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GOLD MEDAL AWARD



AUSTRALIA CONTRIBUTES 62,000 DOLLARS TO UNFICYP

Australia has announced that it was making a further contribution of 62,000 dollars (£26,000) towards the cost of the UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Mr Kenneth Rogers, Australian charge d'affaires told UN Secretary-General, U Thant, that this was additional to the cost of maintaining Australia's police contingent in Cyprus during the six-month period ending 26 June 1968.

Australia is making the additional contribution in answer to an appeal by the Secretary-General.

Lt Gen A. E. Martola, awards Inspector Hans Landauer the Golden Medal, on behalf of the Federal President of the Republic of Austria, for meritorious conduct.

Inspector Landauer and Constable Kofler, who has returned to Austria, rescued two Turkish-Cypriots at Orta Keuy on October 24th, 1967, who were in danger of drowning from the floods.

(Further photo back page)

NIGERIA INVITES UN OBSERVERS

The Nigerian Federal Government, on 29 August, 1968, invited the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, and other foreign observers to visit the combat zones in the civil war to see the conduct of Federal troops.

The Government said in a statement it would give full facilities to U Thant and a team of observers from the Organization of African Unity, Britain, Poland, Canada and Sweden, to visit and observe the areas of military operations.

In Sweden the Government said on 29 August, that it took 'a positive attitude' to the proposal that a Swedish

observer be sent to watch the Federal drive into Biafra.

The Nigerian Federal Government, also on 29 August, described as a hostile act reported offers of four planes to the International Red Cross by Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland for carrying relief supplies to Biafra.

UNITED NATIONS BUDGET

\$141 MILLION REQUESTED FOR 1969 ESTIMATES

THE Secretary-General, U Thant, is asking the General Assembly to consider initially an appropriation of \$140,520,210 for the regular United Nations budget in 1969.

For 1968, the General Assembly appropriated \$140,430,950, an amount that the Secretary-General estimates, may fall about \$2 million short of actual expenditures, to be made up through the approval of supplementary estimates.

U Thant's initial request for 1969 is only \$89,260 higher than the current appropriation. However, the figures are not comparable, since at this stage the budget estimates do not provide for certain expenditures whose amounts cannot yet be estimated — notably, the sum to be spent under the regular United Nations programme for technical co-operation. Neither do they include estimates of expenditure resulting from decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council at its summer session or to be taken by the General Assembly this autumn, which will be the subject of revised estimates later this year.

WORLD BANK

Lester Pearson Accepts Invitation To Head International Commission

Mr Lester Pearson, formerly Prime Minister of Canada, has accepted the invitation of Mr Robert McNamara, President of the World Bank, to head an international commission to examine the past and future of world development.

In announcing the appointment, Mr McNamara said that, since he assumed his post, he had been deeply concerned with the two linkend problems; what is the strategy for aid and development for the next 10, 20 and 30 years, and what is the World Bank's part.

Mr McNamara saw the immediate road ahead for the Bank as including a sharp increase in loans for development, he felt that the broad strategy for the future was not clear. It is to this that Mr Pearson's commission will turn its attention.

Mr McNamara expressed confidence that a man of Mr Pearson's long political experience would recognize that this was one of the graver problems facing leaders of the richer nations, and that concerted action by them all in partnership with developing nations was essential.

FN MEDAILLER

De Forenede Nations Medaille er indstiftet af FN's general-sekretær, og ifølge bestemmelserne af 30 Juli 1959 kan den tildeles militært personel, der i en nærmere fastsat periode har forrettet tilfredsstillende tjeneste under FN ved kontrol af indgæet våbenstilstand eller ved opretholdelse af ro og orden.

Det bånd medaillen er ophængt i, varierer efter det tjenestested, hvor medaillen er fortjent:

Indien og Pakistan, mørkegrøn midterstribe, der går over i hvidt til hver side og afsluttes med FN-blå kanter.

Libanon og Palæstina, FN-blå med smalle hvide kantstriber.

Congo, grøn med hvide kantstriber og FN-blå kanter.

Vest Ny-Guinea, FN-blå med en mørkegrøn-hvid-lysegrøn midterstribe.

Yemen, en mørkebrun midterstribe, der går over i gult til hver side og har FN-blå kanter.

Cypern, FN-blå med en hvid midterstribe kantet af smalle mørkeblå striber.

Foruden FN-medaillen findes der De Forenede Nations Ekspeditionskorps' medaille (UNEF-medaillen), der er indstiftet af FN's general-forsamling den 30 November 1957, og De Forenede Nations Korea medaille, der blev indstiftet i 1950.

Hans Majestæt Kongen har givet dansk militært personel tilladelse til uden ansøgning at bære tildelte FN-medailler.

Selv medaillen bæres ikke til daglig. Her anvendes i stedet et lille bånd, der anbringes ca. 1 cm. over midten af venstre brystlomme.

Den tildelte medaille er ophængt i et lodret bånd. Efter danske bestemmelser bør FN-medailler imidlertid bæres i "krydsbånd". Monteringen kan ske gennem de fleste større juvelerforretninger i

Danmark - for egen regning.

Når selve medaillen bæres, hæftes den på venstre bryst ca. 7 cm. over lommens overkant.

Medaillen bæres når det bliver befale, ved parader og andre højtidelige lejligheder, men den bør derudover også bæres til uniform ved passende lejligheder som bryllupper og begravelser.

Også som hjemsendt har man ret til at bære sin medaille. Mange tror at den kun må bæres til "kjole og hvidt". Det er ikke rigtigt. Der stilles ingen krav om særlig påklædning i forbindelse med bæring af medaillen. Men man forventer, at medaillen kun bæres ved begivenheder af en tilpas højtidelig eller festlig karakter, og det forventes også, at påklædningen svarer til, hvad der på stedet er skik og brug ved sådanne lejligheder. Til civilt tøj hæftes medaillen på jakkens opslag ved knaphullet.

I kantinen kan man købe miniature gengivelser af medaillen. Miniatur-medailler bæres normalt ikke til uniform eller kirkelige begivenheder, men de kan udmærket anvendes til civil festdragt f.eks. til en større sølvbryllupsmiddag.



DANCON - NYT

Her i September måned modnes en lang række frugter på Cypern. Konstabel Ole Nørreskov Jensen fra A-kompagniet, til venstre, undrede sig over nogle frugter, der på afstand lignede store æbler. Det viste sig at være granatæbler, en frugt, der udover den uvortes lighed intet har med æbler at gøre. Indvendig har granatæblet nogle små røde ribslignende bær.

Konstabel Jens M.A. Enkjær, også fra A-kompagniet, til højre, plukker vindruer i delingsområdets have. Han har allerede planer om at tage til vinfest i Limassol i slutningen af måneden, for vindruerne er jo kun råmateriale til langt ædlere produkter, og Cypern har traditioner på vindyrkningens område, der er langt ældre end de fleste europæiske landes.



Ved en lille højtidelighed i stabsmessen mandag den 26 August modtog major O. Blichert Hansen, løjtnant F. Aggergaard og overfenrik S.P. Randløv deres FN-medailler. På billedet er det kontingentets hjælpskriver, overfenrik S.P. Randløv, der lige har modtaget sin medaille af chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant O.M. Achon.

MEDAILLEPARADEN

I tirsdags modtog 382 mand fra DANCON IX deres FN-medailler. De fleste medaillemodtagere var til stede ved paraden på "moaten".

Efter at chefen for det danske kontingent, oberstløjtnant O.M. Achon havde modtaget paraden, dekorerede kompagnicheferne deres befalingsmænd og mandskab.

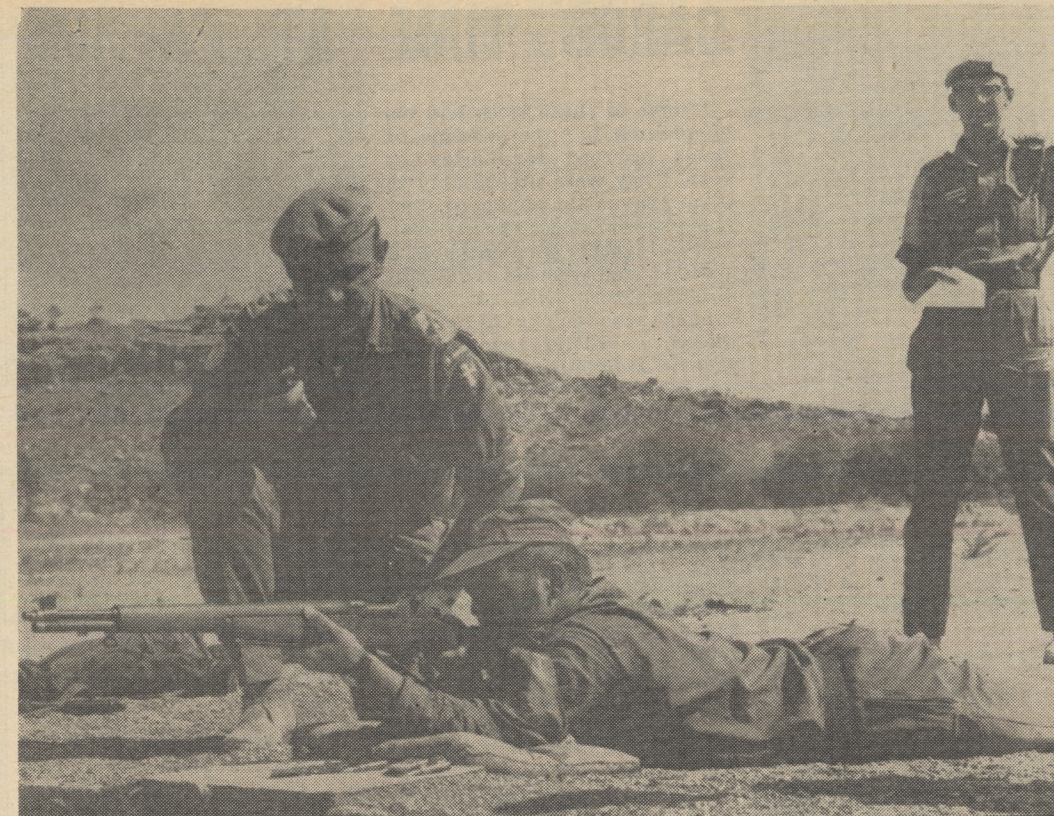
Chefen for De Forenede Nations styrke på Cypern, general I.A.E. Martola fik derefter afleveret paraden. Generalen dekorerede personligt kontingentchefen og en

række officerer, øvrige befalingsmænd og konstabler.

Efter medailleoverrækkelsen talte generalen til styrken på dansk. Generalen takkede for veludført tjeneste i Nicosia West District.

The Band of the 4th Light Infantry spillede under paraden, der afsluttedes med forbidefilering for general Martola på vejen foran A-kompagniets kommandostation.

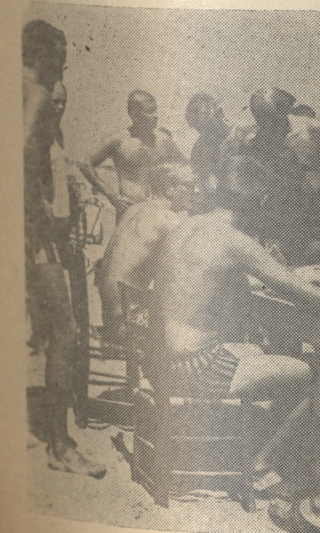
I næste nummer af The Blue Beret vil vi bringe billeder fra paraden.



Augusti visade sig bli en oöverträffad sportmånad för den svenska bataljonens del med en lång rad evenemang och fina resultat att glädja sig över. Visserligen tog danskarna hem den individuella segern i skjutävlingarna den 29 genom sin E Madsen. Men i gengäld vann vi ju fotbollskampen i söndags med 3 - 2! Bilderna: Th kaptan C-G Andersson, 3 komp, tävlingsledare vid den nordiska skyttekampen. Övan instrueras furir Rolf Westerberg på det danska vapnet av Dancon-majoren Nilsen. I bakgrunden kaptan Andersson.

FÖRSTA SIMBORGARDAGEN LOCKADE SJU NATIONER

Att simma för simborgarmärket i Medelhavet under en alltid pålitlig sol måste vara något alldeles extra för de som brukar ta sitt simborgarmärke varje år. Den första dagen lockade också oväntat många simmare, 269 stycken från 7 nationer, närmare bestämt. Finnarna svarade utan tvekan för dagens prestation genom att infinna sig med 92 man! Danskarna var inte så intresserade, de ställde upp med sju man.



Men fler kan väl simma 200 m får vi hoppas.

I tävlingen mellan kompanierna leder efter första dagen första komp med 53 deltagare före andra med 49 och STR med 38. Tredje komp har sin första simborgardag vid annat tillfälle och kom därför inte med i statistiken denna gång. Men vi vågar gissa att major Möller kommer att mana sina gossar till mangrannt deltagande.

Ett verkligt överraskande inslag gav första dagen även i ett annat avseende. 7 turk- och 19 grek-cyprioter anmälde sig och genomförde simningen.

Nästa gång blir 4 sept och sista gången den 11 sept. Sista dagen, som blir finaldag med fortlöpande rapporter, hoppas vi att så många som möjligt infinna sig vid beachen i Famagusta. Omkring klockan

Förste man ur vattnet var övl
Lars Lundquist.

14 startar också zonmästerskapet i dragkamp. Finnarna och danskar kommer även att ställa upp och tävla mot de svenske.

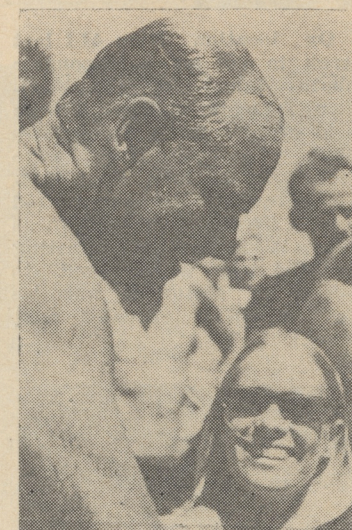
INFÖR VALET

Det stundar som bekant till riksdagsmannaval i vårt fosterland och även vi i den svenska kontingenten på Cypern får vara med och rösta. Det är en rättighet som alla bör ta vara på!

Sveriges Radio sänder måndagen den 16 ett sammandrag av nattens valhändelser speciellt för oss i utlandet. Tid: 06,45 Cyperntid. Våglängd: 19,46 m (178420 kHz).



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Trängsel kring simborgarbordet på beachen.

**SWEDCON
NEWS**





This donkey was not quite sure what to make of his load! It was Rfn Stuwert Cothill, who is normally on a "12 hrs on, 24 off, stag", at Paphos HQ, Comms Centre.

SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN?



On location from 4LI last week to get some reasonable photos taken for the Regiment's record in Cyprus were a group of smartly dressed soldiers. Amongst them were from Lto R: Rfn 'Ken' Meynell, Stuwert Cothill and Fred James. The site where this was taken is historically interesting but the trio were about to spring a historical surprise — as will be revealed next week!



Cpl Robert Wilkinson, left and Bdsman Barry Lumley respectively play the flute and clarinet.

**BRITCON
NEWS**

CAROB TIME AT PAPHOS

"Some of these trees had been planted in the middle of fields reserved for barley or corn. They were presumably to give the cattle shade against the pitiless heat of August. But altogether the carob is a curious tree with its red flesh; branches torn from it leave wounds the colour of human flesh". — Bitter Lemons, Lawrence Durrell.

For anyone who has recently driven from Limassol westwards, passed the carob warehouses with their distinctive smell and on to Paphos, the fields have been a hive of activity for the villagers.

Ancient trucks have been trundling along with a heaving mass of trembling grapes, leaving a trail of juice, oozing through the tailboard gaps and providing a skating rink on every corner. Donkeys somehow maintain their balance laden with sacks of carobs, as they receive a constant tap behind their ears and a nagging heel — prod from their master, to make haste.

Carob trees can grow on a farmer's land who owns the crops, another farmer can own the tree for its wood, and a third the fruit of the tree. It

takes little imagination to realise that friction can creep in between the parties! This has meant a period of vigilance for Maj Ian Robertson, Paphos District Commander, and supplemented by two troops of Armoured Cars from Zyyi a constant watch has been kept and "touch wood", everything has passed off well. In fact the co-operation between villagers of both communities has been very good indeed.

When harvesting does take place, the whole family are put to work. Villagers who might be stonemasons and carpenters by trade will "down" their normal tools to take hold of a twelve foot pole and progressively work through a field rattling the branches and the dried fruit drops to the ground looking like shrivelled brown runner-beans.

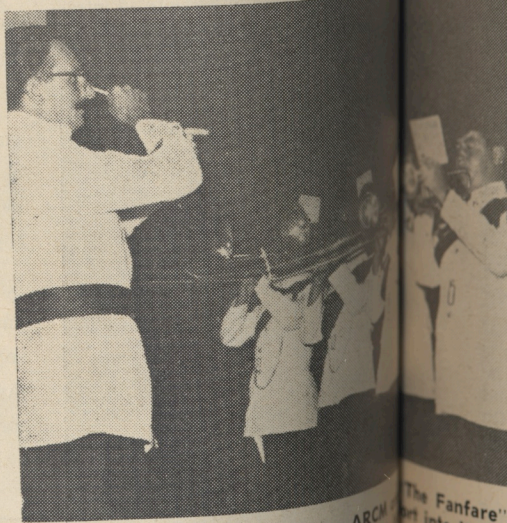
The seam of the carob is too hard for the teeth and it can only be bitten through from one side revealing a taste rather like dates but with a definite 'tang'. The carob has many by-products — one more commonly known to us, is that it provides the wax for making gramophone records!



The action with the carob poles was the intentions of Rfn Fred James, (Right) were suspicious as trying to remove the villager up in the tree from the ground!



Sgt David Allen, 4/7 DG's, puts in on the Squadron's speed-boat which took a fair buffeting. Anchored off Zyyi jetty on a rather calm day the mooring chain snapped and the boat took an uncontrolled slide along the South Coast! It fortunately ran aground and suffered no damage, before Lt Alister Morgan-Kilner could find reason to recover it! (Bad luck, squire!)



Bandmaster R.C.H. Berry ARCM clearly putting the two instrumentalists clearly putting the band into it, are right: Lcpl David Marshall and Lcpl Richard Donovan.



The Woodwind in full cry! From L to R: Bdsman James Johnson, Alan Hubbuck and Lcpl Kenneth Lawson.

The Regimental Band of the 4th Light Infantry

Formed in 1763, some six years after the formation of the 68th of Foot, the Band has become an integral unit within the Battalion.

All forms of music being produced, parade, church, concert and dance. Both in England and abroad the Band can be heard broadcasting and has a new 12" Long Playing Record just out on the record

counters.

During the Bands current tour with 4 LI in UNFICYP the Band has been busy playing to Contingents and to the local Greek and Turkish villagers.

A full programme of engagements are scheduled before the Bands departure to the UK on the 15th October.

APPRECIATION

During the week, the senior NCOs of 10 Inf Group presented the Officer Commanding, Lt Col R. O'Sullivan, with a silver tray to mark the concluding stages of the Group's tour of duty.



Making the presentation to Lt Col O'Sullivan at a function in the NCO's Mess, is Sgt Major W. Dullard while the unit adjutant, Capt Noel Carey, watches the proceedings.



**IRCON
NEWS**

Senior NCOs of the unit gathered for the occasion are (left to right, standing) C/S H. Wolverston, C/S M. Walsh, C/S P. O'Brien, C/S J. Smith, C/S R. Dunne, C/S A. Fogarty and C/S W. Keane (seated) C/S M. O'Connor, Sgt Maj W. Dullard and C/S L. Gaynor.

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS



In order to emphasize the importance of careful driving during the unit's tour of duty in Cyprus, certificates of accident-free driving were presented last week by the Officer Commanding, Lt Col R. O'Sullivan, to sixty-two eligible drivers of 10 Inf Group. Shown receiving their certificates are (left to right) Tpr Dolan, Pte Sheehan, Tpr Murphy, Tpr Carbury, and Cpl Landy.

VOLLEYBALL WINNERS



During the past week, the volleyball championship of the 10 Inf Group was played out. The winners, shown above, were the Armoured Car Group team which had previously won the unit league title. They are (left to right, back row) Cpl P. Weaver, Tpr J. Barry, Tpr J. Kerins, Tpr M. Hanley (front row) Sgt F. Geary, Cpl J. Cooper and Tpr S. Murphy.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS CANCON



Lt Gen A. E. Martola, Force Commander, was greeted by a Quarter Guard mounted by the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry when he arrived at Camp Maple Leaf for a formal presentation of medals to the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse. With Gen Martola is Lt Col Potts, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

CAN'T YOU READ?



In preparation for a big Canadian celebration at Camp Maple Leaf this month, two of the entertainers work out their performance. On the left is Drum Major Doug MacLean and on the Sax is Tpr Tom Beatty.



The Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse roll past General Martola after their UN medal parade.



A Canadian Armed Forces aircraft arrives every Monday at Nicosia, disgorges its cargo then reloads immediately for a return trip to Canada. The Ordnance Detachment for the Canadian Contingent have to handle all the incoming and outgoing material and thus Monday becomes "the day". On the left is Cpl Terry Blacquiore, then Pte Dave David and supervising the loading is Cpl George Pottle.

The trip planners in the welfare office at Camp Maple Leaf are pretty busy handling their military tourist trade right now. If you want to travel Sgt Ed Bulger on the left and his assistant Cpl Mickey Fortier, will get you there.....somehow.

KORKEITA SAUNAVIERAITA



There were high ranking visitors in the Finnish sauna at Kykko Camp on 29th of August, 1968. The Finnish Staff Group of HQ UNFICYP arranged this occasion under the supervision of Lt Col N.K.J. Brask in order to introduce this genuine Finnish custom.

Pictured from the left, Deputy Chief of Staff, Col D.B. Riddell-Webster and Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. E.M.D. Leslie, and opposite them, Chief Medical Officer, Col. T.A. Pace and Lt Col. N.K.J. Brask, the host of the event.

Torstaina elokuun 29. päivänä oli Kykon saunassa korkeita vieraita, sillä HQ UNFICYP:ssä työskentelevä suomalainen esikuntaryhmä evl N K J Braskin johdolla oli järjestänyt saunomistilaisuuden, jonka avulla vieraita perehdytettiin tähän aitoon suomalaiseen tapaan osoittaa vieraanvaraisuuttain. Kuvassa vilvoitellaan saunan edessä, vasemmalla varaesikuntapäällikkö, evl D Riddell-Webster ja esikuntapäällikkö, Brig-Gen E M D Leslie ja heitä vastapäätä evl T Pace ja evl N K J Brask, tilaisuuden isäntä.

KRH - AMMUNNAT



Goshissa ammuttiin taas menneellä viikolla, tällä kertaa kranaatinheittimillä. Kuvassa krh-joukkue on mennyt sähkökästi asemaan, heittämiä suunnataan parhaillaan, ja kiire on.

PATALJOONAN VIIHDEILTA



Pataljoona kokoontui omaan viihdeiltaan Myllylle elokuun 23. päivänä klo 19.00. Ilta oli oma siinäkin mielessä, että vierailevat esiintyjät olivat suomalaisia ja YKSP 9:n paikalle hankkimia. Kotimaasta käsin meitä täällä Kyproksella palvelevia ei ole muistettu viihdeseurueilla pitkään aikaan.

Illan keskitasoa parempi ohjelma kesti noin kaksi ja puoli tuntia, minä jälkeen oli vielä kahvitarjoilu. Sotpast Esko Jaakkola vastasi järjestelyistä.

Kuvassa Les Gazelles-tanssiryhmän kaksi gasellia venäläisen tanssin pyörteissä.



FINCON NEWS



KUNTO-KILPAILUT

Keskiviikkona 28.8 suoritettiin kuntokilpailujen toinen osa, kuntoratakilpailu 2JK:n esteradalla Omorphitassa. Ykkönen oli ykkönen tälläkin kertaa ja vei joukkuevoiton selvästi nimiinsä.

Tulokset: (20 parhaan aika)

1. 1JK, 1.37.40
2. 2JK, 1.40.53
3. HK, 1.47.40
4. EK, 1.52.59
5. 3JK, 2.07.27

Kolme parasta:

1. Ylik Hirvonen, EK, 4.03
2. Kers Ahomäki, 1JK, 4.13
3. Jääk Kallio-Könnö, 2JK 4.16

IRCON COMMANDERS



First indications of the pending rotation of the Irish Contingent were seen at Nicosia Airport last week when the new Group Commander and his Company Commanders arrived in Cyprus to take over from their counterparts in the 10 Inf Group. Shown above on his arrival is Lt Col Don O'Brein, Officer Commanding the new contingent, 11 Inf Group, chatting to Lt Col R. O'Sullivan, Officer Commanding 10 Inf Group.

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UN Social Welfare Conference Opens

The Secretary-General, U Thant, is scheduled to open the United Nations Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, to be held at Headquarters from 3 to 12 September.

Representatives from Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, will take part, Cyprus is also sending an official to the conference.

The Conference — the first of its kind held under United Nations auspices — will bring together 350 officials, including some 50 Ministers, and other Cabinet members and advisers concerned with social welfare policy in about 80 countries.

In addition, representatives of seven United Nations bodies and related agencies, and observers from the main non-governmental organizations active in social welfare, will attend.

The Conference will tackle problems of strengthening the role of social welfare in national development programmes and is expected to make recommendations to the United Nations for action at international level

UNDP Funds Reach \$183.34 Million

The Philippines Government has announced that it will make a contribution to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of \$214,000 for the year 1969.

The Philippines is one of 25 Governments which have thus so far indicated they expect to increase their pledges to the UNDP, subject to parliamentary approval. Of these, Sweden's is the highest — a \$2 million increase to raise Sweden's total contribution to \$17,500,000 for 1969.

For 1968, 118 Governments have so far pledged \$183.34 million to the UNDP. The Secretary-General and the Administrator have urged Governments to increase steadily their voluntary pledges so that a target of \$350 million may be reached by 1970.

Road Safety Corner

Sooner or later you will have to stop quickly in an emergency. DO NOT stamp on the brake—press firmly and progressively on the pedal.

If a tyre bursts — DO NOT apply your brakes immediately, instead —

1. Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel and steady your vehicle.
2. Ease your foot off the accelerator. — Violent deceleration has much the same effect as applying your brakes.
3. When your vehicle is under control, brake GENTLY.



On Tuesday last week, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, Force Commander presented Peace Keeping Medals to both the Austrian Field Hospital and Austrian CIVPOL. The Parade is pictured awaiting the General's arrival formed up, beneath the flags of the Republic of Austria, the UN, and the International Red Cross, under command of Lt Col Umfahrer, Second-in-Command at the Austrian Field Hospital.