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LATIN-AMERICA TALKS

NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

AGREEMENT EXPECTED
SOON

HOPES FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT TO KEEP LATIN AMERICA FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS EXPRESSED LAST WEEK BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, in a message to the Preparatory Commission for De-nuclearization of Latin America which met in Mexico City.

The success of the talks, he



U THANT: PRESENT
MEETING A CRUCIAL ONE

said, gave "solid ground for hoping that a treaty for the de-nuclearization of Latin America can be achieved and enter into force for the whole or for at least part of the area in the near future."

The Secretary-General said he was gratified to note the provision of the draft under discussion would establish close links between the agency to be created and several of the principal organs of the United Nations, and that the Interna-

FATHERS AND SONS



Fathers and sons of "B" Coy, 7 Infantry Group, Irish Contingent (from left) Pte. Leonard Hawkins and his son Leonard, Coy Sgt. Pat Neill and his son Pat.

FOLLOWING IN THEIR FATHERS' FOOTSTEPS

THERE ARE TWO COMBINATIONS OF FATHER-SON PARTNERSHIPS in B Coy, 7th Irish Infantry Group drawn from the Southern Command, Ireland. It would be interesting to discover can this record be equalled by any company-sub-unit in any of the other contingents. The picture which we publish in

this issue was taken some time ago and since that C/Sgt. Pat. Neill was taken ill and has undergone an operation in Dhekelia General Military Hospital where he is a patient at present. We hear he is making a rapid recovery and would like to take this opportunity to wish him an early return to the line.

NON-NUCLEAR STATES TO CONFER

HARNESSING THE ATOM

A PREPARATORY GROUP MET AT UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK, LAST WEEK to pave the way for a general conference of non-nuclear states. The last General Assembly decided to convene the conference no later than July 1968 in order to consider such questions as:

How can the security of non-nuclear states best be assured? How can non-nuclear powers co-operate among themselves to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons?

How can nuclear devices be used for exclusively peaceful purposes?

MEKONG BASIN PROJECT

ELECTRIC POWER AND IRRIGATION

\$23 MILLION SCHEME

THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN came under review at a new meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee which opened in Vientiane, Laos, last week.

The session will be marked by a dedication ceremony for the \$23 million electric power and irrigation project on Nam Ngum, one of the tributaries of the Mekong, situated about 45 miles to the north of Vientiane.

In extending his Government's welcome to the delegates, Prince Souvanna Phouma of Laos said the Nam Ngum project would change the lives of thousands of families in the area and facilitate fruitful co-operation with his country's neighbours, especially Thailand.

UN Under-Secretary C.V. Narasimhan conveyed the Secretary-General's deep personal interest in the progress of the Committee's work. He pointed out that the development programme involved the co-operation not only of the Mekong River countries, but also 21 other countries on three continents. He emphasized that this co-operation had been sustained and even accelerated despite all kinds of political vicissitudes and even major military conflicts.

The Committee's work, Mr. Narasimhan declared, had contributed not only to economic and social progress, but also to the contentment of the peoples in the area and, thereby, to political stability.

FORSVARSMINISTER PA BESOG HOS DANCON



HOBBIES

er en god ting at have. I CHARLEY-kompaniet er det ved at blive en hel mani at bygge og flyve med modelfly. På billedet ses to af de ivrigste modelflyvere, tv. KS 662633 Viggo Sørensen fra SLFR med en færdigbygget model af Spitfire-typen og th. KS 617031 Ole Pedersen fra G-IR.

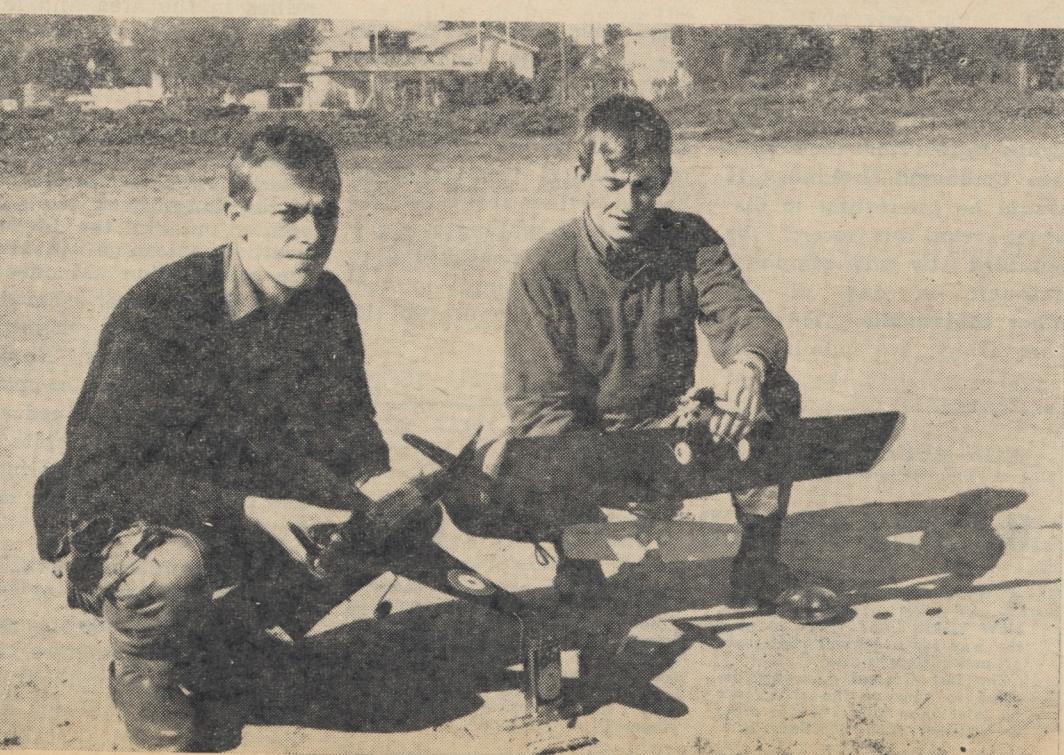
KS Pedersen forulykkede forleden dag med sit modelfly nær ved kompaniets kommandostation, hvorved maskinen fik vingerne revet af og haleroret lettere beskadiget. Flyet er lavingenet, bygget af balsa træ, og vingerne er beklædt med pergamentpapir. Motoren er en 0,15 HK glødehoved-motor,



BENZIN SKAL DER TIL

for at holde DANCON's køretøjer rullende, og det er ikke småting, der bruges. Pr. uge kører vi 1400 til 1500 gallons op, hvilket svarer til ca. 6.500 liter, så det er intet under, at vore raske folk i motorpuljen har travlt.

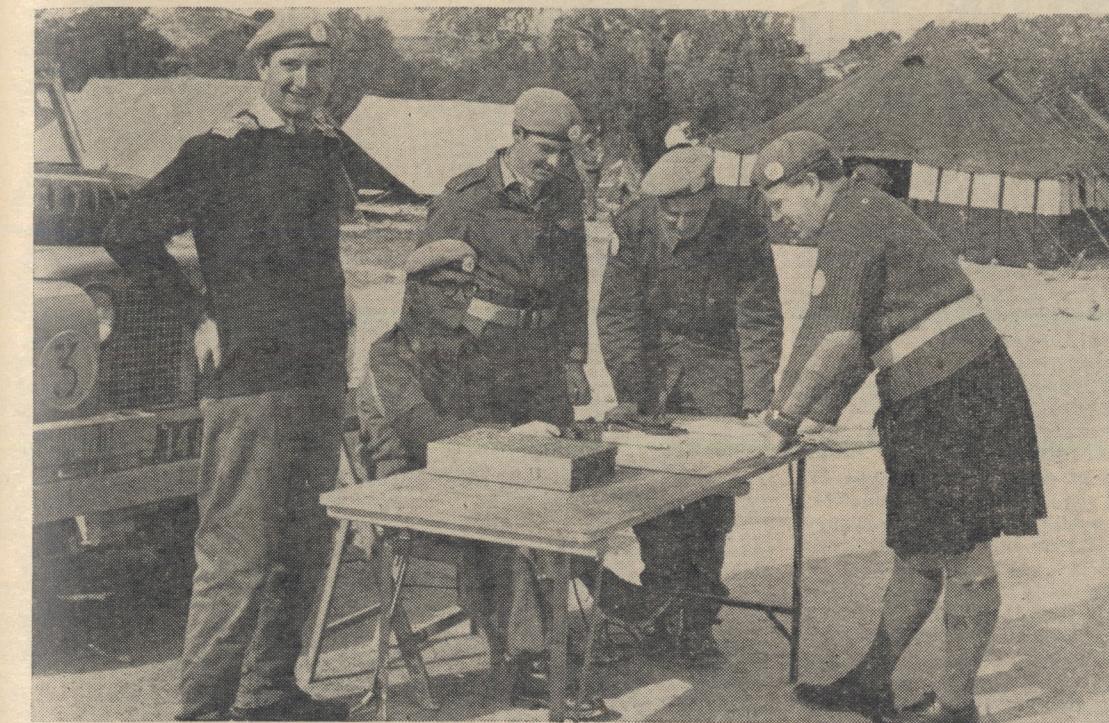
Tv. ses på billedet KS 567714 Karl Hansen, JTTR i Aalborg, i ferd med at tanke en vogn, medens KS 678149 John Vangshold, flyvesation Værløse, tager sig af den mere "kontormæssige" side af sagen



DANCON
NYT

Den 2. februar aflagde den irske forsvarsminister, H.E. Michael Hilliard, ledsgaget af den irske generalstabschef, generalmajor Sean Mac Eoin, officielt besøg ved HQ DANCON. Ministeren og generalen blev modtaget af kontingentchefen, oberstløjtnant J.J. Ladegaard-Mikkelsen og gik derefter strax op i O-rummet, hvor de blev orienteret om den øjeblikkelige situation i Nicosia West district. Gæsterne forlod derefter Ledra Palace, og ministeren inspicerede - som billede viser - det lejligheden af B-kompaniet stillede æreskommando. Videre gik turen til C-kompaniets kommandostation, hvorfra gæsterne efter en kort orientering af kompagnichefen, major O.P. Olling, begav sig ud på den del af "Den grønne linie", der ligger inden for Nicosias mure, og med dette sluttede besøget.

MED BAD 36 C I FÄLT



SVENSKNYTT



The Blue Beret presenterar på denna sida en bildsvit från FN-insatsen i Kophinou, där svenska och britter samverkar i fredens tjänst. Även om några av bilderna ser krigiska ut är det i fredens ärenden FN-soldaterna ligger i fält.

Befälhavaren för Styrka K, överstelöjtnant Åke Hessler, Jönköping, (vid bordets kortända) deltar i en genomgång vid den brittiska avdelningens högkvarter Kiltkladde major Ian Leslie, chef för britterna i Kophinou, "briefar" (fr v) kapten James Rucker, Lcpl J. Dunne och trooper Michael Bartlett.



Hungrig blir man förstås av att ligga i fält. Här huggar några svenska FN-soldater in på mackorna med frisk aptit under en matrast i det gröna nägonstans i Kophinou-området.



Lennart Karlsson, Ormsjö, (t v) och Jan Hanell, Jönköping spanar över terrängen bakom sitt automatvapen.



FN-soldaten behöver inte bara lekamlig spis utan också andlig. Batpator Erik Fransson, Värnamo, spelar på sin medhavda fältorgel under ett körum ute i Kophinou-terrängen. Medan posten i kp-bilens torn fortsätter sin spaning....

Anders Svensson, Bankeryd (t v) och Erling Albinsson, Lindfors, båda från 3 komp, i en krigisk tätatät med sitt grg.

NERVE CENTRE OF THE CONTINGENT

There is some well-deserved publicity due to the Operations Staff of Group HQ. These hard working back-room boys maintain a round-the-clock service at HQ in Xeros. On such peace-keeping operations as this they are the nerve centre of the contingent and are very often forgotten by the camera which roams forever where the action is. See pictures this page.

There has been somewhat of a lull in sporting activities due in part to recent preoccupations, to bad weather and leave periods. There were however two important events last week. On Wednesday the Irish officers of HQ UNFICYP played the Group HQ officers at volley ball at Xeros. The lower qualifying age limit for these teams was thirty-five so that it was understandable that the tempo of the play was somewhat "Largo" (slow and dignified). Nevertheless skill was not altogether absent and the playing of pipe music by the Group band, which was present, helped to stir the battle urge of the veterans. We



Lieut Paddy Murphy assistant operations officer, briefs members of the OPs staff — Sgt. Patrick Egan and Sgt. Martin Roche.

OLD-TIMERS OF UNFICYP KEEP



The veteran volley ball team of UNFICYP HQ.



Capt. John Egan OPs A, 7th Inf Gp at work in the OPs room. routine chores.

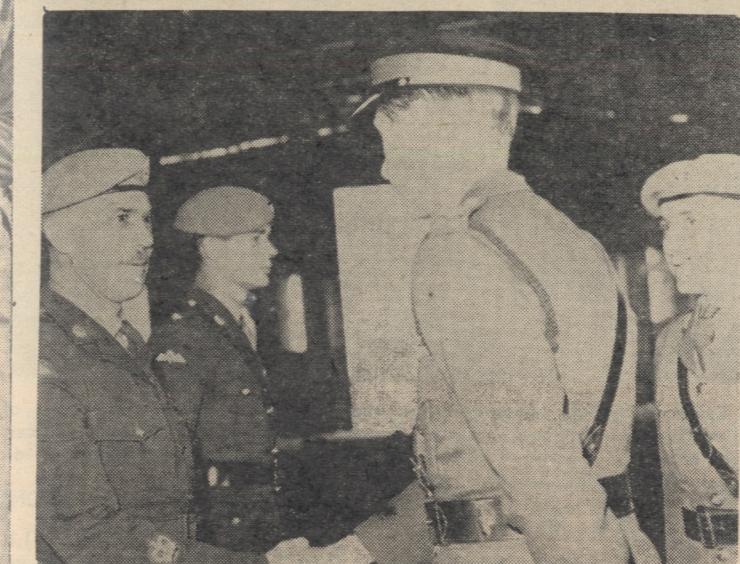


INITIAL BRIEFING

Pat Mc Haffey receives his initial briefing from the new Detachment Commander, Flt Lt Ted Roberts, RAF.

TRANSPORT CHIEF VISITS UNFICYP

RECENTLY THE INSPECTOR OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT, Brigadier E. W. T. Darlow, OBE, was in Cyprus during a series of routine visits to RCT Units throughout the world. Whilst in the island he took the opportunity to "look in" on 1 Squadron RCT. For this visit he was accompanied by Lt. Colonel E. J. Younghusband, RCT, who is CRCT Cyprus.

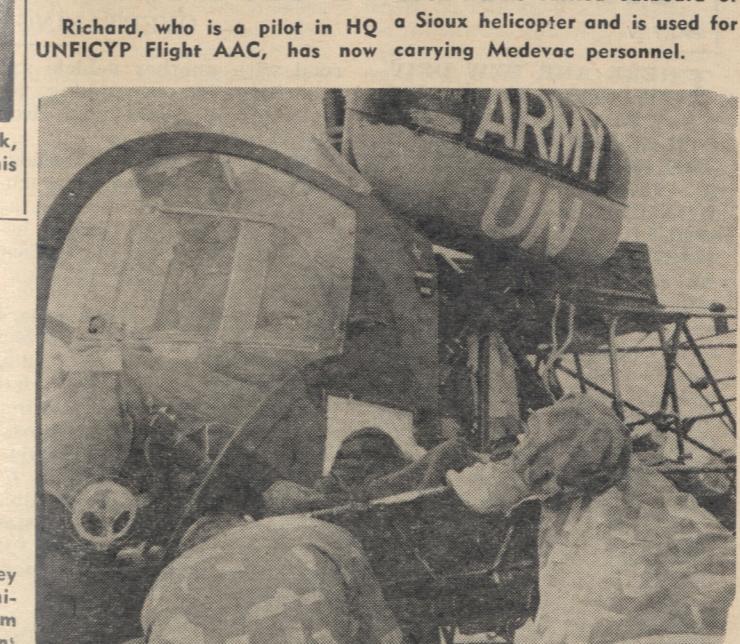


The Inspector meets SSM (WO II) Don Hill (left). In the background is 2nd Lieut. Mark Wilkins, RCT, while the Squadron Commander, Major. Don Garner, RCT, is on the right.

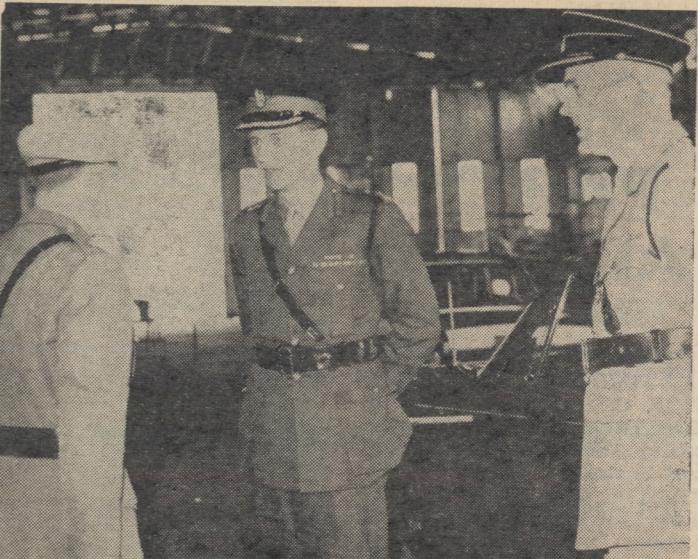
MEDICAL EVACUATION

BY HELICOPTER

THE PHOTOGRAPHS BELOW WERE TAKEN ON THE last of the half-dozen "Stokes Litter" Training Courses which Lt Richard Hawkins, RM, has been running. This litter is carried outboard of a Sioux helicopter and is used for carrying Medevac personnel.



Two assistants secure a "patient" to the helicopter, watched by their instructor, in the cockpit, Lt. Richard Hawkins, RM. This is only one of the many "casualties" who have received instruction from Lt. Hawkins, during the past three months.



Brigadier E. W. T. Darlow, Inspector, Royal Corps of Transport (centre), talks to Major Don Garner RCT (left), the OC of 1 Squadron, RCT. On the right is CRCT Cyprus, Lt. Colonel E. J. Younghusband, RCT.



Sgt. Derek Talbot of "A" Tp, 1 Squadron, RCT, briefs the Inspector on the day's "Detail Sheet". Derek's home town is Bolton, Lancashire.

GUESS WHAT?



Puzzle Picture: The editor was quite unable to decide a suitable caption for this photograph. Can any member of the Force provide one which is apt, preferably humorous and publishable?

RECCE
PARTY
ARRIVES

ROTATION IN APRIL

ARBINGERS OF SPRING-TIME AND THE ROTATION OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT were the reconnaissance party of the 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada from Calgary, Alberta, and the incoming Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoon recce squadron.

The contingents rotate in April and the recce party spent the week of Jan. 30 — Feb. 6 going over the ground in detail with members of the present contingent, the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, and the recce squadron of Calgary's Fort Garry Horse.

The Queen's Own Rifles have been "doing their homework" for the Cyprus assignment well in advance. Their commanding officer, Lt.-Col. N.A. Robinson was DAA & QMG in Canadian contingent headquarters when the 1st battalion of the regiment was here April—September, 1965.

The incoming battalion is young, the average age being 24½ and the average age of the riflemen 18½. Briefings were underway in their home base at Calgary late last year based on material sent then by 1 RCR here.

Lt.-Col. Robinson has written: "We have found an area in the Sheep Creek part of the Rockies which resembles the Kyrenia Range and did a week's UN exercise up there. The Forest Rangers were most intrigued by the Greek and Turkish flags flying on the peaks in the Bow River Forest Reserve and our

UN MEDAL PRESENTATION



Twenty-three Royal Canadian Corps of Signals personnel manning rear links for all contingents of UNFICYP had a UN medals parade at Headquarters with Lt.-Col. Robert Wythe, Chief Signals Officer, making the presentation. Left to right are Capt. George Lackonick, who has 36 Canadian signalmen on the island; Cpl. Fred Marryat, Lt.-Col. Wythe, and Sig. R.G. Carrigan.

(Photo Courtesy FINCON)

Cypriot 'women' (played by the young soldiers) had to be seen to be believed! We're driving on the left side of the road in the training area . . .

The 107th regimental birthday falls on Apr. 26, 1967, plans for observances of which will begin when the QOR of C arrives in April. Some activities are also planned for Calgary Day on August 1.

Apparently Canadian Forces Base authorities in Calgary put a stop to their installing Cypriot road signs all over Currie Barracks, feeling realism was being carried too far.

Members of the recce party included the battalion second in command, Major Bill S. Wilson; Major Ted E. Ball, trummers.

Major Jim H. Allen and Lt. Ron P. Kyswaty. The OC of the recce squadron of the dragoons who was here with the Fort Garry Horse for first hand insight into their operations was Major Kevin G. Troughton. The Dragoons will be coming with the April rotation from Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick.

LIFE HAS PRIORITY
OVERTAKING

PART V

THE FIRST ROTATION OF 72 SQUADRON (DET) RAF is now in progress. Flt Lt Peter Faid and his staff are leaving almost immediately, and are succeeded by Flt Lt Ted Roberts and his men. The new crews will be in Cyprus for approximately six weeks.

72 Sqn ROTATION



Unpacking their equipment are new arrivals Flt Sgt Bill Butt (left), Flt Sgt Jim Lord (supervising), and Sgt Ken Torkington.

It may be helpful to illustrate the problem: To pass a vehicle that is travelling, let us say, at 35 miles an hour, is similar to passing a stationary line of vehicles hundreds of feet long, the distance depending on the speed in passing. Keeping this picture in mind may save some embarrassing moments, if not worse.

If a mistaken estimate is made and an overtaking vehicle is on the right side of the

road with another vehicle approaching, the overtaking vehicle should brake and drop behind again.

When overtaking, besides checking for vehicles approaching from the front, be just as sure to check that vehicles behind are not pulling out to pass also.

Then there are the standard rules: Avoid overtaking when approaching a hill or a blind curve — we cannot see what is coming. Avoid overtaking when approaching a cross-roads, a corner, a pedestrian crossing, an intersection or where there is a no-passing zone. Be careful about overtaking slow-moving vehicles too rapidly — they may be preparing to turn.

And, finally, never speed up when another vehicle attempts to pass. It is not only discourteous, it is highly dangerous. The best procedure is to slow down a little and let the other vehicle get around quietly.



Heijastin hohtaa kirkkaasti varoittaa autoilijaa jalankulkijasta, joka harmaassa univormussa muuten on pimeässä vaikka havaita ja sen vuoksi aina varassa tulla yliajetuksi. Kuva näyttää, että vastaantulevan auton häikäisevä valokaan ei himmennä heijastimen kirkkautta.

HEIJASTIMIA JAETAAN
JALKAMIESTEN TURVAKSI

JOKAINEN, JOKA JOUTUU AJAMAAN AUTOA NIKOSIAN heikosti tai ei laisinkaan valaistuilla kaduilla ja saaren teillä, joiden tumma asfaltti varsinkin märkänä imkee ajovalot melkein olemattomiin, tietää, kuinka valkeata on varoa tien reunaan käveleviä tummiin pukeutuneita jalankulkijoita. Vastaantulevien paikallisten autoilijoiden tapa ajaan aivan keskiviihää ei kapealla tiellä muutakaan jätää paljon pelivaraa väistää jalankulkijoita, mutta todella vaaralliseksi käy tilanne silloin, kun kuljettajalla on vain sekunnin murto-osa aikaa havaita tien reunaan taivaltaa jalkamies.

Jalkaisin kulkevien patalojonaisten turvallisuuden lisäämisen si on nyt vihdoin saatu jakoon heijastimet, jotka olkapäähän kiinnitettyinä hohtavat kirkkaasti jo kauan ennen kuin autoilija muuten kykenisi kävelijää havaitsemaan. Heijastin on vain pieni muovilevy palanen, mutta se kulkee mukana vaivattomasti ja sen hyödyllisyys on niin Suomessa kuin ulkomailla suoritettuissa kokeissa tullut moneen kertaan todistetuksi.

Ei ole luultavaa, että aivan pian saamme paikallisen vaestön käännytetyksi heijastimien innokkaaksi



EK:n aliupseerimessissä vieraili äskettäin ruotsalaisia Famagustasta. Kuva vasemmalta oikealle kersanti Forsten, sergeant Svedberg, rustmästaren Gustafsson ja vikersantti Mitikka.

SAFETY FIRST!

The Finnish Contingent is issuing to its men small plastic reflectors meant to be carried on the shoulder. The reflector responds to the headlights of an oncoming vehicle long before the driver would otherwise spot the pedestrian, and gives a greater margin of safety by allowing the driver time to move toward the center of the road to give way.

The device is simple and cheap, and convenient to carry, and various tests conducted in Finland as well as in other countries have proved that it considerably reduces the danger of walking in the dark on narrow roads. It should prove particularly valuable here in Cyprus, where streets tend to be very dimly lit and where the dark paving of the main roads, when wet, absorbs vehicle headlights and sharply reduces visibility.

The picture (left) illustrates how the small piece of plastic, carried on the shoulder, gleams brightly and is clearly visible against the grey of a Finnish uniform.



Työpajalla riittää puuhia tarpeksi asti. Kävimme näppämässä tämän kuvan joitakin päiviä sitten, ja tarkan näköinen hitsaaja on pioneeri-rioukkujen jääläki Aimo Lallo.



Pesäpallonkin peluu on taas pääsemässä vauhtiin. Kuva on harjitusottelusta HK - EK, jonka huoltokomppania voitti 8 - 3. Lukkari on HK:n jääläki Bagge, ja mailan varressa tekee töitä EK:n jääläki Lehto. Taustalla näyttää merkkiiä kersanti Juntila.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID

RACIAL SEGREGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION URGED

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID SAID TODAY THAT SOUTH AFRICA seemed to be wreaking increasing vengeance on opponents of her racial segregation policies and urged an international investigation to help the lot of prisoners held on racial charges.

In a letter to Secretary-General U Thant, the Committee recalled that in 1964 and 1965 it had suggested an international commission be set up to investigate accusations of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners in South Africa.

It remarked that this move was not pressed in the Assembly in the hope that international opinion might bring the South African Government to improve prison conditions.

However, the Committee declared, evidence continued to be received of ill-treatment of not only anti-apar-

theid leaders but also thousands of persons jailed for infringing apartheid laws.

An enquiry, called for by the 11-nation Committee, would be initiated by the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Also, today, the apartheid Committee urged that the forthcoming Anti-Discrimination Day be observed in the widest and most effective way possible. The last Assembly proclaimed 21 March as "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination". The Committee noted that this date was chosen to commemorate the massacre seven years ago in Sharpeville, South Africa, of demonstrators against apartheid; 68 persons were killed and nearly 200 wounded.

The Committee said the Sharpeville massacre was a grim reminder of the profound injustice of apartheid — and of the fact that the people who lived under it could not free themselves without the support of international opinion and action.

The Committee suggested that 21 March be marked by declarations of support of UN efforts to end apartheid and foster a non-racial society in South Africa, and contributions to UN and other funds designed to help apar-

theid victims as well as to organizations fighting apartheid.

The Committee's proposals were set forth in a letter to UN members and non-governmental organizations.

In a third decision today, the Committee expressed its concern about the plans of certain US banks to extend or renew loans to South Africa, and asked the Chairman to seek US action to prevent this. The issue was brought up by Guinea, which said that a US consortium, including the Chase Manhattan and First National City, was about to grant a 40 million dollar line of credit to South Africa and that this would nourish her arms build-up.

Last Autumn the Assembly asked all states to discourage bank loans to South Africa and to comply with the Security Council decisions requesting a full arms embargo.

Besides the move relating to US banks, the Committee asked the UN Secretariat to report on what financial aid South Africa was receiving from other countries in general.

The members of the Committee are Algeria, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Somalia.

ALLEGED USE OF POISON GAS IN YEMEN

SAUDI ARABIA COMPLAINS OF AIR STRIKES

AMBASSADOR JAMIL BA-ROODY OF SAUDI ARABIA CALLED ON UN SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT on 30 January to complain of air strikes on two Saudi Arabian towns and the alleged use of poison gas in Yemen.

He asked U Thant to take whatever steps he might consider necessary to put an end to such acts.

At the Secretary-General's request, Ambassador Mohamed Awad El Kony of the United Arab Republic met with him on Wednesday, 1 February, to discuss the matter.

In answer to subsequent queries by newsmen, a UN spokesman said the UAR had not asked for a UN investigation, but that the Secre-

tary-General had seen a press release in which the UAR Minister for National Guidance expressed the readiness of his Government to accept a fact-finding mission.



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U. S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF

THE US AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ARTHUR GOLDBERG, LAST WEEK PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS to Henry Labouisse, Executive Director of the UN Children's Fund.

The special gift, which is in addition to the 21 million dollars regularly pledged by the US each year, was authorized by the US Congress and President to commemorate UNICEF's 20th anniversary in 1966 and its receipt of the Nobel Prize in 1965.

Describing the Children's Fund as "one of the most successful of all United Nations ventures," Ambassador Goldberg said it had been instrumental in "meeting a need which has no measure and knows no politics — the need of the world's children for food, shelter, and preparation to become useful citizens."

ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN LATIN - AMERICA

COUNCIL OF 90 BISHOPS

THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, LAST WEEK RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF THREE BISHOPS who presided over a Council of Roman Catholic bishops of Latin America, which met in Mar Del Plata, Argentina, last October, to discuss "the role of the Church in the socio-economic development and integration of Latin America."

U Thant was presented with a document summarizing the conclusions proposed by the 90 bishops at the Council.

The document deals with such problems as the need for reforms in existing land and social structures and fundamental education.

It stresses everyone's rights in these areas and urges all responsible persons to take effective action to secure them.