AUSTRIAN DEFENCE MINISTER HERE

Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, the Force Commander, and Dr Georg Prader, Austrian Minister of Defence meet for discussion at HQ UNFICYP.

VISITS UNFICYP HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRIAN HOSPITAL

Arriving at Nicosia Airport on Thursday evening was Dr Georg Prader, the Austrian Minister of Defence. He was accompanied by Dr Steiner, the Austrian Ambassador in Athens, and Major Wirth, the Bundesministers’ Adjutant.

The following morning Dr Prader visited HQ UNFICYP and had discussions with the Special Representative, Mr B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola. A Guard of Honour provided by the Swedish contingent greeted his arrival at the HQ.

On Saturday, Dr Prader toured the Austrian Field Hospital under command of Colonel Robert Wech and spoke to several patients during his visit to the wards.

During his stay on the island Dr Prader also met the President of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, and the Fazil Kuchuk Vice-President.

Dr Prader and his party returned to Austria on Sunday morning.

U THANT SEES TALKS ON VIET-NAM SOON; MOURNS LUTHER KING’S DEATH

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week hailed the prospect of contacts between the Governments of the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam to consider an end to the fighting in Viet-Nam.

U Thant expressed his gratification after a broadcast by North Viet-Nam and an announcement by President Johnson last week indicated readiness of both Governments to enter into such contact.

Questioned by newsmen in Geneva about the perspective US-North Vietnamese contacts, U Thant said that Geneva was a good possible site for the talks because it had better facilities than other capitals, but that decision was, of course, up to the parties involved.

“I do not think the place will be a problem,” the Secretary-General declared. “I believe the talks will begin very soon and I also believe they will result in the unconditional cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam, which I have been advocating for a long time...”

The Secretary-General flew to Geneva Thursday where he attended the laying of a foundation-stone of a new wing of the United Nations Office in that city.

On Sunday, U Thant went to The Hague where he met with Prime Minister De Jong and Foreign Minister Luns and attended a luncheon given in his honor by Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard.

A demonstration of some thousands of people was organised by various religious and social groups at the gates of the Royal Palace the day of the luncheon to mourn the death of Dr. Martin Luther King and to express to the Secretary-General their solidarity with the principles of the UN Charter.

In thanking the crowd, U Thant again expressed his deep shock at the news of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King and his hope that it would lead to a greater understanding of “one of the gravest problems of our world today - racial discrimination”.

FINLAND, TURKEY CONTRIBUTE TO UNFICYP COSTS

Finland and Turkey have pledged additional voluntary contributions to help the United Nations meet the cost of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a note sent to the Secretary-General, U Thant, dated 29 March, Finland pledged the amount of $10,000 (US dollars) to be offset against expenses paid by the Finnish Government in connection with the Finnish Contingent serving with UNFICYP.

Turkey, in a note dated 2 April sent to the Secretary-General, said the Turkish Government had decided to make a voluntary contribution amounting to $200,000 (US dollars) for the period of 26 June-26 December 1967.
DANSKE MURERE BYGGER MINDESMÆRKE FOR CANCON

Sådanne efterår skaber en særlige atmosfære ved militærpolitiet af blod- kraftige 14 dage efter indfædelsen på Det østrigske Felthospital. To danske murere er blevet overtalt til at bygge et mindeforløb for canconen, med et specielt design og teknik til at skabe et særlig indtryk.

KS C. Christiansen på vågten på tappet "Nord" i A-KMP ryder teknologien, efter at han måtte efter rotationen på aftens mindesteregi.

DANCON - NYT

Ja, hvorfor ikke!
Det er meget nemmere at gå i byen og få postet sine støvler.

Kurt Enoksson på CIVPOL tennismæstere
Zonnemesteren i tennis har underette høj opgør på det egnekenne咕咕鸟atlandet, hvor de fleste mailer renser på Four Mile Point utanfor Falmagata. Finalen spilles i åtteseds og som vinder tilses med to civiliserer på venstre side af midten. Kurt Enoksson, Nærværingsminister, viser ingen respekt for stiftportræderne civiliepolisen Nils Grönlund i Stockholm, uden at skjule ham i tre rækker med en 6-0, 6-2, 6-5.


Nils Grönlund-doktor aktiverede sig med en særlig i signepoliseren. Han skiktede også med at se det vigtige banenforsyningsvæsen, og det skete han til takt for.

På bilden - sådan er min stil. Sigfindenten Kurt Enoksson driber på en forehand.

Svensk hedersvakt tog emot Österrikes försvarminister
Österrikes försvarminister, Dr Georg Prader, har anlagt en 4-dagsbesøg på Cypern, nærmest for at huse på det österrikiska filfjelde og deres beliggenheder. Dr Prader er uafhængig af sin rolle som en ombudsmann for uforudsagnede forsvarsminister.

1 dr Praders program ingår naturligvis et besøg på UNESCO HQ i Nicosia, der Force Commander, General Marti, tog emot og visste rundt. Tog omgjorde også en svensk hedersvakt om 2. plad. 1 kommanderet af sergeant Olaf Fyrkaj, Göteborg. Photonen var ved dr Praders besøg ansvarlig for vedtaksholdens rundt HQ, for årets dags 30-C-photonen med denna vigtiga uppgift. Tiden går!

SWEDCON NEWS

Förtruppen ur 40 C på Cypern

En första uppgift blev kompletteringen av huvudstaden på Carl Granvampo, närmast naturligt vis förvärvade Hege Johansson, Stockholm, värd och överbefäl hans Eskilstuna.

Om inte de stående 40-orra redan redan det så är de varna välkomna. De är bara till att fråga på kronor och orsaker på bakom innan resten av FN-bat 40 C ur kult.
CEREMONY FOR RETIRING OFFICER

On Friday, the various nationalities of the Headquarters, were intrigued to watch the traditional ceremony reserved for officers commanding units of the British Army on their retirement being observed by members of 644 Signal Trono.

The officer on this occasion was Lt Col A.R. (Bob) Wythe, the Chief Signal Officer of UNFICYP, who had held the post for over three years.

The ceremony began with the forming up in the main hangar of the 'flying party' — one shift comprising 22 men who were to pull the Landrover which had a driver but did not engage any horse power but merely man power. This party was flanked by two pipers from the Irish contingent.

On the command to move, the party moved up to the CO's office where an armchair was placed on the top of the vehicle and Col Wythe was then invited to take this seat. The party then moved out of the hangar and across to the South hangar where three chairs were given by the assembled members of 644 Signal Trono. Col Wythe gave a few words of thanks and shook hands with the officers who were waiting to say farewell before he accompanied by Mrs Wythe, entered the waiting car which was to take him away to Aikow, an officer to the UK.

So ended 34 years of Army service and best wishes are extended to Col Wythe on his new venture in Zambia.

The new CO is Lt Col D.D. (David) Grant who is to be joined shortly by his family.

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER RETIRES. The unique ceremony whereby the commanding officer of a unit is 'chairs' out of office, was performed on Friday. Lt Col A.R. (Bob) Wythe is seen seated aloft on a Landrover prior to retirement from Army service.

WELFARE VISITS THE OUTPOSTS

Based at Polimadia Camp is the representative of the Women's Volunteer Service for the British contingent with UNFICYP. The present vital feminine link between soldier, unit and home is Mrs Irene Mappin. Mrs Mappin travels regularly round the OPs and distributes various items of reading material to the men on their lonely visits.

The picture shows her on a visit to Skarinou Bridge OP having a chat with a Channel Islander, Rifleman Dennis Lovett, from St Saviour, and he will subsequently be enjoying the magazines which are being handed out as part of the service.

Being a native of County Durham she is equally awaiting the arrival of the 1st Battalion The Durham Light Infantry in May although at the same time she will be sorry to see the departure of the Green Jackets.

IN THE PIT

Sgt Mick Toms, from Andover, Hants, is the NCO in charge of the REME detachment with RG3 at Polimadia Camp; he is seen here giving one of their vehicles an expert once-over during the recent vehicle inspection. The 'masked' face belongs to Craftsmen Bob Nash of Swindon, who was one of the inspectors from the UNFICYP Workshop, REME.

IRCON NEWS

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A GAME OF HURLING

In this one game for the Greek hurling team, Pte P. O'Brien, Pte J. Keane and Pte W. O'Sullivan are giving a first lesson to Cey woman Anna Lee.

Pre L. Tighe looks quite at ease during a game at the hands of Evia Hall (Limerick) camp, while looking dubious but still waiting for his turn is Pte O'Rourke. Both men are members of 'A' Coy 10 Inf Group.

COUNTING THE BEAT

IF ONE'S not actually playing hurling, one is in some form of the game. All games are played on the grounds of Polimadia Camp.

Looking above waiting for outdoor duty, when called is in question, everyone is prepared to lend a hand and here at Polimadia Camp Pte A. Meahan, Pte J. Hayes and Pte C. O'Neill help to prepare a meal under the supervision of cook Cpl M. Kavanagh.

STAFF OF THE

At Kato Pyrgos Camp, Sgt. J. Mammonch, Pte W. Egan and Pte P. Ginns all members of "C" Coy, 10 Inf Group await operation prior to setting out for duty at one of the observation posts in that area.

Lance corporal David (Snowy) Crawner from Totten-

ham, London, at one of the last band rehearsals in

Polimadia Camp waiting to 'come in' with his French horn. The band left for home on Tuesday in advance of the battalion, as several engagements are already lined up for them.

Sharing the love was done in Cey Sgt G. Keenan, HQ Staff, UNFICYP, who won the table tennis competition at the HQ, Sgt Menen, Newcastle.
FINCON NEWS

CONFIRMATION IN CYPRUS

Under a star-filled Cyprus sky and with the lights of heavily positioned column lamps His Grace the Right Reverend Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Camp-bell Macmillan, confirmed Corporal D. L. (Douglas) Graham of Ovens during a brief ceremony held at Boghazie Get's last week-end. Boghazie Gate is one of the 18 outposts manned by Canadians serving on peace-keeping duties in Cyprus. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries including Brigadier M. M. Horbatko, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, United Nations Forces in Cyprus, Colonel A. C. Simonds (Rt Hon) and family, plus working companions of Corporal Graham.

DENTAL WORK

Sergeant C.V.R. (Canterton) Forsey of Kingston N.B., a dentallab technician works on a set of plates at Camp Maple Leaf. His parents Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Forsey reside in Kingston N.B. He is all part of a day's work for Sergeant For- sey, who is serving here with the Canadian Contingent on United Nations peace-keeping duties.

THE MAIL MAN

The mail must get through: So says Corporal G.E. (George) Jones, a postal clerk at the post office, Camp Maple Leaf. With the rotation of the Canadian contingent taking place between 7 and 16 April 1968, Corporal Jones is in a very busy man. It is estimated that some one hundred and six thousand pounds of mail is being handled each year by the postal crew. They have the routine to such a science that within one hour of a volume mailing, the boys are aware of all the unpaid bills.

CONCAN NEWS (Canadian Forces Photo)
THE SECRETARIAT AT PLAY

On Wednesday the Secretariat played an American Tournament, appropriately at the American Club in Nicosia.

So well organised was it by Anne Roberts and Ann Valentine that the latter shared the booby prize with Pat McKenna. It is thought that the sight of a camera on one occasion was responsible for one of her service shots landing almost in the adjoining court! Deuce-d fault!

After playing twenty-four games each the eventual Secretariat winners were Juan Halbirth with Mrs Irma Dickinson as the lady runner-up.

VICTORY FOR TWO Juan Halbirth and Barbara Genn (camera side of net) won their game against Ann Valentine and "John" Tansella.

WATCH YOUR SPEED!

In an endeavour to promote road safety and warning the speedsters, reproduced below is the English translation of the text with the original photographs which appeared on the Danish page of the Blue Beret two weeks ago. It is felt that there is a lesson for all readers.

The UN Military Police's secret speed control has disclosed many offenders, and the control continues with undiminished energy.

In this case Finnish Corporal M. Junell and Danish Corporal Boeling made a fine catch.

Picture on the right, shows Corporal Junell, in action with his instruments.

Below is the team well hidden, behind some trees, ready to move out with upraised hand ordering STOP! Driver — Number, rank and name, UN driving permit, please, etc, etc.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

DRIVE CAREFULLY

YOU ARE BEING WATCHED!!

MEMORIAL FOR CANADIAN MP

UNITED NATIONS MILITARY POLICE PAY TRIBUTE TO A CANADIAN: Colonel H.C.F. Elliot (right) Commander, Canadian Contingent on Thursday, 4 April, unveiled a memorial in memory of Corporal R.A. Salmon who died in Cyprus of natural causes while serving on United Nations peace-keeping duties. The ceremony was attended by friends of Corporal Salmon, the Roman Catholic chaplain, Father J.N.M. Malesfont and the Protestant chaplains, the Reverends G. Davidson and K.A. Minchin.

ROAD SAFETY