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## **CHEQUES IN AID OF LIMASSOL DISASTER FUND**

On Saturday 17th January the Principal Information Officer, Mr. Jean Back made a trip to Limassol to present cheques to Mr. P. L. Zachariades, the District Officer, (£339.639) and to Mr. Kemal Pars, of the Turkish Cypriot leadership (£169.847).

The cheques, in aid of the Limassol Disaster Fund which was set up after the storm a few days before Christmas, were the result of a collection among civilian and military personnel of UNFICYP.



## **FORCE COMMANDER MEETS COMMANDER BFNE**

Major General Prem Chand (left), newly appointed Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, chats with Air Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Commander British Forces Near East, during a visit to BFNE Headquarters at Episkopi.



### **SWEDISH GIFT FOR STORM VICTIM**

A number of Swedish members of Unficycyp donated £15 to the family of Solomis Michael, of Kato

Varosha, as relief aid after the destruction of his hut by the recent storm in Famagusta.

## **NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO FORCE COMMANDER**

On Tuesday 20th January 1970 Lieutenant General Elias Yerakinis, Commander of the National Guard, paid a courtesy visit on the Force Commander at Headquarters UNFICYP.

The call was in return for that paid by Major General Prem Chand to the head of the National Guard on the 15th of January last.

Our picture below shows the Force Commander in his office chatting informally with General Yerakinis.



## STABSKOMPAGNIET PÅ HÅRT BESØG HOS CHARLIE

Forgangen fredag så man ovre ved Charlie's vandtårn et fast utrosyn.

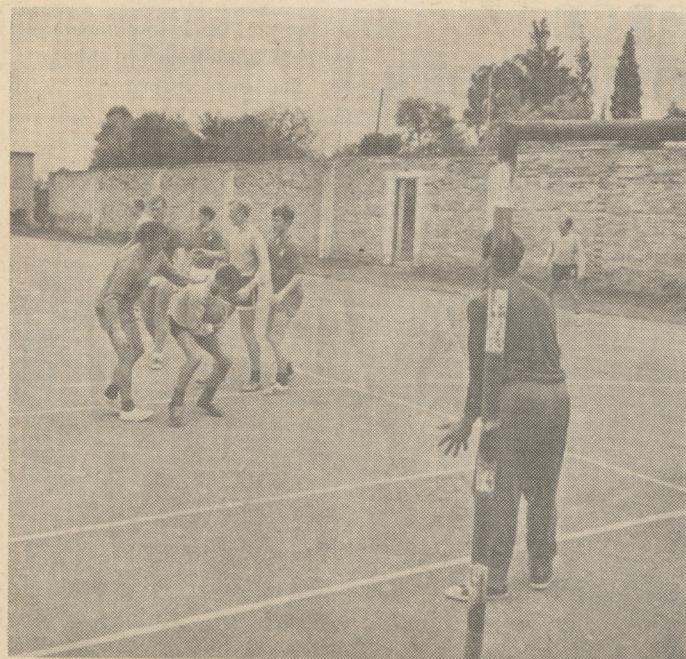
Stabskompagniet havde forladt sine hyggelige huler og værksteder og forsøgte sig i den svære rolle som rigtige, tapre og modige krigere, der med dødsforagt kastede sig ud fra svimlende højder.

Ih, hvor var det altså spændende. Næsten som den Mord und Todschlag film, vi i de dage kunne nyde i "biffen". Vi ser her en af de tapre, SG. J.E. Petersen, der med sandt heltemod har kastet sig ud i det (næsten) tomme rum. Han slap fra det med livet!

## DANCON NYT

### ALFA slog CHARLIE

Her har vi grebet en spændende situation fra håndboldkampen mellem Alfa og Charlie. Der BLEV mål, trods målmandens store anstrengelser. Kampen endte forvært med en sejr til ALFA på 18-17.



## SMALFILM EFTERLYSES

Lederen af FN-soldaterforeningens filmarkiv har bedt os efterlyse smalfilm i alle størrelser fra alle de forskellige FN-tjenestested - Congo, Gaza, Yemen og Cypern, - hvorfra man også gerne vil have noget om soldaternes fritids- og natteliv. Der er ingen cencur.

Filmene søges samlet til forevisninger frem i tiden ved FN-soldaters sammenkomster. Der vil blive taget kopi af de film, der indleveres, således at ejeren hurtigt vil få sine egne film tilbage. Selv korte stumper har interesse, da de måske kan give netop det bidrag, der er med til at danne den helhed, som mange år frem i tiden skal kunne fortælle om nutidens FN-soldaters gøren og laden i det fremmede. Vi benytter alle formater. Henvendelse til FN-soldaterforeningens filmarkiv, Edmund Kilde, Jyllandsgade 28, 7490 Aulum.



## PIONERERNE ARBEJDER!



Og så er der nogle, der siger, at pionererne aldrig bestiller noget. Her er KS J. O. Jensen da i alle fald gået i gang med at reparere hegnet rundt om golfbanen ved NC.

## PÅ FALDEREBET

Velfærdsofficeren KN Hindslund forlader nu DANCON efter et halvt års tjeneste.

Er det med vemo De skal forlade os?

Ja det kan jeg godt sige, det vil jo altid være sådæn, at når man kan lide sit arbejde, så er det ligesom man efterlader lidt af sig selv. Jeg har ellers haft travlt, især med kildeskattespørgsmål; desværre har alt for mange haft rod i deres skatessager; men nu, hvor kildeskatten er indført, skulle der blive ro om det spørgsmål.

Er der mange, der har væretude og rejse?

Ja heldigvis, for jeg syntes, det er godt, når man er kommet hermed at udnytte sin fritid til at tage ud. Man har jo her en enestående chance for en forholdsvis billig penge at komme ud og se Mellemøsten.

Mener De, folk får noget ud af rejserne?

Ja hovedparten får, men desværre er der nogle, som har alt for lidt kendskab til engelsk.

Hvad vil De foreslå disse folk?

Se at komme igang med at lære engelsk; der foreligger jo en god mulighed i form af brevkoleundervisning.

Hvordan kan man få det?

Blot ved at komme over på velfærdskontoret, så skal vi nok hjælpe.

Kommer der iøvrigt mange over på Deres kontor?

Ja heldigvis. Hvad vil De?

Alt muligt og vi har bestræbt os på efter bedste evne at hjælpe dem. Velfærdskontoret er indstillet på at klare alle velfærdsmæssige problemer, men også mange andre har vi kunnet løse.

Et godt råd her på falderebet?

Ja for det første: kom hvis De har nogle problemer; vi er til for det samme, og for det andet vil jeg gerne ønske alle godt held i tiden fremover og tak for godt samarbejde.

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# CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER'S CUP SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

VIKINGS 16 — DANISH SIG PL 4

(12 Jan 70)

The Vikings goals were scored by Sig Nilsson (2), Sgt Olsson (1) and Sig Karlsson (1) and for the Danish Sig Pl, Pte Jokumsen.

The Vikings started well and after 3 minutes Sgt Olsson scored their first goal after a brilliant piece of work by Sig Nilsson. But the Danes never gave up the fight because this time the Vikings were just too good.

After 8 minutes Sig Karlsson shot an excellent goal from 15 yards which the Danish keeper couldn't save and the Vikings now led 8 points to Nil at half time.

The second half started with another goal by Sig Nilsson. Now the real fight was over, and the Vikings started to take things a little too easy. This resulted in a Danish goal by Pte Jokumsen, and that woke up the Vikings again. Sig Nilsson ran through the Danish defenders and ended the fight with his second goal.

So the game ended 16 — 4 to the Vikings, who still are on the move after an unnecessary loss to the Irish Harps in their first game.

IRISH HARPS 50 — THE HACKLES 0

(13 Jan 70)

This game was played at Xeros.

The homeside, the Irish Harps, attacked right from the start and built up a good lead of 5 goals (20 points) before halftime. In the second half and being the more experienced team the Harps slipped in another 7 goals, making a total of 12 goals plus 2 corners.

The men of the match were Lt Monahan the Hackles keeper who brought of some wonderful saves, and helped keep the score down. Sig Wykes, the man with the twinkle toes for the Irish Harps managed despite Lt Monahan's efforts placed 7 of the Harps goals in the Canadian net.

Full praise goes to the Hackles although up against a more experienced team, played good football right up to the final whistle.

## LEAGUE TABLE

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	W	D	L	F	A		
Irish Harps (Ircon)	5	4	0	0	73	10	1	0	0	34	0	10
Vikings (Swedcon)	4	2	0	0	35	14	1	0	1	35	9	6
Pompadours (Britcon)	3	2	0	0	73	4	0	0	1	10	19	4
Danish Sig Pl (Dancon)	4	1	0	0	27	1	0	0	3	13	42	2
Harman Hajyt (Fincon)	4	0	0	2	0	64	1	0	1	20	37	2
Mercurians (644 Sig Tp)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
The Hackles (Cancon)	3	0	0	1	0	19	0	0	2	0	95	0

## UN MEDAL FOR BLUE BERET SUB-EDITOR

On Friday 16th January 1970, the UNFICYP Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, presented Sgt A.W. Parker, RAOC with the UN Peace Keeping Medal. Sgt Parker arrived in Cyprus on 23rd August 1969 to join the MPIO staff of the headquarters as chief clerk MPIO and Sub-Editor of the Blue Beret. Sgt Parker has his family out in Cyprus and lives in RAF, Nicosia.

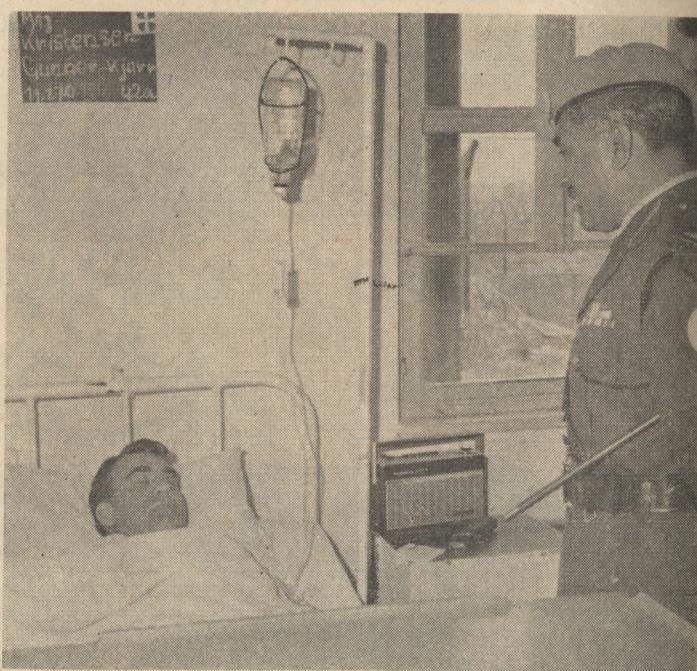


## FORCE COMMANDER VISITS AFH

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During this visit, he was shown round the Operating theatre by members of the staff of the hospital. (Picture above).

Our picture below shows the Force Commander having a talk with Major G. K. Kristensen, a patient of the hospital.



## MP NOTEBOOK

### Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending 17 JAN 70	—	5
Same Period Last Year	—	11
Total This Year	—	17
Same Period Last Year	—	24

#### Main Cause of Accidents This Week: IN ATTENTION

To avoid accidents which are attributed to this common offence, drivers are urged to be constantly alert and exercise extreme caution at all times. He must anticipate trouble and recognize danger in order to avoid involvement. Drivers must be extra cautious when reversing, negotiating turns and overtaking slow moving or parked vehicles.