS

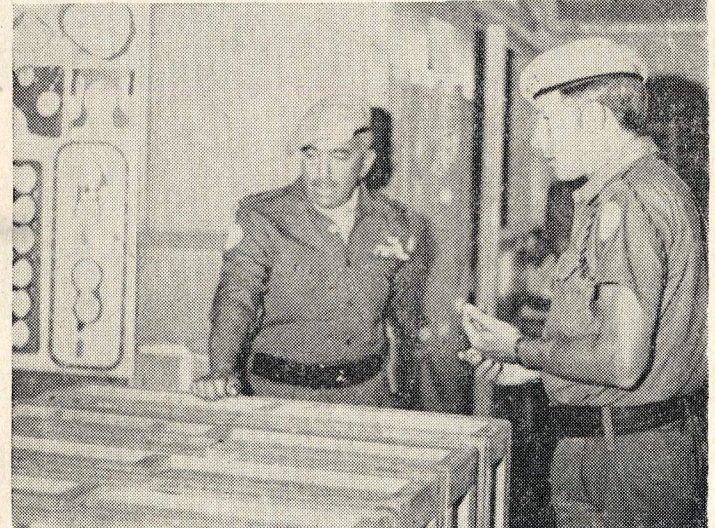
During a recent tour of Camp UNFICYP, the Force Commander Lt. Gen. D. Prem Chand, PVSM, visited the Support Units of HQ UNFICYP, and got an insight into the supply of stores and equipment to the Force.



The Force Commander discussing POL figures with WO II 'Chuck' Gibbons, Ord Det at the petrol point.

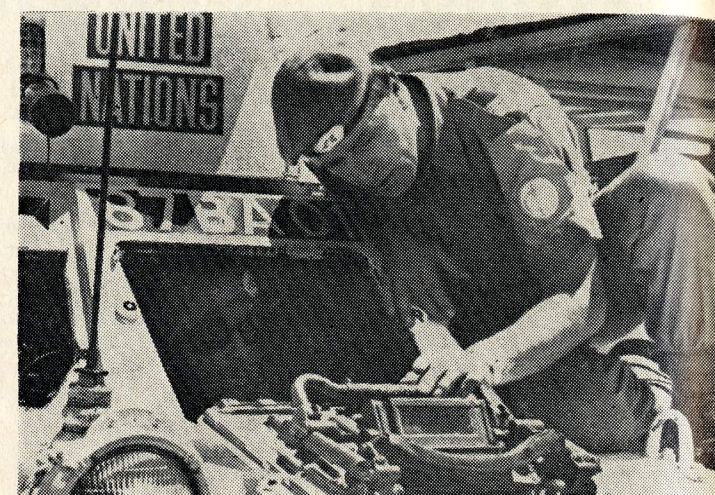


In the Ord Det, the Force Commander sees the arrival and checking of the latest consignment of UN Medals.



Here the Force Commander is seen discussing the problems of vehicle spares with WO II 'Pete' Jackson, Wksp Stores Section.

FC TAKES THE ARMoured WHEEL

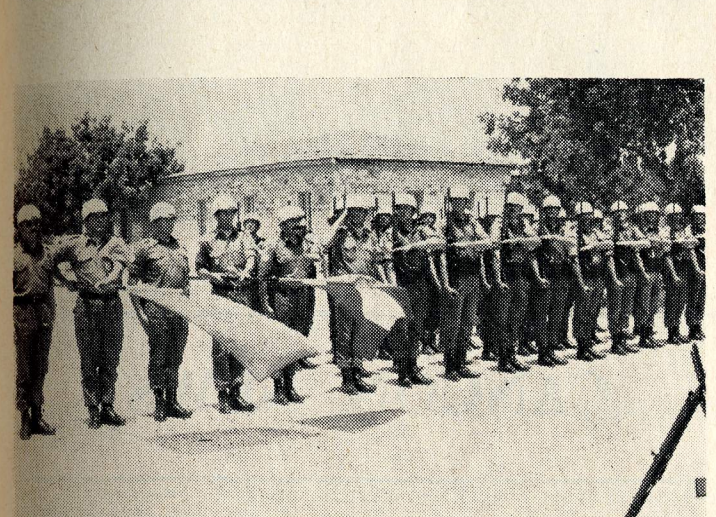


On his tour of HQ UNFICYP, the Force Commander visited A Sqn the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards who form the Force Reserve. Whilst there the General took the opportunity of getting into the driving seat of a FERRET Scout Car. The General then took the FERRET out on a short trip.

BRITCON ENGINEERS



The British Engineer Support Group for both 1st Royal Tank Regiment and 1st Bn Duke of Wellington's Regiment is based at Polemidhia. It is made up of 12 engineers and 12 assault pioneers (1 DWR) who mould together to form smaller groups working at all British posts in Cyprus. Their first two months has brought such diverse work as repairing a cinema, re-erection of a Nissen but at Polis and refurbishing a swimming pool in Polemidhia camp. Variety is the cry and they have plenty of that. The Royal Engineers team is commanded by Lt. Edwards with Sgt Goodwin as his Number two. The team has an assortment of highly skilled sapper tradesmen who are ably supported by the Assault Pioneers of 1 DWR. Whenever a major repair or installation in BRITCON is required out goes the cry: "Get the engineers to fix....." The never fail.



Der Ehrenzug des AUSCON gestellt durch Stbk und 1.Kp, präsentiert nach alter Art bei der Hissung der Österr. Fahne.

SONNWEENDFEIER AUF HÖHE 220



Für Stimmungsvolle musikalische Untermalung sorgte Trompeter Kpl SCHEIBLAUER. Es gelang ihm mit "ICH HATT' EINEN KAMERADEN" und dem "ZAPFENSTREICH" zu Ende der Feier einen würdigen und beeindruckenden Abschluß zu setzen.

MEDAL PARADE

FC LT. GEN. D. PREM CHAND, PVSM, hielt am 14.6.1975, in Anwesenheit der Kdten SWEDCON, FINCON, SWEDCIVPOL und UMC, sowie Obstit F. RIEGER, Kdt UNAB 7, als Gastgeber, eine Dankesrede an die Ausgezeichneten. In diesem Zusammenhang würdigte er die Leistungen der Soldaten des AUSCON während der vergangenen Jahre bis zur Gegenwart. Oblt SINTLER über setzte als Interpret vorbildlich.

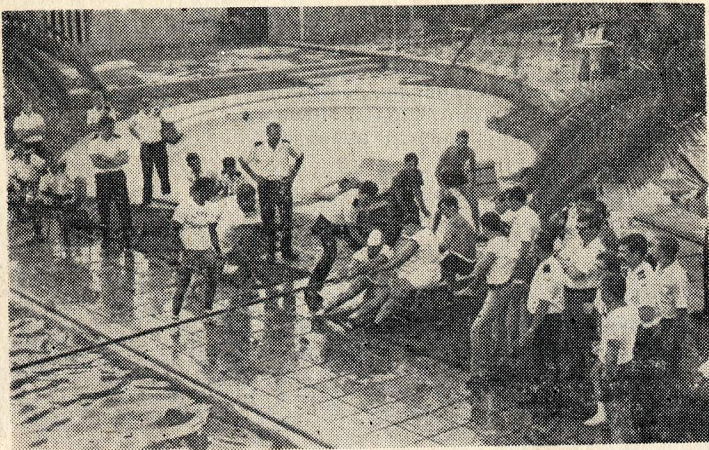
Drei Kommandanten auf einem Bild; FC Lt. GEN. D. PREM CHAND, PVSM, links dahinter Hptm HOCHHAUSER, Kdt 2.Kp und rechts im Hintergrund (was ungewöhnlich ist) Hptm DALLINGER, Kdt 1.Kp; stehen zur Verleihung der Medaille "IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE" an den Whm WEGLEITNER bereit. ER wird hier stellvertretend für alle anderen abgebildet.



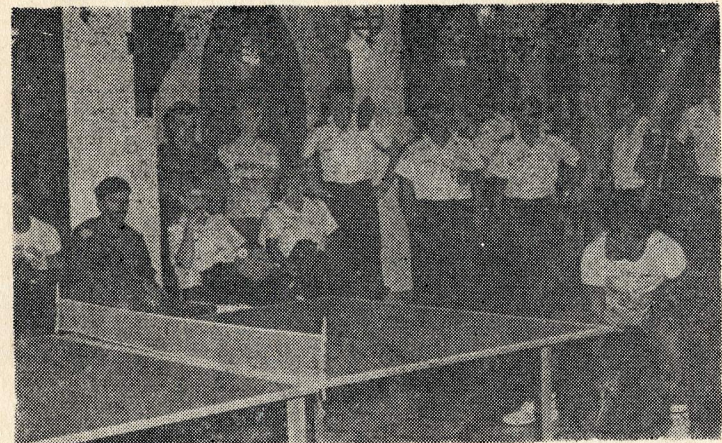
Der Kdt, der Gastgeber, Hptm HOCHHAUSER, zeigt hier wie er vor und für seine Leute durchs FEUER geht!

LAST-JEAN BAPTISTE À CHYPRE

Les membres du contingent Canadien ont célébré mardi le 24
Juin la fête des Canadiens français.



Le souque à la corde
Tug-O-War.

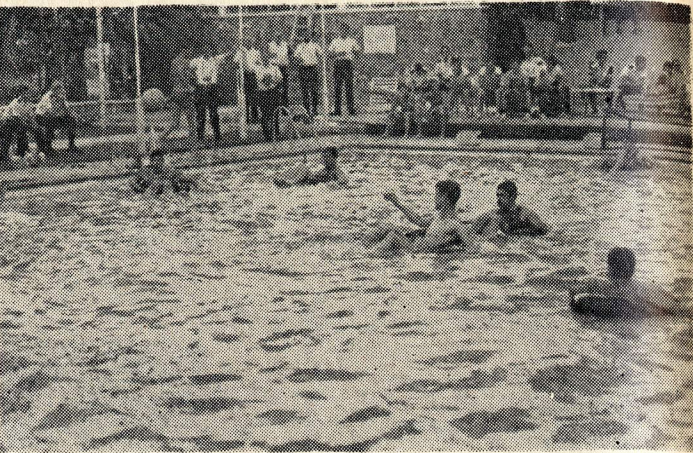


Tournoi de tennis sur table
Ping-pong tournament.



La bière Canadienne fut appréciée
Canadian beer was appreciated.

The members of the Canadian Contingent celebrated on Tues-
day June 24th the St-Jean Baptiste feast of French Canadians.



Polo aquatique à la moderne
Inner tube water-polo.

CANCON NEWS



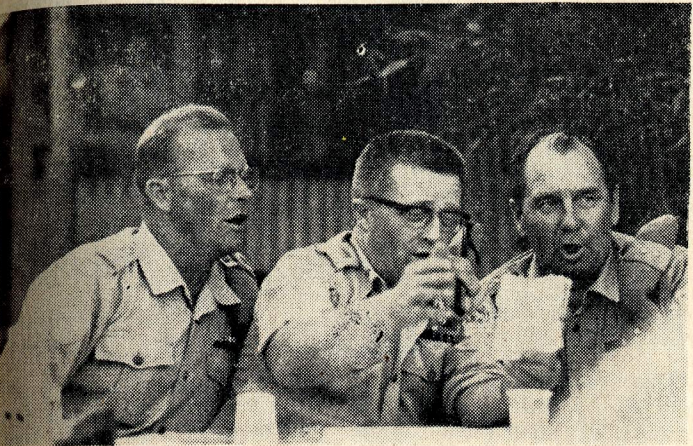
Tombera-t-il pas?
Will he fall or not?



Les cuisiniers se sont surprises
Good food, Good fun.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT NEWS

OLI JUHLA....



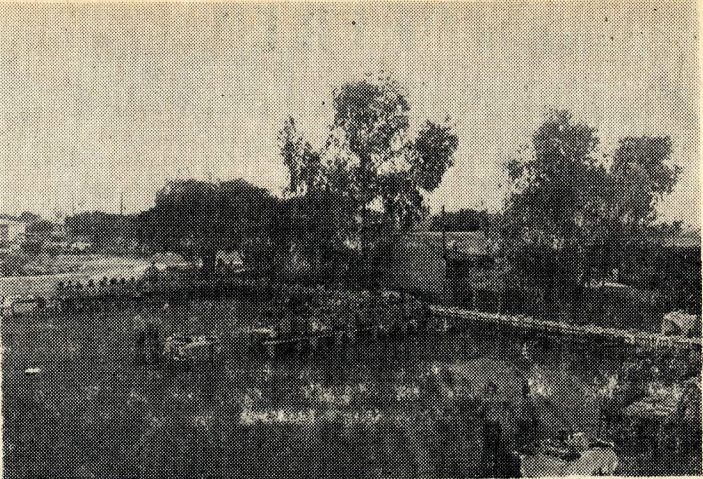
...ja Kykkon platalla tarjottiin juhla-ateria kolmellesadalleviidelle-
kymmenelle. Aurinko laski,ilta pimeni ja laulu nousi. Veteraa-
nitrio edellä ja muut perässä: "Kotimaani ompi Suomi...".

Joku vannoi ottavansa vain yhden kaljan — ja ottikin, mutta
ämpärillisen.

Taloussupseeri kapteeni Sipiläkin saattoi jo rentoutua kun päi-
vällinen oli syöty, sitä ennen huisketta oli jo ollutkin pitkään.

Pitihän sitä — tavan mukaan — mittailla myös voimia. Köysi
kirstyi ja vetäjät vaihtuivat, voittamattamina kumartelivat yleisölle
huoltokomppanian väkivahvat vetäjät, yhteispainoltaan yli viisi-
sataakiloinen viisimiehinen joukkue. Nikolai löi tahtia kun Esikun-
ta haastoi voittajat. Ensimmäisellä miehellä eivä jalat tavoittaneet
maata sen jälkeen kun köysi kirstyi ja vastustamattomasti siirtyi
köyden merkkilliina yli rajan huoltokomppanian puolelle.

Messit olivat auki myöhään, saunalta nähtiin nousevan savua
vielä aamukuudelta... viiden aikaan kuuli komentaja vielä viimeisen
laulunsäkeen.



...JA JUHANNUSYÖ...

Savolaisukko, jääkäri Saari kakkosesta, jutunkertoja:
Savon ukko matkusti junalla Helsinkiin ja käveli aikansa kadul-
la. Huomasi erästä kadunkulmassa nappulan jossa luki: "Paina
nappia", ja ukko painoi. Hetken kuluttua oli paikalla palokunta ja
autot. Ukkoa haukuttiin ja sätittiin.
"Jos ei olisi rakennettu sitä Pönttövuoren tunnelia niin nuo
hullut savolaiset eivät pääsisi tänne". Ukko tuohon tuumasi: "Saat-
taapa ollannii. Voa teällähää taolapäesii hullui tuloo ku voa napist
paenoo".



For once — Midsummer and
a dark night! This year mid-
summer night was celebrated in
Fincon on June 20 in the origi-
nal Scandinavian way — the
number of dinner guests clim-
bed up to 350! The spirit was
high — most chaps probably
dreamt about the sunny midsum-
mer 'nights' of Finland. Singing,
wine and tug-of-war lasted till
ten o'clock, when the messes were
ready to receive their guests. The
messes stayed open till three
o'clock, the saunas were kept hot
till way beyond the sunrise.

In the picture, left, a Fincon ar-
mourer is supporting his own
unit-Supply Company-in a tug-
of-war competition against the
HQ, which was lead by COO
"Volle" Volanen. The powerfully,
heavier team of Supply Com-
pany, beat the HQ in no time.

"FIRE"



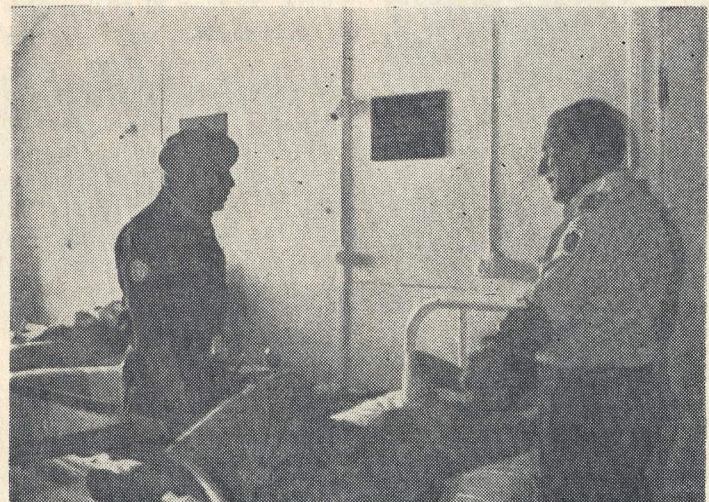
"FIRE, FIRE" is a shout heard too often in this hot summer weather. Here members of FINCON are seen dealing with one of the all too frequent grass fires which are happening now. All members of UNFICYP are urged to be extra alert to combat this summer hazard. Fire is a killer and destroyer.

FORCE ECONOMICS STAFF CHANGEOVER



Pictured above is, on the right, Maj Bo Sandell who is in the process of taking over from Maj Richard Ahlquist, left, from the Force Economics Section at HQ UNFICYP.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS UNFICYP MEDICAL CENTRE



The Force Commander is seen here talking to an in-patient at the UNFICYP Medical Centre, Blue Beret Camp, Nicosia. Also in the picture is Lt Col J Mayer, CO of the Centre.

AUSCIVPOL NEWS

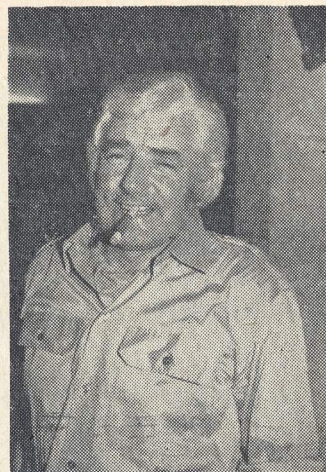
FAREWELL TO DANCIVPOL



Due to DANCIVPOL withdrawal, AUSCIVPOL took over UNCIVPOL responsibilities in Lefka District on the 4th June 1975. AUSTRIAN CIVPOL have already been deployed in this direction from 30 April to 31 October 1971, co-operating with DANCON. The picture shows

the Col H Fuchs, and the new AUSCIVPOL team bidding farewell to Chief Supt Jorgen Sandholt and his Danish colleagues, shortly after moving into "DANSBORG" — Xeros. To honour DANCIVPOL the name of the station will remain 'DANSBORG'.

50 YEARS YOUNG



Having regard to his energy and vitality it's incredible but true that Lt Colonel Leo Maier, DCO AUSCIVPOL, celebrated his 50th birthday on 29 June 1975. an outstanding and experienced officer of the Austrian CID, has served more than 5 years with UNFICYP and enjoys wide popularity. His talents and abilities are various, ranging from sports to arts. He is AUSCIVPOL

top scorer in soccer, plays an elegant game of tennis, holds the contingent's chess and backgammon championships and paints from imagination as well as from still life. An espionage and crime story, written as a hobby, will be published in Munich, Germany. CO and all officers of AUSCIVPOL wish the best of luck and good fortune for his future life and career.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT — UNFICYP

Week ending 25 June 1975	21
Same period last year	13
Total period this year	162
Total for same period last year	142

LESSON OF THE MONTH

Safety in a word — make it a habit.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

During the past two weeks the following contribution was made towards the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Ghana \$11,300