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SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMENTS ON CYPRUS

The following is an excerpt on Cyprus from the Secretary-General's introduction to his annual report:

"I am also deeply concerned over the situation in Cyprus. When the two communities on the island agreed, three years ago, to enter into talks in an attempt to bridge their differences, expectations were high that the talks would eventually lead to a peaceful and agreed settlement of the Cyprus problem. After some initial progress, the talks slowed down considerably and, on 10 August 1971, President Makarios stated publicly they had reached a deadlock.

While the intercommunal talks drifted towards an impasse, ominous signs of growing frustration and tension appeared on the island. The attitudes of the leaders on both sides hardened perceptibly, and each side made statements that the other found provocative or at least incompatible with the search for an agreed solution. The possibility of a collapse of the local talks seemed all the more dangerous as it might encourage irresponsible elements in both communities to make an intervention from outside.

So far, however, the quiet has been maintained, thanks in substantial measure to the efforts of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force. My Special Representative in Cyprus, the Commander of the Force, and their staff have been watching developments on the island with the utmost vigilance, attempting to reconcile the difficulties between the two communities whenever they arose, keeping any minor clashes from escalating, and ceaselessly urging restraint upon the Government and the Turkish Cypriot leadership. As a result of these endeavours, the trend from negotiations to confrontation has for the time being been slowed down. If, however, the situation were to become more unstable, intercommunal relations in general, as well as the chances of a negotiated settlement would be adversely affected.

It is no longer possible, however, to ignore the evidence that the parties' willingness or ability to make the necessary mutual concessions has not so far been sufficient to lead them to an agreement, and that such

an agreement may indeed require more time and greater efforts than had been anticipated heretofore. I am confident that in the meantime the Government of Cyprus and the Turkish Cypriot leadership as well as the other Governments concerned,

collective responsibility of the United Nations, which must be shared by all its members. There is also a practical reason which has taken on even greater weight with the passing of time. Initially the Security Council established the Force for a period of three months. The cost involved was therefore relatively modest and could easily be covered by voluntary contributions. For reasons beyond its control, the Force has had to be repeatedly extended, and more than seven years of continued operation has resulted in a very substantial expenditure. While the cost of the Force grew, the

number of donors and the amount of new contributions steadily decreased. The result has been an increase in deficit, which has now reached a critical level. The problem of financing should be an important factor in the Security Council's review of the general problem of the United Nations commitment in Cyprus in the light of the present situation on the Island."

FINNISH DEFENCE MINISTER IN CYPRUS

The Finnish Minister of Defence, His Excellency Kristian Gestrin, last week paid a visit to Cyprus to meet members of the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force, and he also had the opportunity to call on high ranking officials at HQ UNFICYP. The Minister was accompanied by Major General V. Salmela, Lieutenant Colonel R. Ahonen and Major K. Pennanen. He is here seen visiting one of the Finnish OPs on the Kyrenia Range. Far right is Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta, Commanding Officer Fincon.



● The Force Commander says good-bye to Mr. Osorio-Tafall who left Nicosia for United Nations Headquarters last Saturday.

will exert every effort to maintain peace in Cyprus.

At the very time when it seems more necessary than ever to continue the presence of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, the Force is undergoing a crisis of its own. When the Security Council established the Force in March 1964, it stipulated that the operation was to be financed by voluntary contributions. As I have stated repeatedly to the Council, I have deep misgivings about this method of financing. My objection in this regard is, first of all, based on a question of principle, as I strongly feel that maintenance of international peace and security is a



KYRENIA ROAD

The Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus announces that with effect from 1 October 1971 the departure time of convoys on the Kyrenia Road will be as follows:

From Nicosia Racecourse
Check Point: 0900 hours
& 1430 hours.

From Kyrenia Check Point:
0715 hours & 1600 hours.

DEN NY LEJR FÆRDIG 1 DEC

Ja, saa gaar det endelig fremad med den nye hejr i Xeros. Det ene hus efter det andet dukker frem, og man paaregner at være helt færdig med lejren den 01 DEC 1971



VELKOMMEN OG FARVEL

Kontingentet har faaet ny kompagnichef i LKMP, Limnitis.

Paa billedet ser man den afgaende chef for LKMP, MAJ A. Jørgensen, (til venstre) byde den nye chef, MAJ K. A. Nielsen, (til højre) velkommen til Limnitis.



ORIENTERINGS- BESØG HOS DANCON

DANCON XV har i øjeblikket besøg af COMD Dancon UNFICYP XVI, OL V. Ubbe, samt MAJ F. Hansen, SIR, MAJ L.I. Larsen, KAR, og PRLT N.L. Madsen, JTGR.

De besøgende ses her ved officersmessen, Viking Camp, Xeros.



STAVROMENI

Det er ikke let at finde en grimsesse, der kan passe, naar man omtrænt staar med det ene ben endog et daalrigt - i SCACYPen og med alvorlige chancer for ikke at vende tilbage til øen. Det er dog lykkedes Dancon XV's populære depotofficer, premierløjtnant K. Varsted, at mane det kendte smil frem. Vi vil savne hans smittende humor, hans lune og hans poetiske vid. Vi haaber, at han hurtigt maa staar op, tage sin seng og gaa, saa vi atter kan sige: VEL MØDT ENDNU ENGANG VED DANCON XV.

Og det være hermed gjort- for han er allerede kommet tilbage!



HEMMAVINST BLEV DET!

Den svenska sidan i Blue Beret tenderar allt mer att bli en sportsida. Vi lovade i förra numret att kommentera några om prestationerna. Först dock ett litet "ursäkta"! Det gäller några deltagare som fått fel titel i resultatlistan. Det faller inte på redaktören att skriva resultatlistorna men be om överseende kan man ju alltid.

rade var svenskarna hade de vita fredsduvorna. Det var det enda som saknades.

Möjlig kan vi beklaga att samtliga åhörare tydligen inte hörde alla resultat via vårt eget högtalarsystem. Att hyra det fasta systemet på stadion visade sig alltför kostnadskrävande.

Vi ser nu fram mot Famagusta Town Race.

● Bataljonsmästerskapen i bordtennis avgjordes den gågna helgen. Ett 50-tal var anmälda men endast hälften deltog i spelet. Vinnare av singeln blev krp Filipsson från stabsexp. Två blev bollbegåvningen Skriv-Johan från Kompaniexpedition. I dubbel vann Filipsson /Fj Persson över Sten-Ove Johansson/ Håkan Svensson.

Det är relativt sällan vi har bilder på MP inne i våra publicationer. Därför passar vi på tillfället att förevisa två tjsiga idrottstyper. Rustmästarna Wernersson och Lundquist som lugnt avslappnade ser fram mot kommande bataljer.

Vi har på sidan också en bild på civplogen Rudolf Marttinen från Yialosha som klämde till med en vinst i spjutvävlingen. Vår bild visar koncentrationen före vinnarkastet. Någon vill göra gällande att spjutvinnaren hade så kallad Yiallamage under tävlingen. Vi avfärdar det dock såsom varande elakt förtal.

Kommentarerna från läktaren varierade. En engelsman med fleråriga vana från olympiader und-



SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

FAMAGUSTA TOWN RACE

Tisdagen den 12 oktober drar vi igång igen. Nästa omfattande Swedcon-arrangemang på sportkanten: Famagusta Town Race med allt vad det innebär i fråga om nya stencilar, nya nervsamtan-brott för lt Gunnarsson, och en ny dag när större delen av oss svenskar är engagerade någonstans efter den drygt 10.000 meter långa banan.

Ett sjusidigt stencilerat organisationsprogram finns att tillgå som komplement till vårt blågula program som kom till användning redan vid UNFICYP-mästerskapen.

En del betydande ändringar har skett sedan vi tryckte programmen. Bland annat är rustm Rune Carlsson detronisera som chef för lemonaden. Där går nu istället in Fv Hägg.

Kapten Holmquist haver ju lämnat Cypern varför hans ersättare som motorofficer, kapten Hans Ellervik går in som transportboss. Även nye signalofficeren får jobba: Lt Lars Aldhammar, känd från radion.

Hittills anmälda till tävlingen är 9 lag. Till och med DANCON kommer hit med ett segersuget lag. Själva ställer vi upp med två lag som just nu hårdtränas av ambitiöse rustmästaren Hurtig.

Denna tävling blir samtidigt den stora finalen för löjtnant Bengt Gunnarsson som omedelbart efter avslutat tävling åker till Sverige för att skrämma upp nästa bataljon. Han kommer dock ner en kort period i slutet av oktober för att övervaka vår hemresa.

T.v några av våra löpare till stadsstafetten.



VÄLKOMMEN TILL CGC

I förra numret av Blue Beret sade vi Goodbye chefen till övl Carl-Gösta Norderup. I detta nummer säger vi välkommen till övl Ingemar Bondesson med maka som flyttat till Famagusta för att överta ansvaret inte

bara för resterande period utan också blirchef för vinterbataljonen som anländer stötvis. Som vi tidigare berättat kommer vår nye chef från UNFICYP-HQ i Nicosia så detta med FN-tjänst är ingenting nytt.



HULLO! HULLO! ARE YOU THERE?

One of the recent tasks taken on by the Force Reserve is that of being an escort unit for the Turkish Rotation.

Last Wednesday, the Scout Cars of 'A' Squadron, The Royal Hussars, were busy escorting the Turkish convoys between Nicosia and Famagusta which resulted in the Squadron being spread over a considerable distance. Good communications were of paramount importance in this operation and required considerable planning and reconnaissance before the actual day. This was the concern of the Squadron Comcen Troop, who were deployed along the route to ensure that communications between troops and the various controls never failed.

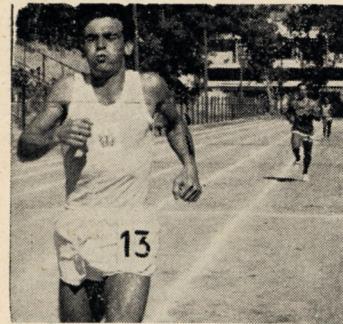
• Trooper Beveridge conducts a squadron radio check.

• Lance Corporal Lowe briefs his step up party on a communications blind spot along the route. (L. to R.) Trooper Chandler, Lcpl Lowe, Trooper Franklin.



BRITCON NEWS

GORDONS 400 METRE WINNER



Seen here winning the 400 metres final for the Gordons at the recent UNFICYP Athletics meeting is Sergeant Moodie. His time was a creditable 54.4. Sgt Moodie's win helped the Gordons take 3rd place in the final placings.

Results by the Gordons in the finals were as follows:

1500m: 4th Private Wright, 5th Private Mellay. 3000m: 3rd Private Gillies, 5th Private Mellay. High Jump: 5th Sergeant Harrison. Long Jump: 5th Lance Corporal Winning. 200m: 5th Private Boyd. 400m: 1st Sergeant Moodie. 800m: 3rd Private Grey. 4x100m: 3rd Relay Team. 4x400m: 3rd Relay Team. Shot: 3rd Private Adam. Tug of War: 1st.



• Staff Sergeant Vinner discusses frequencies with Sergeant Shaw of 644 Signals Troop.

25 METRE RANGE PRACTICE

Making use of the 25 Metre range in Polemidhia Camp are members of 1 Gordons Signal Platoon. In the foreground is Private Chalmers. The Signal Platoon are kept busy enough manning the radio room and telephone exchange, but when there is a chance they spend half an hour on the range usually once a week. The Sub Machine Gun is the personal weapon of a signaller. They say practice makes perfect.



"MANY A SWEAT — DROP WILL FALL... ... BUT IT'S ALL IN VAIN" at Famagusta anyway



A PLEASANT SURPRISE

Private Paddy Mooney of the Zyyi Operations Room staff must have been a little apprehensive when one fine morning recently Sergeants Houlihan and Coughlan formally "marched him in" before the Operations Officers. It all ended well, however, when Comdt. Martin Bates and Captain Frank Colclough presented him with a framed and mounted copy of a recent "Blue Beret" photo showing Paddy receiving his medal from the Force Commander. The two sergeants had dropped the hint that it was his 21st birthday, so as a token for all the cups of coffee, cool drinks, general chores and inexhaustible patience and good humour, this memento of UNFICYP service was presented.



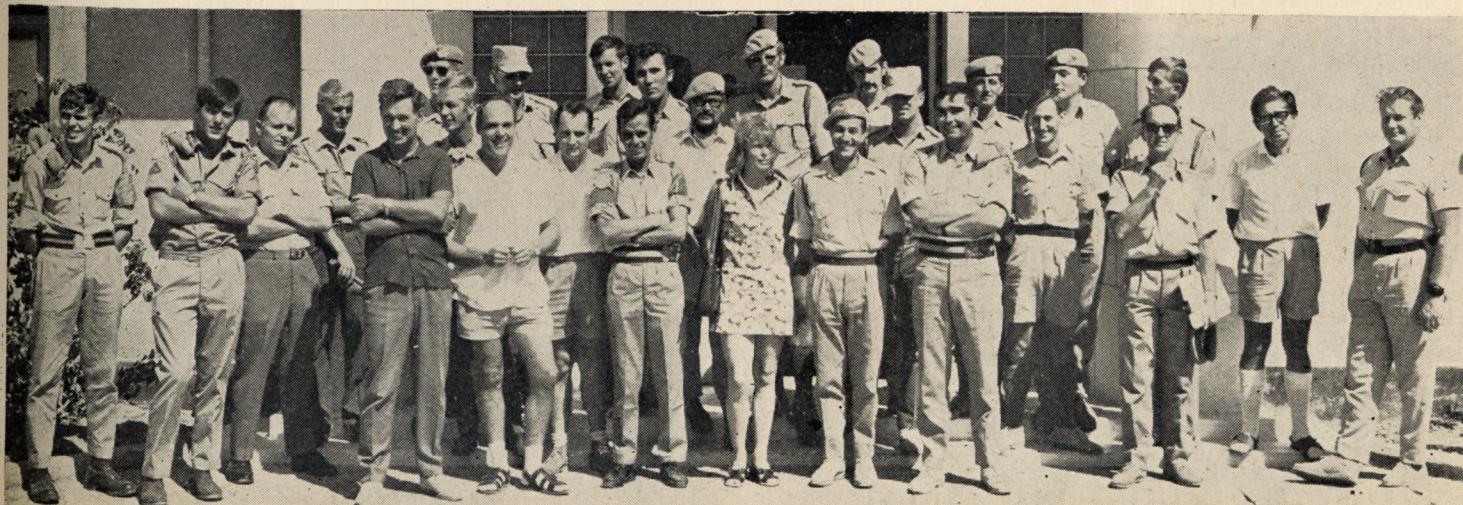
• Pte Mooney (centre) with (l to r) Sgt P. J. Houlihan, Comdt. Bates, Capt. Colclough and Sgt J. Coughlan.

PRONTOS GALORE

The best "conventioneers" in UNFICYP would appear to be Signals types. They hold a convention almost every month, at which they discuss all sorts of problems, including, rumour has it, some concerned with Signals!! It was Ircon's turn in September, so hordes of Signals people of varying rank and nationality, converged on Zyyi Camp where the Convention was held.

Lieutenant Jim Roche, Signal Officer 20th Infantry Group had arranged a visit to the British Broadcasting Corporation's installation at Zyyi. This gave the opportunity for a knowledgeable tour of the premises, and the innovation contributed greatly to what was generally regarded by all the participants as a most useful and enjoyable get-together.

IRCON NEWS



**BUSY GROUP**

One of the busiest groups at Blue Beret Camp certainly has to be the Transport Servicing Team. The team which includes Corporal Pete Gagaluk, the NCO/IC Servicing Team (left), Corporal W. S. Pettifer (right), Private F. R. Zinck (second from left) and Private R. J. Kirby service all vehicles in the Canadian Contingent. And this is no mean number as there are 178 vehicles in all from jeeps to fork lifts. During the six month tour of the team they must put every one of the 178 through an inspection twice. Also, each vehicle must have its normal lubrication service. As one can readily see it is a busy garage. →

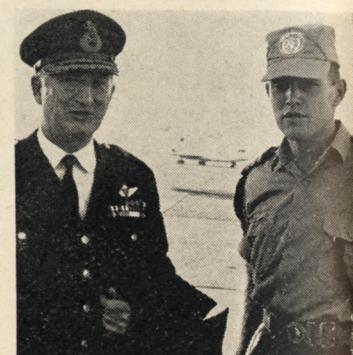
Donation to Red Cross

Captain Don Hill, Second-in-Command of City Company, and Corporal A. J. Lalonde present a cheque to Miss Hilda Bufton, matron of the Red Cross Home for Sick Children in Kyrenia. The donation was raised from proceeds from the Sergeant's Mess "money jugs" and from the Battalion raffle for an early homecoming. V

**PREPARES
NEXT WEEK'S
MANIFEST**

• Sergeant R. Donaldson, of the Movements Section, appears to be getting lots of help from other members of the staff as he prepares next week's manifest. Helping him is Corporal D. S. Rainville (left), Corporal S. R. Walton and the Transport Officer Captain M.A. Doroz.

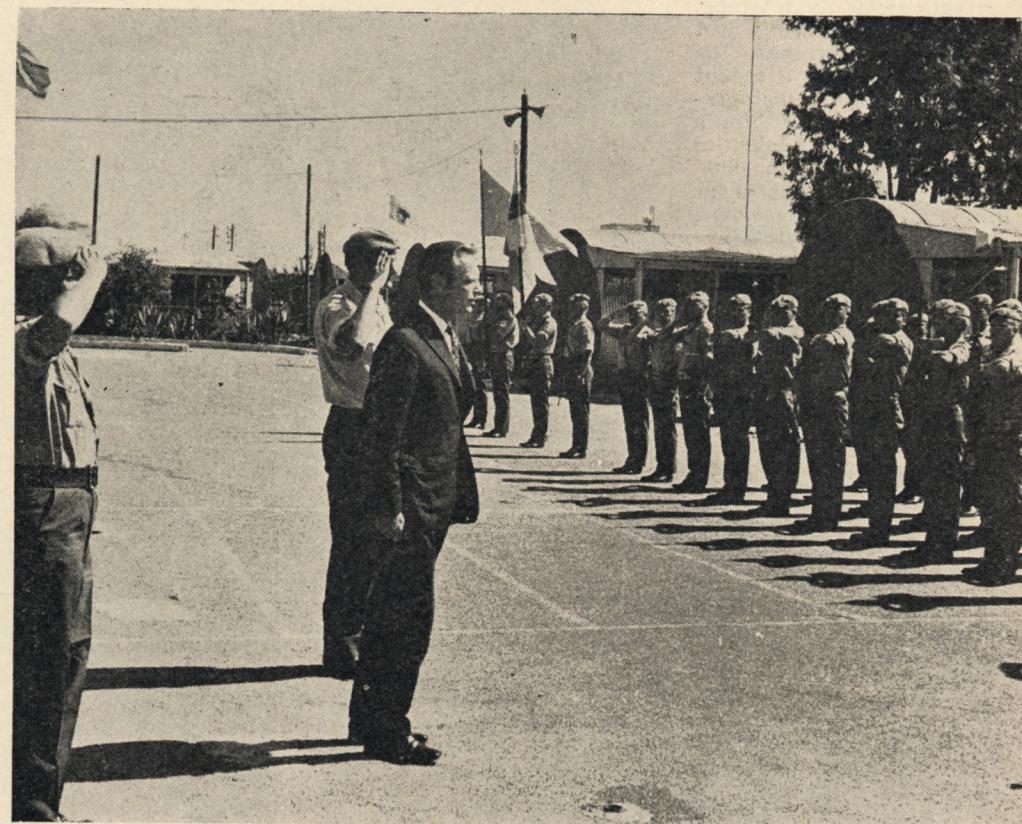
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**BRIGADIER-
GENERAL VISITS
CANADIANS**



• Brigadier-General C. A. Hamilton, Commander of 1 Combat Group CFB Calgary, was seen off at the airport last week by the 1 PPCLI Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Hewson. General Hamilton was in for a week to visit the Canadian troops.

CANCON NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

• Baggage from the first group of members of the Princess Patricia's to go home is loaded aboard the Boeing 707 bound for CFB Calgary. The Patricia's are being rotated home this week and are being replaced in Cyprus by the 2nd Battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment.

**PUOLUSTUSMINISTERIN VIERAILU****KUVAT**

Ylhällä vas. ministeri K. Gestrin, kenrm K. Sarmanne ja kenrm V. Salmela. Ylhällä oik. ministeri tervehtii kunniakomppaniaa. Vas. kapt R. Vilhu, evl E. Lehtovirta ja ministeri K. Gestrin. Keskellä vas. Breefing 1 JK:ssa. Vas. maj K. Pennanen, kenrm K. Sarmanne, ministeri K. Gestrin ja kenrm V. Salmela. Keskiöllä oik. Keskustelutilaisus aliupseerimessissä. Vas. sotimest T. Kurran-Kuusela, ministeri K. Gestrin, evl R. Ahonen ja yliv P. Mäkipää. Viereissä ministeri K. Gestrin tervehtii OP Satulan miehistöä. Vas. alik H. Huttula, jääk E. Mäenpää, jääk J. Laari, jääk P. Mäkinen ja jääk K. Lehtonen.

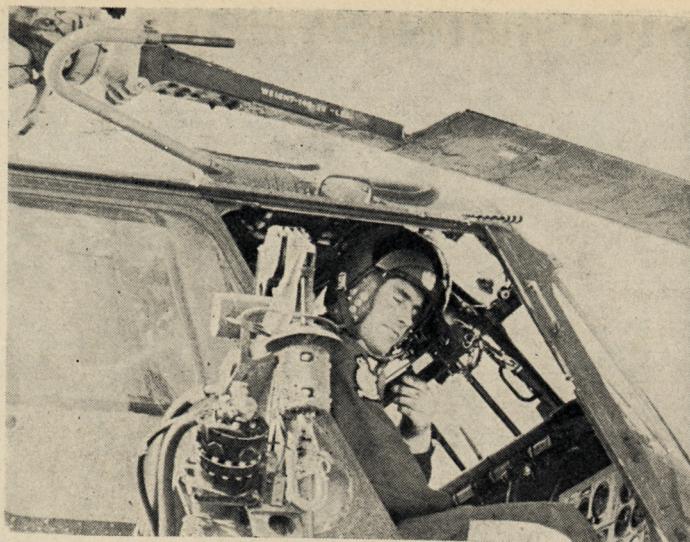
**PASTORIN
VIRKISTYS-
MATKA**

Sunnuntaina lokakuun 10 päivänä tehdään matka Xeroksen lähettiläisiltä sijaitseviin Vounin palatsiin ja Solin teatteriin. Matkalle lähdetään Kykkosta klo 10

FINCON NEWS

HELICOPTER SAFETY

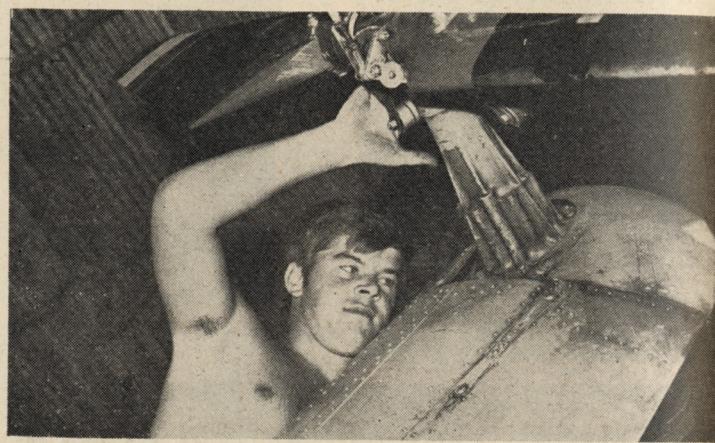
Of course everyone has had that sort of a morning when everything seems to go wrong. The editor was having just one of those mornings, the other day, when Sergeant Cooper, the Force Photographer, put in front of him a series of photographs taken of 230 Squadron RAF, to illustrate a SAFETY point about helicopters. The editor looked at them with a jaundiced eye and immediately saw a photographic sequence depicting "one of those mornings!" Which we present here with apologies to 230 Squadron RAF who are attached to UNFICYP. Of course there is not a word of truth about the pictures, the Squadron has a very high standard of flight reliability.



● It is not my morning!

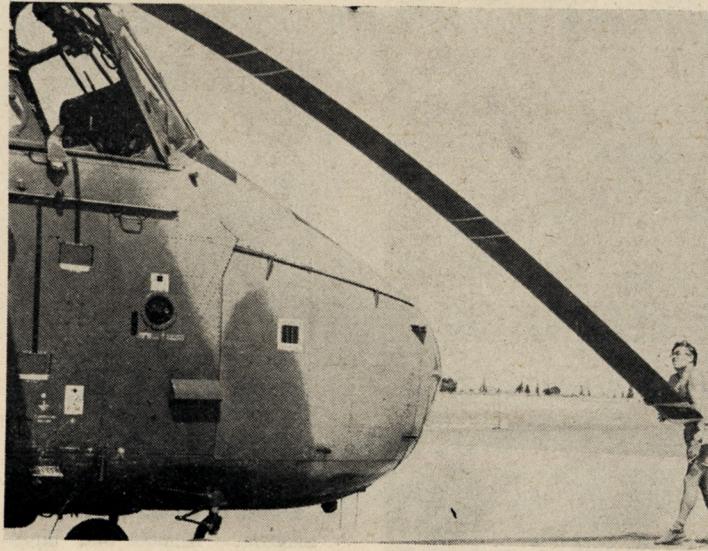


● Okay, Okay, we'll fix it.



● Oh for the days when we used rubber bands.

BEWARE. The safety point which we really want to illustrated to all members of UNFICYP, was that they should **NOT** approach a helicopter until an affirmative signal has been given by the pilot. The picture on the right gives the reason why. We could not show a blade in actual motion at this level. However, even though to the human eye it may seem that the rotor blades are whirling around well above head height, this is in fact not the case. At least not until the pilot has set the rotor blade controls correctly. SO BE WARNED — DO NOT APPROACH A HELICOPTER UNTIL YOU'RE GIVEN THE AFFIRMATIVE SIGNAL FROM THE PILOT!



● Lift Off?



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending -	
1 Oct 71	— 9
Same Period	
Last Year	— 11
Total This Year	— 256
Same Period	
Last Year	— 272

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

CARELESS DRIVING

RELIEF OF TURKISH NATIONAL CONTINGENT

The relief of part of the Turkish National Contingent took place on Wednesday 29th September. Units of UNFICYP were heavily committed throughout the day providing inland transportation, escorts and observers.

43 officers, 24 NCOs and 252 other ranks, together with their personal baggage and Battalion Stores arrived on the Turkish ship T.C.G. ERKIN and were escorted to the Turkish National Contingent area at Orta Keuy. The outgoing party consisting of 41 officers, 24 NCOs and 250 other ranks were repatriated on the same ship.

UNFICYP observer teams supervised the disembarkation and embarkation operations at Famagusta Docks.

● Oh well — give it a tow start.

