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FOREIGN MINISTER SPYROS KYPRIANOU of Cyprus... "Treaty of Guarantee is invalid" "pretext for naked threats of aggression" "Matter exclusively within domestic jurisdiction".

UNFICYP swimming meet at Nicosia

This Friday will see five UNFICYP Contingents competing in a swimming meeting. The meet, the first of its kind to be held on the Island will take place at the Ledra Palace Hotel Swimming Pool, Nicosia.

Members of the British, Canadian, Danish, Finnish and Swedish Contingents will participate in the swimming events and also in a mini-golf competition.

A large audience is expected at the meet, which starts at 1400 hrs. Admission to the pool is free.

Security Council hears accusations by Turkey and Cyprus of creating tension

THE U.N. Security Council last week heard Turkey and Cyprus accuse each other of creating new tension in the area in disregard of the Council's earlier calls for restraint on the part of all concerned.

Turkey charged in particular that Greek Cypriots had created a grave situation by changing the electoral law of Cyprus so as to eliminate provisions for separate voting majorities for Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities.

This, said Ambassador Orhan Eralp of Turkey, was the latest in a series of steps taken to usurp the power vested in the Turkish Cypriot community by the constitution. The purpose, he said, was to destroy the communal partnership on which the independence of the Island was based and impose union of Cyprus with Greece against the will of the Turkish Cypriots, who make up 20 per cent the country's population.

Mr. Eralp said his country was bound to protect the rights of the



Orhan Eralp

Turkish Cypriot community under the Treaty of Guarantee which formed part of the arrangements for Cyprus' independence in 1960. Under the Treaty, Britain, Greece and Turkey guaranteed Cyprus' independence, territorial integrity, and basic constitutional provisions.

Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus counter-charged that Turkey was invoking the Treaty as a pretext for naked threats of aggression just as she had used it last year as a pretext for bombing innocent civilians in Cyprus. This, he said, was in line with the wild dream of partitioning the Island.

Mr. Kyprianou argued that the Treaty of Guarantee was invalid because it had been imposed on Cyprus against the will of the people. And even if there were any doubts on

this score, he said, not even the slightest doubt about the invalidity of the Treaty should remain after last year's Turkish bombings.

Mr. Kyprianou said the situation in Cyprus had been radically altered since December 1963 as a result of the Turkish Cypriot rebellion, Turkish aggression and other developments. And it was inconceivable, he declared that Cyprus should return to the divisive provisions of a constitution which had led to the crises in the country. Mr. Kyprianou said that the electoral legislation in question related solely to the normal functioning of the country and was a matter exclusively within the domestic jurisdiction of the Cyprus Government in which Turkey had no right to intervene.

Ambassador Alexis Liatis of Greece said that without questioning the authority of the Cyprus Government one might still wish for avoidance of anything that might lead to any untoward reaction, but there was absolutely no justification for Turkey's complaint to the Council.

Mr. Liatis said that Turkey herself was responsible for tension in Cyprus, as she wished to see the resurrection of a form of government which had proved to be totally unworkable and which lay at the root of all the Island's difficulties. Under the 1960 Constitution, he said, it was possible for less than five per cent of the population to block the will of the other 95 per cent.

Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet Union all called for restraint on the part of all concerned.

Sir Roger Jackling of the United Kingdom particularly urged the Cyprus Government not to gi-

RUSSIA

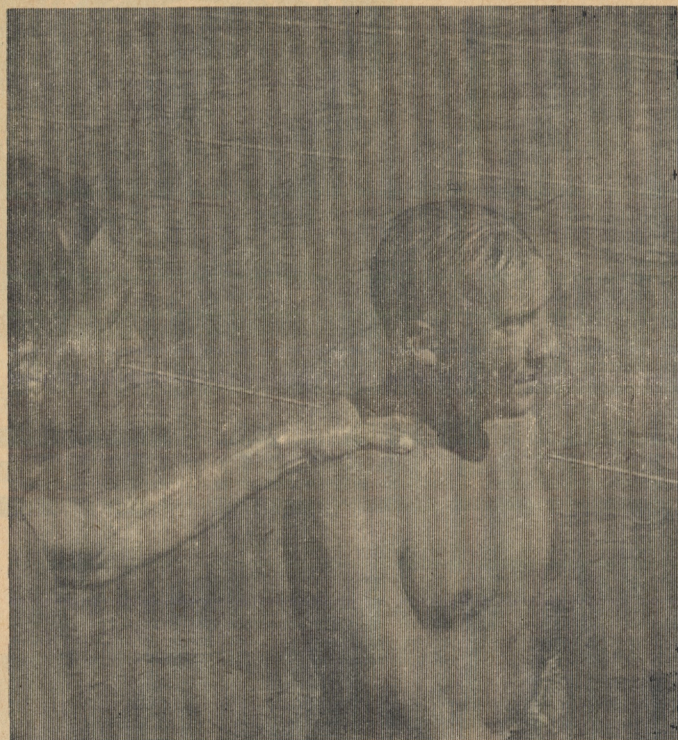


AMBASSADOR PLATON MOROZOV of Russia "Withdrawal of foreign troops and liquidation of bases prerequisite for ensuring Cypriot regulation of domestic affairs".

GREECE



AMBASSADOR ALEXIS LIATIS of Greece "No justification for Turkish complaint" "Turkey wishes to see resurrection of unworkable form of government" "possible for less than 5% to block will of the other 95%."



Det blir zonmästerskap i simning på Ledra Palace på fredag. Här är en ev segrarna vid svenskarnas Dekhelia-uttagningar i lördags - Tom Arne Pettersson, civil-polis från Lund. Han vann 200 yards fritt på 2.53,1. Kan han pressa den tiden i Ledra-bassängen?

Heja paa simmarna

HEJA PAA SIMMARNÄ.

Inför zonmästerskapen i simning på Ledra Palace på fredag hade svenska bataljonen uttagningstävlingar i Dekhelia i lördags. En del av resultaten inger förhoppningar om en och annan svensk framgång i Ledra-poolen. Major Sten Millqvist visade att han fortfarande är en god ryggsimmare. Han avverkade sina 100 yards i fin stil och vann på 1.19,2. En annan sträcka, där blågult väntas vara med i slutstriden, är 4x50 yards medley. Upp och heja på fredag:

Tre

riksdagsledamöter pa besök

I slutet av augusti kommer tre riksledamöter på besök till den svenska bataljonen.

Samtidigt kommer också en skandinavisk underhållnings trupp på besök - enligt uppgift tre kvinnliga och fem manliga artister.

Vi återkommer med namn och program.



Hovmästare Olle Ekman, Arvika, fick sin FN-medalj av generalen personligen - och det hade han inte väntat.



From Linköping, sir: svarade sergeant Alf Henrik Axbom på generalens fråga. Och såg riktigt bister ut.



Den siste i raden av svenska FN-medaljörer den här gången var Pieter Faugust, Vallentuna. Bataljonschefen, överste Sten Geijer, som själv fick dagens medalj, konstaterade glatt att allt klaffade perfekt.

Unik fanvakt moette General Thimayya vid utdelning av FN:s Cypern - medalj

Det var stort paradpådtag i lördags (7.8), när Force Commander, general Thimayya, besökte "Carl Gustaf Camp" för att dela ut FN:s Cypern-medalj till ett 20-tal utvalda representanter för varje personallgrupp och förbandsenhet inom svenska bataljonen. Totalt fick omkring 750 man motta medaljen - för de övriga ordnades överlämnningen senare på dagen vid respektive förband, där kompanicheferna fungerade som "ceremonimästare".

När fanvakten marscherade upp kunde man konstatera att den för ovanlighetens skull bestod av tre fanor - Sveriges och FN:s fana samt kamratföreningens, som nu för första gången förekom i officiellt sammanhang. Den har f.ö. specialkomponerats av major Georg Fahl, Eksjö.

Så kom general Thimayya med helikopter, bataljonschefen överste Sten Geijer "lämnade av", och så kunde generalen börja dela ut medaljerna. Den förste som fick medaljen var överste Geijer. Generalen växlade några personliga ord med var och en av medaljörerna och föreföll vara på ett strålande humör.

När han sedan i trädgården utanför officersmässan, där förfriskningar intogs, fick reda på att hovmästare Olle Ekman från Arvika på grund av sin tjänst inte kunde ta emot medaljen vid uppställningen,



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beordrade generalen omedelbart fram en medalj. Och så blev det en ny liten medaljceremoni, helt utanför programmet.

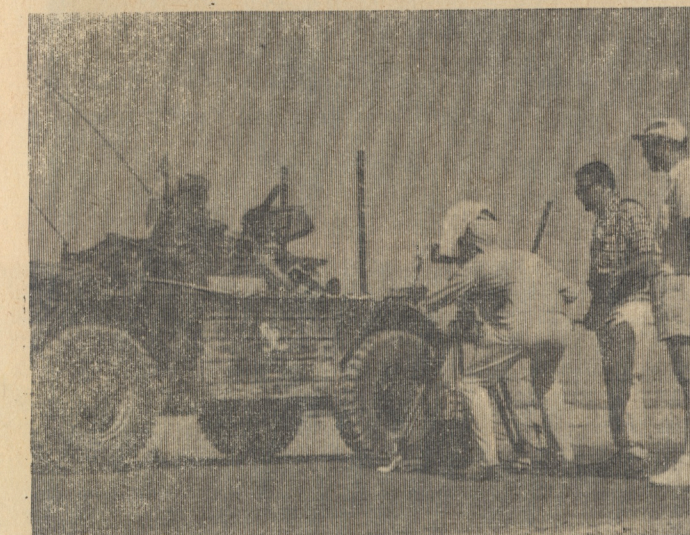
En del turistande anhängare hade också mött upp till högtidligheten. Fast de flesta tycktes dock ha stannat kvar vid Hotel Grecians beach. Tyvärr, tyckte mannarna.

General Thimayya gjorde sedan tillsammans med bl.a. överste Geijer ett besök vid NG-campen Karolos, innan han flög tillbaka.

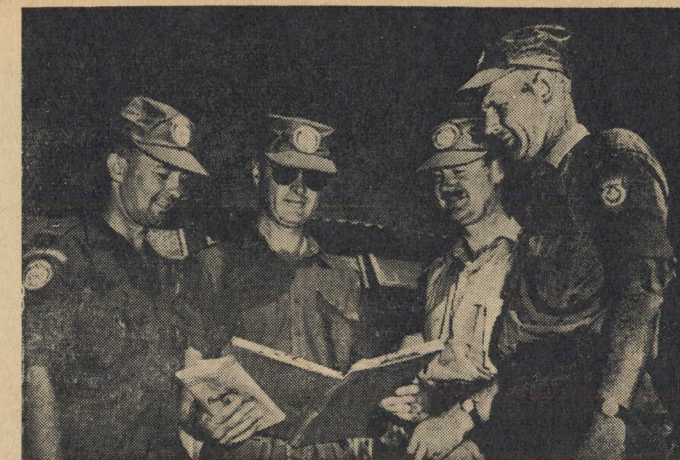
High Commissioner visits CANCON posts



The new Canadian High Commissioner in Cyprus, Mr Thomas B.B. Wainman-Wood, pictured above with the Commander Canadian Contingent, Colonel Henri Tellier, visited Canadian units of UNFICYP last week soon after his arrival on the Island.



Members of the Canadian Contingent were the subjects of a visiting Canadian television film crew last week. The film crew, directed by Ken Gunton, were on a short visit from Toronto to prepare a series of releases for a recruiting campaign. Pictured above: Cameramen Maurice Emba and Harry Lake "take" Lieutenant Reny of the Recce Sqn, RCD, as he prepares to move off on a patrol.



The next Canadian infantry battalion to serve with UNFICYP will be the 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guards. The Guards are due to arrive by October to replace the 1st Bn, Queen's Own Rifles. Last week a small reconnaissance party from the Guards visited the QORs in Kyrenia and Nicosia. Pictured above left to right are: Maj Gerry McQuaid, Canadian Guards, Maj Lloyd Cornett, QORs, Maj Dave Graham, Guards, and Maj Bill Crew, Queen's Own.

Canadian

Contingent News:

RCDs start inter - troop route march competition

ONCE again we are bringing you the news from inside the Fort. The high point of the week was the announcement of inter-troop route march competition. The teams can be seen pounding the pavement in preparation for the competition. Everyone is looking forward to their turn at the walk and beating the time of the previous troops. Four troops have completed the course to date and made a fine showing. Well done, lads you made it in good time. Lets hope the other troops do as well.

● On the Commanding Officer's Parade last Friday the entire Squadron was turned out in Battle Order. It was a quite a change from the previous parades. Gas masks were checked, weapons inspected and the kit in the small pack laid out.

Our Regimental Commanding Officer, Lt Col PVB Grieve returned to Canada two weeks ago only to be in time to say good-bye to Lt Hirshfeld who is arriving Monday for a liaison visit from the Regiment in Canada. We hope he'll have an enjoyable week on the Island of Love.

● WO2 TURNER the Squadron Sergeant Major will be back in the Fort this week after a vacation in England.

That's all for now from Fort Phillips and be sure to check in next week for the news of the week.

Canadian "Gunners" to join UNFICYP

WHEN the 2nd Canadian Guards Battalion group relieves the 1st Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in Cyprus in September, the officers and men of "W" Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery will join UNFICYP as part of the battalion group. The battery and the Guards battalion are both at present stationed in Camp Petawawa Ontario.

The battery will not be bringing its guns or any artillery equipment to Cyprus; the officers and men will be employed as a normal peace-keeping sub-unit under battalion headquarters.

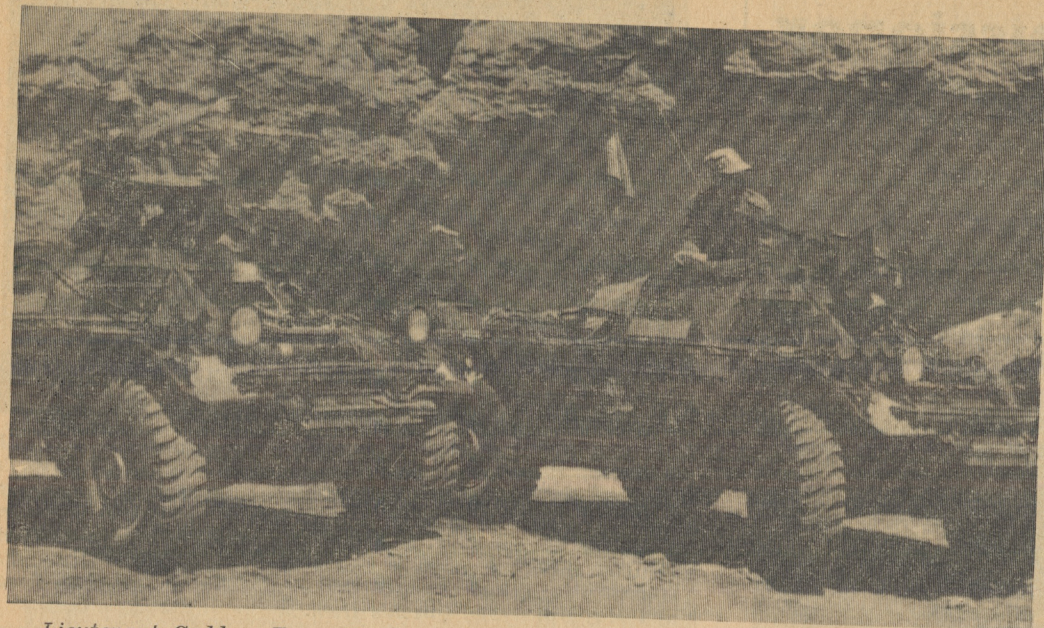
Denmark, Norway contribute 1½ million dollars for UN finances

United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, has received a cheque for the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations and another cheque for the amount of \$698,324.02 from the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations.

The cheques represented payments by these Governments of the pledges of voluntary contributions they had made on 21 June to help the United Nations out of its present financial difficulties.

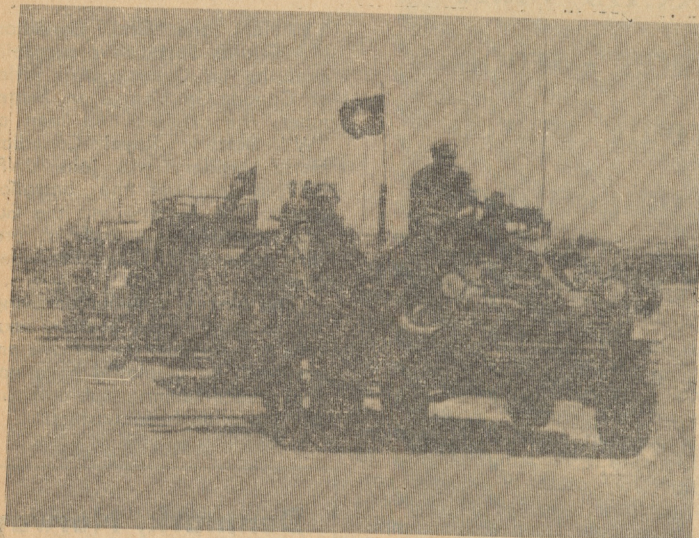
Four Governments in addition to Denmark and Norway have announced such voluntary pledges - Canada, Iceland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. (See Blue Beret of 30 June).

Observation . . .



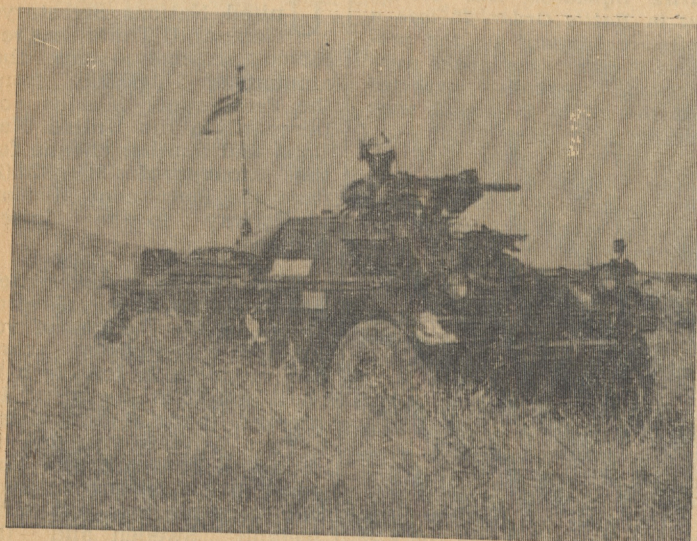
Lieutenant Geddry, Troop Leader of 2 Troop, points out positions to Cpl Chandler during a routine patrol.

Convoy escort . . .



Forming up the "slow packet" for the Kyrenia Road convoy.

Route recce . . .



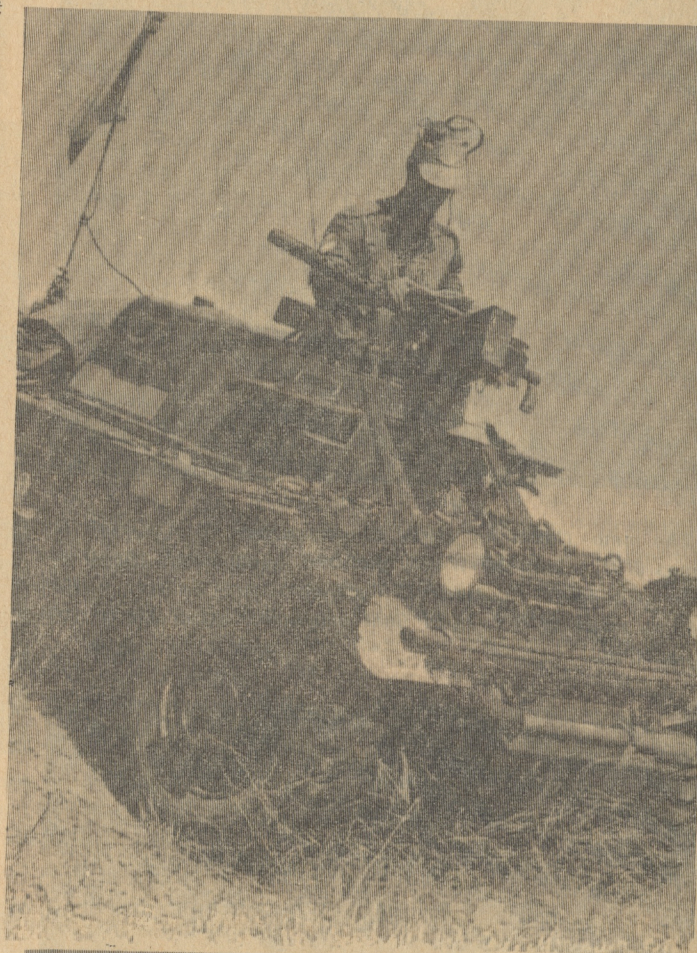
Route recce — Cpl Chandler of 2 Troop on a track near Nicosia.

"Blue Beret's" PHOTOS visits RCD

Dragoons rewrite Nicosia Zone's map

Go anywhere...

The Squadron covered a huge area during their route recce scheme. Here Trooper Martens demonstrates the versatility of the Ferret down a steep gradient.



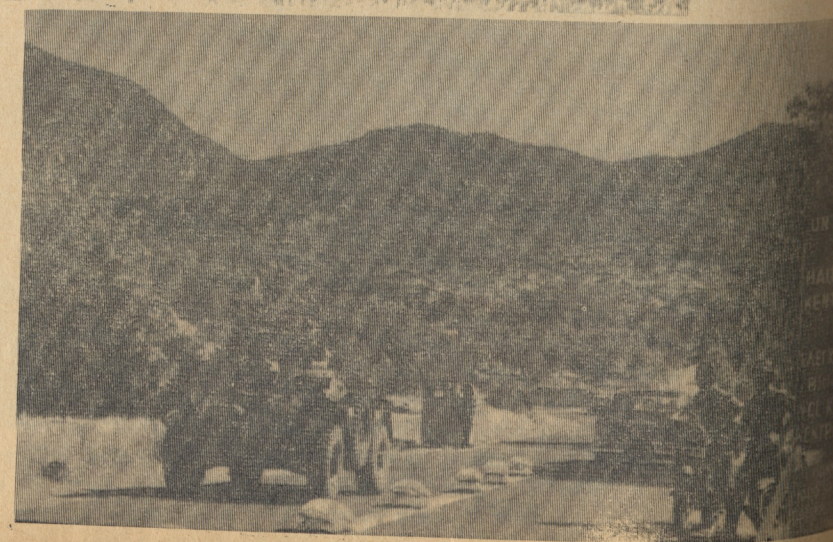
DURING the Recce Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, stationed at Fort Phillips Nicosia, have been engaged in an unusual task: rewriting the map of Nicosia Zone. The correct military title is literally what the name implies: a map at a time has been engaged on the route recce scheme, physically checking that all the roads and tracks marked on the Zone map still exist and estimating their surface state and carrying capacity. The result of this scheme has been a new map for UNFICYP of the Nicosia Zone area with the roads and tracks marked and graded.

The Recce Squadron, under the command of Lt. Col. Casselman, CD, comprises 100 officers and 90 other ranks. They have some twenty Ferret scout cars on charge and these are divided into five troops of four cars each. The Troop of three cars is assigned to the Zonal Reconnaissance Division of escort vehicles twice daily Nicosia-Kyrenia and any other mobile escorts needed within the Zonal Defence where needed a contribution together the Finnish and Danish regiments to the UNFICYP Reconnaissance group.

Life is by no means dull work for the men of the Squadron. Fort Phillips has its own swimming pool, the men enjoy first class canteen. The junior ranks club, "The Pad", redecorated by the men, was officially opened by the Regimental CO of the 1st Lt Col.

Anything...

The late Nicosia - Kyrenia road approaches the QOR checkpoint at Kyrenia. Finnish motorcycle escorts, who under command of RCD are at right.



Patrolling . . .



Briefing . . .



Top right: A car commander on routine patrol checks the land ahead of him. Above right: Lt Geddry checks his position before a routine report to Squadron Headquarters. Above: 2 Troop being briefed by their Troop Officer before a patrol.

Photographs by Sgt Croucher, RCE, and Lt Col Pflhencassl, RCD.

From left to right: Tpr Martens, Lt Col Clifford, Tpr. Hunter, Sgt Adams, Lt Geddry, Tpr Smith. Right: Lt Col Thomas Chissom, Ormoco, NB, on OP duty near Yerolakko.

OP duties . . .



News in Finnish:

On Mukavampi Kavella itse Koneeseen

Tiistaina 3.8 klo 0715B paikallista aikaa lähti Suomeen lentokone, jonka mukana seurasi eräs tiedustelujoukkuejääkäri joka päivästään kuin muut kotimaahan matkaaajat oli kannettiava koneeseen paareilla. Sillä hän oli loukannut itsensä auto-onnettomuudessa 13.7 klo 1220B ja vain onni ja lääkäritaito olivat pelastaneet hänet elävien kirjoihin; jalka murtunut useasta kohden, oikea peukalo poikki, alaleuka murtunut, kaikki hammat pudonneet jne. - Ja kuitenkin tämä ja useimmat muut auto-onnettomuudet olisivat olleet vältettävissä, mikäli annettuja ohjeita ja nopeusrajoituksia olisi noudatettu.

SUOMALAISTEN LIIKENNE-KURJUUS PAHIN

Turvajoukkojen v.t. sotapoliisipäällikköltä, suomalaiselta majuri K Maurialta saamiemme tilastotietojen mukaan näytävät juuri yksplaiset olevan kehittymättömiä liikennekulttuurin suhteen. Tilastojen mukaan näytävät nimittäin suomalaiset tuloksellaan 49 olevan toiseksi huonoimpia englantilaisten 64 jälkeen sillä kanadalaisilla on yhteensä 47, tanskalaisilla ja irlantilaisilla 39 ja ruotaalaisilla ainoastaan 30 auto-onnettomuutta v. 1965. Mikäli suhdeluku laske- taan ajoneuvolukumäärään tai ajettujen kilometrien määrään mukaan joutuvat meikäläiset aivan surulliseen asemaan. Alkanut elokuu kolmine onnettomuuksineen on osoittamassa kehitystä pahempaan suuntaan.

Mainittakoon saman tien, että menneen kuudentoista kuukauden aikana YK-ajoneuvot ovat olleet mukana 573:ssa liikenneonnettomuudessa, joissa on aiheutettu 15 kuolemantapausta ja 197 lievää tai vaikeaa vahingoittumista. Edellä esitettyjen lukujen valossa meidän suomalaisten osalle on langennut suhteellista osuutta huomattavasti suurempi rikkomusmäärä. - Ja kuitenkin melkein kaikki olisi ollut vältettävissä yksinkertaisesti vain noudattamalla annettuja nopeusrajoituksia ja liikennemaarayksia.

ONNETTOMUUKSET USEIMMITEN VALTETTAVISSA.

Hyvä Keinona liikenneonnettomuuksien määrän vähentämiseksi on useimmissa kontingenteissa otettu käyttöön ns. defensive-driving eli puolustava asennoituminen liikenteeseen. Tällä tarkoitetaan sitä, että kuljettajat eivät ainoastaan noudata annettuja ajonepeuksia ja liikennesäädöksiä, vaan pyrkivät ajamaan sillä tavalla, että he pystyvät pysähtymään tai välttämään muun virheellisesti ajollaan aiheuttamat onnettomuussuorat.

Menetelmä saattanut meistä suomalaisista tuntua hiukan ylä-

mututta, mutta muissa joukko-osastoissa saadut kokemukset, kuten edellä esitetyistä numerotiedoista käy ilmi, osoittavat selvästi sen tuloksellisuuden, mainitsi maj. Mauria lopuksi.



Maj K. Mauria v.t. sotapoliisipäällikkö



Tällaiselta näyttää Land-Rover sen jälkeen, kun oika jalka on pinnanut turhan raskaasti kaasupoljinta. Vatsatautukaa siitä, että teidää ajoneuvonne eivät muutu tämän näköisiksi. Kokeilussa Menee helposti henki mukana.



From the Irish point of view, one of the most popular aspects of their tour here has been the opportunity to visit the Holy Land — an unforgettable experience. Pictured above are some of the 42nd Battalion on a recent visit. In the right foreground is the Battalion 2IC, Commandant Jack Ahearne.

Viestimiehet Kokoontuivat

Kyproksen turvajoukkoihin kuuluvien viiden kontingentin viestimiehet kokoontuivat neuvonpitoon turvajoukkojen viestikomenta-

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Force Commander to present UN medals to IRCON

THE Force Commander, Gen. K.S. Thimaya, D.S.O., has graciously consented to present the UN Cyprus Medal to personnel of IRCON HQ at a ceremony on Saturday, 14th August. Details will be notified to those concerned in due course.

● In HQ's Coy a marathon darts match between the NCOs and Ptes took nine games to decide. The fact that the NCOs were beaten although they had star performers in Coy Sgts Harte and Cashman proves that the Ptes were better balanced.

● In the field of entertainment, the films to be seen out of town are generally of a high standard but now that we have

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Finnish Contingent News

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ana evl. A R Wythen johdolla. Neuvottelutilaisuus oli laatuaan ensimmäinen saarella, mutta osoitettiin jo nyt tuloksiltaan siinä marinarin onnistuneeksi, että niitä päätettiin jatkaa tulevaisuudessa maaraajoittain toistuvina.

Neuvottelutilaisuuden alussa turvajoukkojen viestikomentaja korosti viestitoiminnan tarkeyttä ja vertasi sitä sattuvasti ihmisruumiin hermoverkoston toimintaan, jota ilman eläminen olisi mahdotonta. Katso kuvaa yllä jossa meidän maj. Nurmi istuu tyyriin näköisenä eturivissä oikealla muitten silmäättekevien kanssa.

UNFICYP Signals officers conference

Problems of common interest to signallers in UNFICYP were discussed at a recent Signals Conference at HQ UNFICYP. The conference was the first of its kind, although it is planned to hold them at regular intervals in the future. Signals officers representing six contingents heard Lt Col A.R. Wythe, the Chief Signals Officer stress the importance of efficient signalling in any field force. Pictured above,

back row, left to right are: Capt G. G. West, BRITCON, Lt T. O'Toole, BRITCON, Capt R. Theakston, CANCON, Lt P. Antoni SWEDCON, Lt A.

Charters, CANCON, Capt M. Bradbury, BRITCON, Capt R. Lettin, BRITCON, Capt N. Jones, IRCON. Front row, left to right: Lt H. McCaw, CANCON, Lt G. Bech, DANCON, Comdt W. McDonnell, IRCON, Lt Col Wythe, Maj 'Buzz' Bennett, CANCON and Maj H. Nurmi, FINCON.

Irish Contingent News

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our own shows going again, thanks to the efforts of Capt. Noel Jones, we look forward to many a good nights enjoyment. We hope that the selection will be as good as heretofore because now that we have to concentrate entirely on the film we are very hard to please. Shades of the Theatre Royal.

● A report on the final of the Soccer League in A Coy has just come to hand. No 1 Pl defeated Coy HQ in a very entertaining match. The individual stars were Pte Jimmy Gilligan, Cpl. Phil O' Neill and Sgt Teddy Dowling of Kivu Province fame. Trophies were presented by

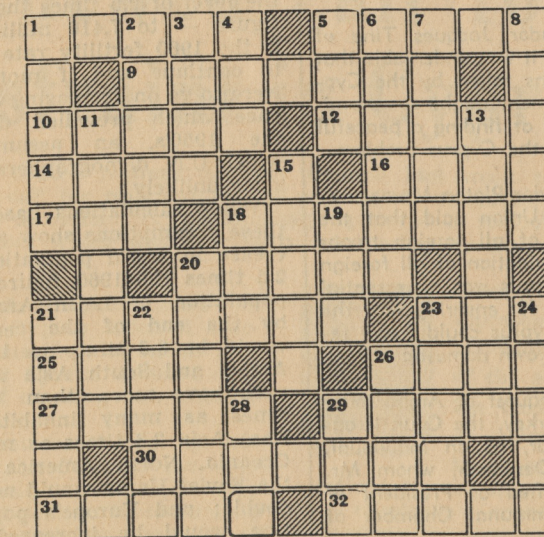
Comdt. Madden.

● The handover of transport on OP Lima was effected during the week. Mules one was found to be fit and roadworthy but the choice of one Pte. Dealing as herder caused consternation on the cease fire lines. The RSPCA are showing an interest.

● Our loading party who have returned from Famagusta wish to convey their thanks to the members of the Swedish contingent for their hospitality.

● FARGO. A recce car of the Triumph Herald type has left Pendaria and was last seen heading South. We warn the blonde officer that like the Mounties, they mean to get their man.

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



ACROSS. 1. Rubbish (5). 5. Speak (5). 9. Marine mammal (3-4). 10. Yearned (5). 12. Drink (5). 14. Short name (4). 16. Only (4). 17. Colour (3). 18. Rose high (7). 20. Pierced with horn (5). 21. Weakened (7). 23. Hint (3). 25. List (4). 26. Importance (4). 27. Absurd (5). 29. Vessel (5). 30. Assembly (7). 31. Dodge (5). 32. Instruct (5). DOWN:- 1. Region (5). 2. Pale (5). 3. Appear (4). 4. Possessed (3). 5. Lubricant (3). 6. Wandered (6). 7. Hot feeling (5). 8. Went wrong (5). 11. Kind of trumpet (7). 13. Hermit (7). 15. "Sophia " (5). 18. Child (3). 19. Marry (3). 20. Swallowed (6). 21. Force (5). 22. Animal (5). 23. Friendly Islands (5). 24. Fish (5). 26. Figure (4). 28. Golf peg (3). 29. Kindled (3).

SOLUTION. TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD: ACROSS:- 1. Insects. 6. Far. 9. Routine. 10. Stood. 12. Foe. 13. Get-up. 15. Drink. 17. Ewer. 18. Fee. 19. Erne. 21. Name. 25. Era. 26. Pane. 28. Opera. 31. Legal. 32. Bad. 33. Study. 35. Overeat. 36. Ten. 37. Speared. DOWN:- 1. Image. 2. Sister. 3. Crop. 4. Too. 5. Sudden. 6. Fifi. 7. Anon. 8. Reeks. 11. Turner. 14. Ewe. 16. Reaped. 20. Erases. 22. Magyar. 23. Ena. 24. Robot. 27. Eland. 29. Pave. 30. Eden. 31. Lute. 34. Tap.

Population explosion

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RAUF DENKTASH, President of the Turkish Communal Chamber... "My people will take whatever steps are necessary to protect their rights"..... "Council should condemn latest Greek Cypriot action".

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ve effect to the recent electoral legislation. He noted that the legislation was passed by the House of Representatives in the absence of the Turkish Cypriot members and noted Britain's special concern as a party to the Treaty of Guarantee.

Sir Roger said that the Treaty was part and parcel of the series of agreements upon which the independence of Cyprus depended. All these treaties and the Constitution of Cyprus itself were freely negotiated he said, and could not be unilaterally abrogated.

Ambassador Charles Yost of the United States also spoke out against any unilateral abrogation of treaties and said that the legislative action taken by the Cyprus Government could hardly be regarded as in line with the Council's earlier calls for restraint.

Ambassador Jacques Tine of France said it was undeniable that the decisions taken by the Cyprus Government might compromise attempts at finding a peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem.

Ambassador Platon Morozov of the Soviet Union said that the withdrawal of all foreign troops and the liquidation of all foreign bases in Cyprus was an essential prerequisite for ensuring that the people of Cyprus could freely regulate their own domestic affairs.

At the request of Ambassador Eralp of Turkey, the Council agreed to hear, as an individual, Mr. Rauf Denktaş, whom Mr. Eralp identified as President of Turkish Communal Chamber of the Cyprus.

Mr. Denktaş said the Council should condemn the latest action by the Greek Cypriots as being designed to rob the Turkish Cypriot community of all its constitutional rights. His people, he said would never submit to the unconstitutional dictatorship of Archbishop Makarios and would take whatever steps were necessary to protect their rights.

The debate was to be continued this week.

World population expected to be over 6,000 million by turn of century

TRACING the history of man on the planet earth has always been an inexact science, but most experts agree that he was a relatively rare creature some half million years ago, moving up from tens of hundreds of thousands to perhaps 200-300 million at the beginning of the Christian era. It then took, according to the generally accepted assumption, another 1,700 years for that figure approximately to double to 500 million. The 1,000 million mark was reached some two centuries later — by 1850 — and in the succeeding 110 years, the population reached the 3,000 million mark.

Thus, ages passed before the 250 million mark was reached two thousand years ago, and sixteen centuries more before the population reached 500 million. Then, it suddenly doubled in two and one half centuries and again in less than one century.

Now, world population is increasing at a rate (1.9 per cent annually) that will double the number in about 40 years. According to "plausible long-range" projections made recently by the United Nations in connection with the forthcoming U.N. World Population Conference which will be held in Belgrade between 30 August and 10 September, world population — approximately 3,000 million in 1960 — will rise to the order of 5,300 — 6,800 million by the year 2000. A figure near 6,000 million seems a comparatively likely expectation, according to the projections.

However, the world total by the year 2,000 could rise to the level of 2.5 times the 1960 figure — to 7,410 million — if the 1960 fertility rate were to continue and if mortality were to go on decreasing at the pace which prevailed during the 1950's, an assumption which U.N. demographers consider unlikely.

While calculations based on these assumptions show an increase in world population of 2.5 times the 1960 figure, the population of Latin America by the end of the century would be 3.6 times as large; Africa and South Asia would each have more than three times as many inhabitants; East Asia 2.3 times as many; Oceania, North America and the Soviet Union would nearly double; and Europe's population would be increased by one-third.

Somewhat smaller population increases than the above assumptions should be expected, according to the U.N. report.

Using the 5,300 — 6,800 million range for the year 2000 as the most likely expectation, in the four major areas of the world that are now developed, between 30 and 60 per cent would be added to the 1960 population by the year 2000, the most likely increase being about 50 per cent. In the areas now less developed, the population would increase between

65 and 150 per cent, the most likely increase being estimated at about 120 per cent.

More than 480 papers prepared by specialists in 60 countries or territories and seven international organizations have been submitted for use as a basis for discussions at the U.N. World Population Conference in Belgrade.

The papers deal with questions to be discussed at 23 meetings of the Conference including, for example:

- Future population trends and prospects;
- Fertility and a number of specific related aspects, such as family planning;
- Mortality and particular problems such as infant mortality;
- Migration from rural areas to cities in developing countries, and international shifting of population;
- Relation between population and specific economic and social problems, such as food supply, manpower, natural resources, education, housing, industry and economic growth.

Racial Problems:-

Call for urgent Security Council meetings

Thirty-two African States last week called for urgent meetings of the U.N. Security Council to deal with the situation arising from South Africa's continuing racial (apartheid) policies and to consider once again the situation in African territories under Portuguese rule.

In separate letters requesting the meetings, the African States described both situations as posing serious threats to world peace and security.

The letter on the issue of apartheid called for decisive action by the Council to get South Africa to comply with past U.N. resolutions calling for a change in her racial policies. In particular, it noted that South Africa's refusal to heed the Council's call for end to arbitrary trials of opponents of apartheid and her rejection of the recommendation by a special United Nations committee that all people of South Africa be consulted as to the future of their country.

In asking the Council to consider the situation in the African territories under Portuguese rule, the 32 States said that repressive measures and military operations against the peoples of the territories had been intensified, and that Portugal had violated the territory of adjacent African States.

Economic and Social Council

Serious consideration of Decade progress

THE United Nations Economic and Social Council, which ended its summer session in Geneva last week, gave serious consideration to progress made during the first half of the U.N. Development Decade.

The Council members all noted that development efforts had been made difficult by the inability of the world's food supply to keep pace with the ever-increasing population.

To cope with the problems, the Council adopted resolutions calling for a long-range work programme in the field of population and recommended the continuation of the Joint United Nations/FAO World Food Programme for as long as multilateral food aid is found feasible and desirable. It also set up a target of \$275 million for voluntary contributions to the food programme over the next three years.

The widening gap between

rich and poor nations was also stressed again and again by speakers in discussing the world economic situation.

Among other actions taken by the Council was a call for a world land reform conference to be held next year; a comprehensive review and evaluation of the technical aid operations of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including those of the U.N. Special Fund; and a decision to convene an international conference on human rights during 1968, which has been designated as International Year for Human Rights.