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QOR's BIRTHDAY PARTY



Riflemen from the 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, went through a dozen cases of pop last Wednesday when they hosted Cypriot children at Dhikimo, Temblos, and the Red Cross Children's Hospital at Kyrenia. It was the Regiment's 107th birthday and the children were the guests of honour. The food line-up here is in Temblos and the kids are munching ice cream cones, cookies, and candy.

UN OFFERS THE BEST ROAD TO PEACE

THE UNITED NATIONS PROVIDES THE BEST ROAD FOR TURNING MANKIND AWAY FROM THE road to war and towards the road to peace, said Secretary-General, U Thant, in a speech last week. But the first requirement he declared, was a willingness on the part of governments to accept in practice the Charter obligation to settle their international disputes by peaceful means and to refrain from the threat or the use of force.

Speaking at the inaugural convocation of the Pacem In Terris Institute at Manhattan College, the Secretary-General said that while all member states accepted these obligations in principle, there

came a time when a government felt its national interest over-rode the Charter obligation and then the most elaborate devices were employed to justify its actions.

However, he said, it should be possible to expose the hollowness of such justifications, and the world community should be willing to condemn any state using force or the threat of force as an instrument of national policy.

U Thant referred to the massive piling up of armaments as another factor militating against peace and particularly stressed the need for determined efforts by the eighteen-nation Disarmament

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S. W. AFRICA DOMINATES ASSEMBLY

WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS HEARD

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY — IN THE FIRST WEEK OF ITS FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION — last week heard a full range of member's views on how to get South Africa out of South-West in line with last autumn's decision to terminate the mandate granted to the South African government by the League of Nations in 1920.

The Assembly heard mainly a restatement of the three main positions already established in meetings of the Special Committee on South West Africa — an Afro-Asian call for swift independence preceded by an interim UN administration, backed by some form of Security Council action, not specified in the draft, if South Africa refused to cooperate.

The second main line of argument — a move favoured by the United States, Canada and Italy, would have the organization appoint a Special Representative who would have wide consultations in the hope of setting up a nucleus of self-government and report back to the Assembly — probably during the autumn.

The third proposal, advanced in Committee by Chile and Mexico, would have the Assembly set up a temporary administration, much on the lines envisaged in the Afro-Asian plan, but without provision for Council action, the emphasis being on peaceful contacts with South African authorities.

Introducing the Afro-Asian draft — sponsored by more than fifty nations — Chief S.O. Adebo of Nigeria said African nations were not "spoiling for a fight with South Africa and would be delighted if she would depart in peace from a territory in which she had no legal rights. However", he added, "it was idle to ignore the defiance breathed by the highest South African officials".

The Afro-Asian draft does not specify what Council action would be requested

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COMMANDER LEAVES ON VISIT TO FINLAND

LIEUTENANT GENERAL A. E. MARTOLA, Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, left Nicosia this morning, Wednesday, 3 May 1967, for a brief visit to Finland, where he will preside over the 90th anniversary ceremonies of the Finnish Red Cross.

The Commander will return to Nicosia on 11 May 1967. During his absence, Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, O.B.E., Chief of Staff, will be Officiating Commander of the Force.

SOMMEREN ER BEGYNDT



KP Benny Andreassen/C-COY, GHR, fra Næstved (DANCON 5 og 6) har svømmet for Nakskov svømmeklub i 6 år og var i 1959-60 Lolland-Falstersmester i 100 meter fri svømning for juniorer.

På hold 5 udfordrede C-COY hele DANCON til en holdkapsvømning, men ingen turde. Tilbudet står stadigvæk ved magt!

Korporalen er her fotograferet ved hotel Konstantia i Famagusta. Ved restauranten i Salamis - ca. 800 m ud fra kysten - ligger på ca.

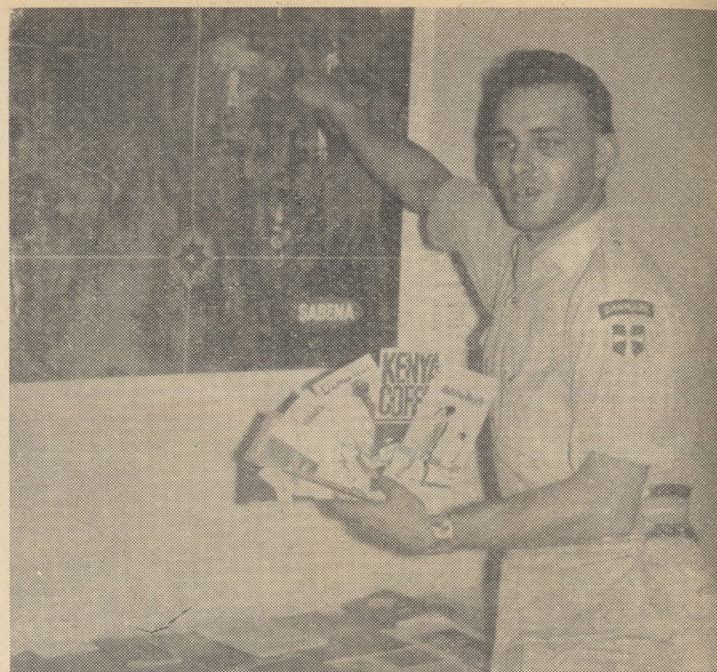


60 fods vand resterne af den gamle, sunkne by begravet under sand. Efter visse vind- og strømforhold er noget af sandet væk, og der er mange potteskår, mure og lignende at finde.

Dykkerudstyr kan lejes i Kyrenia; skal det købes, løber det op i ca. CL 100. Baderåd; pas på understrømmen i Kyrenia, den er til tider meget stærk og går udad. I Famagusta er det især speedbådene, man skal passe på - det er ikke let for føreren at se en mand med snorkel. Bad aldrig alene og vær altid forsigtig.

A - COY's
staerke
mand

541175 KS Bent Stovgaard, SJLR, fra Roskilde (DANCON 5, 6 og tre måneder af 7) har dyrket vægtløftning i ca. 3½ år, men hans store hobby er skydning og jagt. Han blev i 1959 og 1960 nr. 2 i danmarksmesterskaberne i lerdueskydning. Jagtjournalen siger 456 stykker vildt nedlagt i skovene omkring Tissø på Sjælland.



437884 KS Erling Larsen, søværnets kystbefæstning, fra København, er nu på velfærdskontoret. KS har rejst en del og bl.a. været flere år i Australien.

RETTE MAND
PAA RETTE
PLADS

Han vil kunne give gode råd til alle, der endnu kan nå at gøre brug af de rejser, velfærdstjenesten tilbyder billigt. KS er forøvrigt kendt som en dygtig forfatter til forskellige muntre sange.

MP'erne nyder solen

mellem vagterne



MP-KP John Madsen, JTRR, fra Holstebro (tv) og MP-KP Poul Bukh, JTRR, fra Bjergeby (Mors) slapper af mellem vagttjenesten på Ledra Palace. Madsen skal hjem nu; Bukh fortsætter sin tjeneste på Cypern.

ROTATIONEN
SLUTFÖRD

Bataljon 38C på plats

DEN NYA SVENSKA FN-BATALJONEN, 38C, HAR NU KOMMIT TILL CYPERN och solbrännan har redan börjat fylla de albyler som tumlade ut ur planen på Nicosia flygplats under den sista veckan i april.

Den 25 april övertog den nye zonchefen, överste Curt Hermansson, befälet efter en kort ceremoni i Carl Gustaf Camp. Före chefen, överste Bertil Stjernfelt, överlämnade samtidigt bataljonens fana. Fanvakter ur båda bataljonerna övervakade ceremonin.

DEN NYE
ZONCHEFEN

ÖVERSTE HERMANSSON ÄR VÄRMLÄNNING OCH UTNÄMNDES till fänrik vid Kungl Värmlands regemente 1959, genomgick krigshögskolan 1945-47, tjänstgjorde som lärare vid krigsskolan 1947-48, var generalstabsofficer 1950-54, kapten vid Svea Livgarde 1954-57, major vid Skånska Dragonregementet 1957-60, zonchef och lärare vid krigsskolan 1960-65, överstelöjtnant vid Södermanlands regemente 1965-67. Från den 1 oktober är överste Hermansson utnämnd till överste i pansartrupperna och befälhavare för Falu försvarsområde.

Den nye zonchefen är gammal idrottsman och som exempel kan nämnas att han som skolpojke var med i Allsvenskan i handboll då denna startade 1935. Dessutom hade han då som medspelare fadern till öfu Erwall, stf vaktplutch på bataljon 38C.

Skidskytte och orientering var andra ungdomsidrotter. Numera är det fram för allt tennis, och den nya bataljonen kan därför vänta sig att tennisserier inom kort kommer att starta.

Historia räknar överste Hermansson som sin främsta hobby, och den nye zonchefen har också tjänstgjort som lärare i krigshistoria.

Överste Hermansson är för närvarande bosatt i Strängnäs tillsammans med sin familj, men snart är det dags att åter flytta, denna gång till Falun.

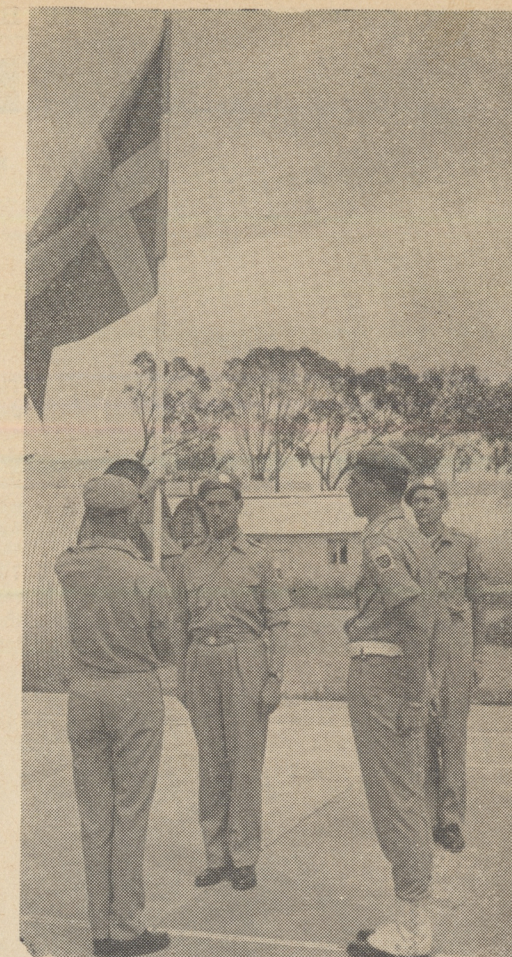
Överste Stjernfelt gav i sitt avskedstal en kort tillbakablick över det senaste halvårets händelser inom zonen. Han beklagade att den nya bataljonen skulle få ta emot två stressområden från den avgående, nämligen Kophinou och Mari.

Han var dock övertygad om att bataljon 38C skall fortsätta den fredsnyttiga uppgiften och lösa de problem den ställs inför.

Överste Hermansson prisade det arbete som den avgående bataljonen uträttat under den tid den verkat på ön och sade att han hoppades att den nya bataljonen skall kunna sköta sina uppgifter lika väl.

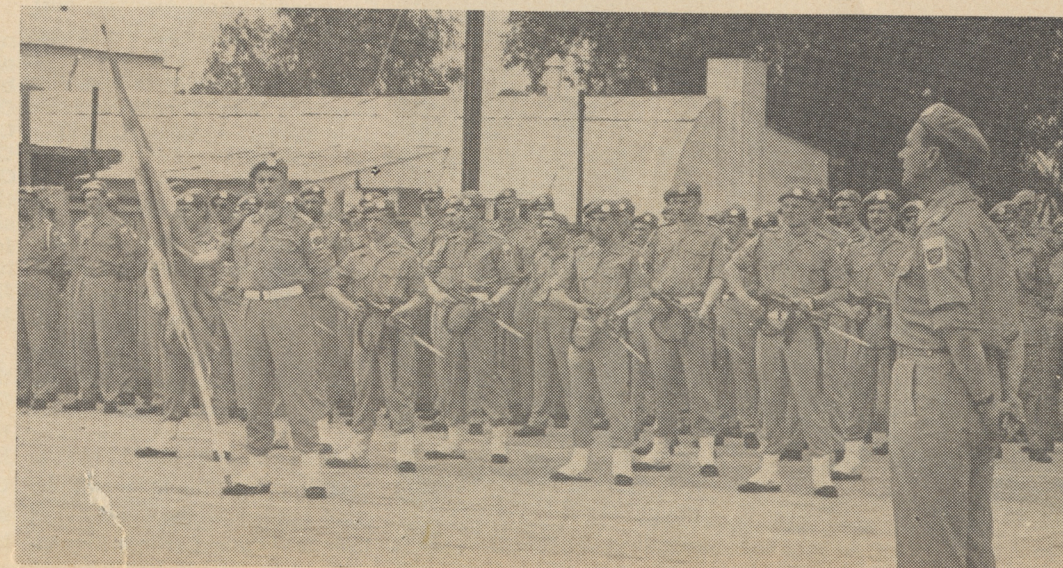
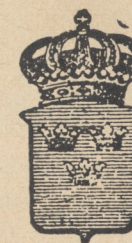
Under rotationen har det hittills varit lugnt, med undantag av stressen i samband med att förtruppen anlände.

Avgående chefen för Famagusta zon, överste Bertil Stjernfelt, överlämnar fanan till sin efterträdare, överste Curt Hermansson.



DEN NYE ZONCHEFEN:

Overste Curt Hermansson



Överste Hermansson, t.h. tar emot fanvakten ur bataljon 38C.



BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

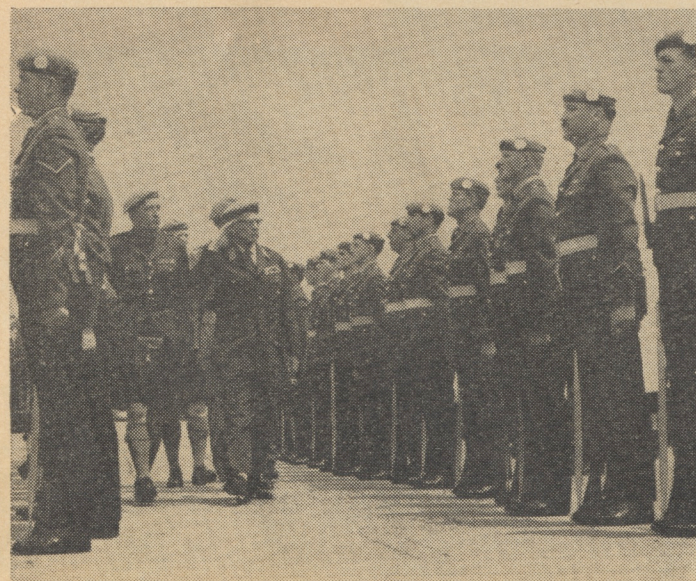
MEDALS FOR THE 'JOCKS'

'DUKES' BEGIN TAKEOVER

The Force Commander, Lieutenant General A. E. Martola, accompanied by Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, visited Polemidhia Camp to present their UN (Cyprus) Medals to representatives of 1st Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) last Thursday. A total of three officers and fifty-one men were on the Parade, which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Earle Nicoll, the Commanding Officer of the Battalion.



The Commanding Officer gets his "gong". Lieutenant Colonel Nicoll receives his UN Medal from the Force Commander at Polemidhia. 2/Lt Charles Arbuthnott (centre) and RSM David Grant await their turn for the award.



General Martola inspects the Parade, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Nicoll and Brigadier M. N. Harbottle (behind the General).

After the medals had been presented — including one for the Battalion's WRVS representative, Miss Betty Winn — the Force Commander addressed those present. He expressed his thanks and appreciation for "the excellent work" performed by The Black Watch in one of the biggest Zones in Cyprus.

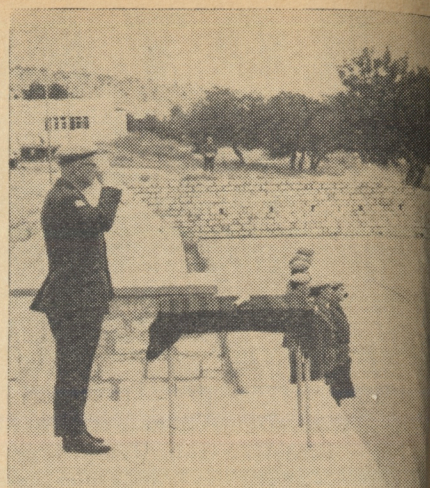
He thanked the Battalion for the most effective assistance it had been able to give—because of the stability of its own Zone—at trouble spots, when their co-operation with other Contingents of the Force had been outstanding. "Your contribution towards peace in this beautiful but unfortunate island has been most valuable and is much appreciated" he added.

After General Martola had warmly congratulated the Battalion its fine military bearing and appearance, the Parade gave three rousing cheers for the Force Commander before marching past the dais where he took the salute.

Later the General visited the Sergeant's Mess to make his farewells before lunching with the Officers.

The Black Watch leave Cyprus between 2 and 6 May on completion of their UNFICYP tour. During the same period the main body of the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment takes over responsibility for the Zone.

"Blue Beret" would like to take this opportunity of wishing good fortune to the "Jocks" for their forthcoming tour in Germany; and to welcome the "Dukes" to their new duties.



Preceded by the pipes, the Black Watch the Force Commander takes the salute.

FATHER AND SON WITH IRCON

Father and son: C/S John Gallagher of the Signals Platoon, checks a C 12 radio with his son Patrick. The C/S, on his 4th UN tour, has been 24 years in the Army. Patrick, aged 20, has two years service and enlisted specially for Signals duty.



FAMILY PORTURE...

Early last Thursday morning the wife and daughter of CQMS Thomas Mullins, both named Barbara, left Cyprus for their home at the Curragh, Co Kildare. The CQMS who was with 7th Inf Group has been a patient in the Austrian Field Hospital since 9th March and concern for his life was so great that his family were specially flown out to see him on 18th March.

They have been guests of the 7th and later the 8th Inf Groups since. QM Mullins, who served with the 33rd Inf Bn in the Congo and with the 41st Bn in Famagusta and Lefka Zones is now making satisfactory progress and hopes to go home during the second week in May.



C/S Gallagher congratulates his daughter Barbara on her 17th birthday. The happy occasion.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

GROUP RECALL 'RISING'

TODAY, WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY IS COMMEMORATION DAY. THIS IS IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD of the 1916 Rising, of whom fifteen were executed. The first such three, Padraic Pearse, Thomas McDonagh and Tom Clarke were shot on 3rd May 1916. Throughout the Irish Army the day is observed as Army Holiday with Mass Parades and other ceremonies. IRCON in Cyprus will observe it in this fashion also subject to operational commitments.

SPORT...

A volleyball challenge game was played at Limnitis last Wednesday — A Coy versus ICA, which the former won by 3 games to 2. Best player for the winners was Cpl Kevin O'Rourke.



THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT!

Corporal Davy Sharpe (with ball) poses a height problem for Private John Malone, during a recent inter-Platoon volleyball game at 'B' Coy, Kato Pyrgos. As a basketball player Davy finds scoring all too easy with his great reach.

FOLK GROUP DROP IN AT HEADQUARTERS

Last week some members of an Irish students music group, Ridiri An Cheoil, who had been attending an international cultural festival in Tel Aviv found themselves stranded in Cyprus due to the closure of Athens airport. When they eventually took off for home their plane developed engine trouble and had to return, making an emergency landing at Nicosia. On Monday they contacted the Irish Liaison Officer at UN HQ who arranged to have their families notified of their safety.

The students included Dalgan Kirwan of Glasnevin, Dublin (singer and group leader), Yvonne Ruttle, Douglas Road, Cork (flautist), Aideen O'Shea, Sunday's Well, Cork (singer and flautist) and Joan O'Leary, Togher, near Cork (dancer).

Later it was agreed that they would visit UN HQ and with them came a West Indian band, complete with steel and native drums. Assisted by the resident "Ted Nations" band a mini music-festival was held at UNFICYP HQ Officer's Mess during which Irish and West Indian music, songs and dances were performed to the

great enjoyment of a truly international gathering.

Before leaving for home the Irish group asked particularly that their thanks be extended to all whom they met at UN for the friendship and courtesy with which they were treated.



Four members of an Irish Folk Group, Ridiri An Cheoil who were entertained at UNFICYP HQ last week. (L to R) Dalgan Kirwan, Dublin, Yvonne Ruttle, Aideen O'Shea and Joan O'Leary all of Cork. With them is Grace MacNeill of the West Indies folk group.

QOR's BIRTHDAY PARTY



The Bugle Band entertains children and their parents in Temblos village.



Lt Col N.A. Robinson, commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, surrounded by happy children in the village of Dhikomo at the mammoth 107th birthday party the regiment threw for children in their area of responsibility.



How old does a little girl have to be before she learns not to be afraid of soldiers? This little girl from Dhikomo was one of more than 500 kids entertained by the men of the Battalion, at the Regiment's birthday party. Attempting to charm away her tears are a QOR cook and Staff Sergeant A. McMillan.

Cpl. Bob Stevens, 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, spent the better part of Wednesday afternoon passing out hamburgers to Cypriot children in Dhikomo. The Regiment entertained nearly 1,500 people in the QOR area of responsibility to celebrate their 107th birthday.



HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN FETED

THAT HOOTING AND HOLLERING FROM THE Kyrenia Mountains last Wednesday didn't worry Canadian troops of 2nd Battalion The Queen's Own Rifles at all. They were the cause of it. The regiment held a mammoth party to celebrate its 107th birthday in the afternoon, hosting during the day nearly 1,500 guests of all ages, sizes, and nationalities.

The party was spread over four spots in the Canadian area of responsibility and lasted from mid-afternoon until late that night.

Simultaneously in the village of Dhikomo, the Kyrenia Red Cross Children's Hospital, and the village of Temblos, kids of the island were feted.

In Dhikomo's schoolyard more than 500 children jammed a regimental field kitchen tent to gobble their way through 45 pounds of hot dogs and 60 pounds of hamburgers, swilled down with 40 gallons of lemonade.

At Temblos and the Children's Hospital, kids by the hundred got sticky and happy on candy, soft drinks, cookies, and ice cream.

The Regiment's Bugle Band toured from party to party, playing for the children and their elders. Vying

with the Bugle Band for popularity was a gaggle of khaki-clad rock-and-rollists called The Rifles, banging out a beat that echoed through the hills.

In Temblos, the children, not to be outdone by all the Canadian entertainment, turned the tables and performed dances in traditional costume.

By the evening most of the regimental party sponsors arrived in Kyrenia at the Coeur de Lion Hotel, barracks for the Queen's Own Rifles, and watched with half the town while the Bugle Band performed their traditional Retreat Ceremony.



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KONEESEEN SISAÄN —



"Helikopteriin - psu!" ryhmä on odottanut kyyryssä helikopterimiehen peukalon nousemista merkiksi, ja nyt mennään kiireellä humisevien roottorinsiipien alitse kohti oviaukkoa.

KONEESTA ULOS —



Kone on laskeutunut jonnekin vihollisen selustaan, joka tällä kertaa onneksi vaikuttaa aika rauhalliselta, ja ryhmä loikkaa mies mieheltä alas maahan metrin korkeudella keikkuvasta helikopterista.

JÄ VALIIN TAUOLLA



Pikku tauko ennen siirtymistä köysikiipeilyyn. Edessä olevasta voimistelutunnista huolimatta nämä 3.K:n miehet ovat tyytyväisen näköisiä.

HELIKOPTERISULKEISTA SUOMEN PATALJOONASSA

JOUKKOJEN SIIRROT HELIKOPTERILLA EIVÄT VIELÄ NYKYÄN kuulu olennaisena osana suomalaisen varusmieskoulutukseen, joten tällä kertaa koulutuksen aihe lienee ollut uusi ja outo kaikille mukana olleille. Kahtena eri päivänä viime viikolla vietiin miehiä kauas aroille vartiopaikka 212:n luokse kokeilemaan, minkälainen yhdistelmä syntyy suomalaisesta jääkäristä ja englantilaisesta Westland Wessex-helikopterista.

Aluksi harjoituksen johtaja yliuutnantti Kohvakka esitteli kentälle järjestyneelle harjoitusosastolle helikopteria, sen ominaisuuksia ja sen käyttöön liittyviä vaaroja, jotta jokainen ennen koneeseen nousuaan tietäisi, mikä pää siinä puree ja mikä potkii. Tämän jälkeen siirryttiin ryhmittäin harjoittelemaan koneeseen nousua ja siitä poistumista, sekä tutustuttiin pedon sisuksiin, punaisiin ja vihreihin lampuihin ja mies- ja naispuolisten vyönsolkien salaisuuksiin.

Aluksi harjoiteltiin poistumista laskeutuneen helikopterin luota. Ryhmä kerääntyi lyhyen lentokierroksen jälkeen laskeutuneen koneen vierelle kyyryyn, ja kun helikopteri oli taas noussut noin metrin korkeudelle, siirryttiin nopeasti sivulle ja sitten eteenpäin, pois laskeutumisalueelta.

Seuraavaksi miehet joutuivat hyppäämään alas metrin verran maan yläpuolella paikallaan pysyttelevästä koneesta. Sehän ei vielä ollut paljon mitään, mutta viimeisenä osana harjoituksessa oli todellinen akrobaatin tempu: helikopteri jäikin 10 - 15 metrin korkeuteen, ja miesten piti kiivetä alas oven yläpuolella olevaan koukkuun ripustettua köyttä myöten.

Hyvinhän sekin näkyi menevän, ja jos yhtä ja toista lienee vähän



pelottanutkin, niin kukaan ei sitä ainakaan tunnustanut. Olipahan taas yksi hyvä juttu lisää kerrottavaksi yläsaarelle paluun jälkeen.



Suomalainen sotilas on yhä suomalainen sotilas, vaikka hän nyt vaihteeksi keikkuisikin Kyproksen taivaalla. Ryhmänjohtaja pitää köydestä, ja mies tulee käsi-käyntiä turvallisesti maahan.

ASSEMBLY DEBATE

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if South Africa — as she has declared she would do — opposed the take-over, except to refer to Charter provisions covering diplomatic, economic and military enforcement action. African speakers said in this connection that a trade embargo should be enough to break resistance if South Africa's Western trading partners backed such a course.

Speaking in favour of the second line of argument, US Ambassador Arthur Goldberg said there were already too many "confrontations" and urged discussions be tried even if there were no assurance they would succeed. In common with other Western and Latin American speakers, Mr Goldberg thought

tion fully to exert its authority.

A Saudi Arabian proposal submitted late in the week was described by Ambassador Jamil Baroodi as a means of allowing the United Nations "to get its foot in the door". It would have one or more United Nations members offered as co-administrators of the territory along with South Africa for a brief period before a United Nations administration was installed.

Mr Baroodi said this would pave the way for implementing the Afro-Asian resolution for which, he felt, there was at present no semblance of an assurance of success.

UN OBSERVERS REQUESTED FOR VIET-NAM ELECTIONS

AT A PRIVATE MEETING WITH UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, last week, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Viet-Nam, Phan Van Do, was reported to have discussed the possibility of having United Nations observers check on the elections scheduled to be held in South Viet-Nam in the autumn.

The Secretary-General is reported to have told the Minister that if the Republic of Viet-Nam wished to make a formal request for United Nations observers, he would transmit it to the Security Council, which alone could decide on such action.

The present government in South Viet-Nam has declared that general elections will be held in the South, starting on the first of September, to elect a civilian government.

UN THE BEST ROAD FOR PEACE

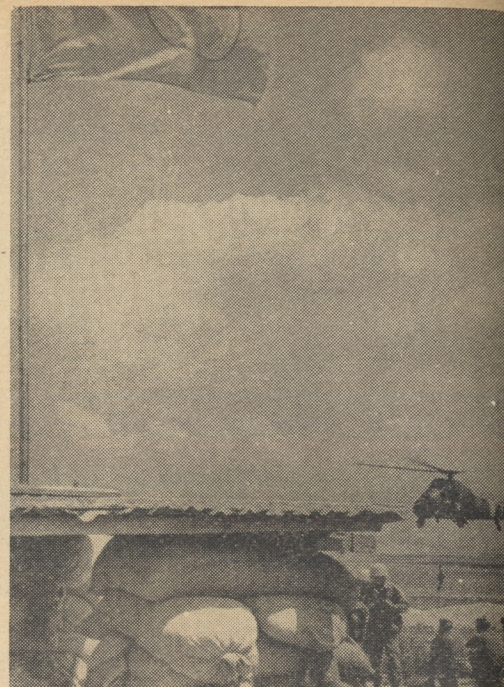
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Negotiating Committee in Geneva to reach agreement of preventing nuclear proliferation.

He also felt the effectiveness of the world organization could be enhanced if it could make greater progress towards universality of membership. He observed, for example, that the absence from the United Nations of some of the key parties directly or indirectly involved in the

Troops of the Finnish Contingent of the Force last week took part in helicopter training using Wessex helicopters of 72 Squadron Detachment RAF.

Vartioaseman poijilla on tällä kertaa vaihtelevaa katsomista. YK:n lippu, tai vasta, vuoria ja Wessex, josta joku sankari parhaillaan keinoitelee itseään alas.



FRENCH POSITION RESTATED

IN A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE on United Nations peace-keeping operations, Ambassador

Roger Seydoux restated the French government's intention to make a voluntary contribution to the United Nations to help settle the organization's financial difficulties.

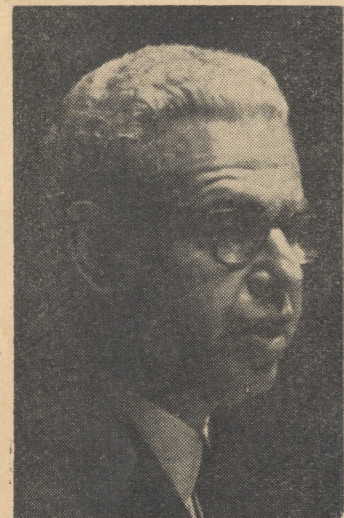
PIO RETURNS FROM LEAVE

THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE in Cyprus, Mr Luis Moreno-Verdin, arrived back in Nicosia last week after a six-week leave during which he and his family visited the Holy Land and their native Mexico.

Mr Oswaldo Lopez-Noguerol, of Argentina, who has been acting as PIO during Mr Moreno's absence, left the island this morning, Wednesday, to return to Geneva, where he is assigned as Information Officer at the United Nations European Office.

Ambassador Seydoux stated however that France would make such a contribution as her share of the "collective effort" of industrialised countries to settle this problem, and the French government he added, cannot determine the modalities for this unless decisions to be taken by such countries are "coordinated and are made simultaneously."

In a statement to correspondents, the United States this week restated the declaration made last month by Ambassador Arthur Goldberg that if those countries "whose contributions towards the deficit are long overdue" would make substantial contributions, then America would not be found wanting.



GOLDBERG: 'Too many confrontations'

talk of enforcement action was impractical or at the least, premature.

The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia again urged immediate independence for the territory, charging that Western powers were supporting South Africa. Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov of the Soviet Union suggested the Organization of African Unity (OAU) could help prepare general elections with UN aid if required, and cautioned against an interim administration as liable to exploitation against the interests of the people.

African speakers praised the Soviet intent but commented that the task of getting South Africa out was at present beyond the strength of the OAU. Pressing for the adoption of the Afro-Asian draft many African speakers argued that twenty years of pleading with South Africa had met with stubborn resistance and the time had come for the world organiza-

Viet-Nam conflict had made it much more difficult to bring the issue to a conference table.

Stressing the role of education for peace, U Thant spoke of the need to instill an open-minded approach in young people. Recalling that religious intolerance had been the rule through the centuries, the Secretary-General observed that the ecumenical movement had

now registered considerable gains.

He also expressed his belief of the necessity of open-mindedness in the realm of ideology. "Dogmatism is beginning to lose its sharp edge", he said and before long various ideologies will "reach a consensus not only in regard to ends, but also in regard to means".