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NEW COMMANDER NAMED

BIOGRAPHY



THE new Force Commander, Major-General Ilmari Martola, was born in Raase, Finland in 1896 and has held various military, governmental and industrial positions in Finland.

He attended the National War College in Paris from 1919 to 1921 and served in various assignments as a Commissioned Officer in the Finnish Army and National Guard. He was a member of the Defence Revision Committee from 1923-24 and a member of the Disarmament Commission at Geneva from 1926-34. He also served as Finnish Military Attache in Paris, France, from 1928-31.

General Martola served as Commander of both 1 and 2 Divisions on active service in the Karelian Isthmus in 1939-40 and from 1941-44 and later became Commander of VI Army Corps. In 1944 he became Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and later served as Governor of Uusimaa Province until 1946. He is President of the Finnish Red Cross, Vice-Chairman of the Association for the Welfare of War Widows and Vice-President of the World Veterans' Association. He has also been Managing Director of the Paper Office of the Finnish Paper Mills Association.

General Martola, who is married with four children, was appointed by the Secretary-General in November 1956 as his personal adviser on military matters relating to UNEF - the UN Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip - and he served with distinction in this post until August 1957.

Secretary-General names Major - General Martola to command UNFICYP

EXPECTED IN CYPRUS THIS WEEKEND

In a simultaneous press release issued in New York and Nicosia at three o'clock in the afternoon (Cyprus time) last Friday the United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, brought to an end nearly five months of speculation when he announced that Major-General (Retired) Ilmari Armas Eino Martola of Finland is to be the new Commander of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

Seventy-year-old Major-General Martola will be the third Commander of the Peace-Keeping Force since it came into existence in March of 1964. He succeeds the late General Kodendera Subayya Thimayya of India, who died of a heart attack on the 18th December last year. General Martola, who flew to United Nations Headquarters in New York for briefing on his new assignment will proceed directly from there to Nicosia to take up his command. He is expected to arrive in Cyprus during this coming weekend.

In the press release, the Secretary-General paid tribute to Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC,

of the United Kingdom, the Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of UNFICYP, who has served as Acting Force Commander for the four and a half months since General Thimayya's sudden death.

"The Secretary-General", the release said, "takes this opportunity to pay tribute to the outstanding service rendered to the United Nations by Brigadier A. J. Wilson during the four and a half months that he has acted as Commander of UNFICYP. During that time he has shown the highest qualities of leadership and diplomacy and has carried on in an exemplary manner the work of his illustrious predecessors".



General Martola in full uniform. Left: latest picture of the new Force Commander.

PRAISE FOR 18 SQUADRON

RAF DETACHMENT CONGRATULATED AFTER TWO CASEVACS

THE present 18 Squadron Detachment, RAF, have been congratulated by the Force Chief of Staff and Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC, on the way that they carried out two tricky CASEVAC operations at the end of last week.

In a message to the Detachment Commander, Flight Lieutenant Jock Young, the Acting Force Commander said, "Many congratulations on the speed of your casualty evacuation on the night of 6/7 May. This is typical of the speed and efficiency with which calls of this sort have been answered throughout your period in Cyprus. Nevertheless, all concerned have been most impressed by your quick reactions to any emergency and I am most grateful to you for being such admirable representatives of the RAF".

The CASEVAC to which the Brigadier referred specifically took place in the early hours of the morning of the 7th May. Airborne eighteen minutes after the call was received, the crew of Flt Lts Jock Young and Harry Marmont and Flt Sgt Roy Pearson picked up a Cypriot from Lefka, flew him to hospital in Nicosia and returned to base - all in a time of fifty-seven minutes.

Two days earlier, Master Pilot Taff Walker and Flt Sgt Ron Greenaway handled an emergency call from Kato Pyrgos. Airborne only eleven minutes after receiving the alert, they carried an Irish

officer to the Austrian Field Hospital. Their total time for the two way trip was forty-five minutes.

DANISH ROTATION

THE Danish contingent with UNFICYP is being replaced. An advance party of 88 all ranks arrived on 4th May, and the main body will be flown in between 10-18 May.

The contingent, under command of Lt. Col. Morten Vesterdal, will total approximately 650 all ranks and replaces the contingent commanded by Lt. Colonel Erik Lorenzen. DANCON V will take over responsibility for UNFICYP Nicosia West District.

KENRAALI A. E. MARTOLA TURVAJOUKKOJEN KOMENTAJAKSI

Kenrm A E Martola



Kuten meistä useimmat ovat lehdistä voineet lukea tai ulkomaista uutislähetysistä kuulla, nimitettiin suomalainen kenraalimajuri A E Martola Kyproksen turvajoukkojen uudeksi komentajaksi 6.5. Tapaus on, kuten saarella parhaillaan vierailleva Puolustusministeriön kansliapäällikkö, kenrm K.O. Leinonen on sanonut, huomattava kansainvälinen tunnustuksen ja luottamuksen osoitus, ei yksin kenraali Martolalle ja suomalaiselle sotaväelle, vaan myös koko kansallemme.

Kenraali Martola on syntynyt Raahessa 12.5.1896 ja täyttää tämän viikon torstaina 70-vuotta. Suomessa hän on ehtinyt toimia monilla johtavilla paikoilla niin sotilas- ja siviilihallinnon kuin liikelämän piirissä.

URA ALKOI JAAKARINA

Hän aloitti sotilasuransa Sak-sassa 27 preussilaisessa jääkäripataljoonassa, jonne hän liittyi v. 1915. Hän osallistui Vapaussotaan joukkueenjohtajana rintamajoukoissa ja haavoittui vaikeasti Lem-päälässä. Sodan jälkeen v. 1919, 21 hän kävi sotakorkeakoulun Ranskassa Pariisiin Sota-akatemi-assa.

Hän kuului puolustusvoimain uudistamistoimikuntaan 1923-24, oli jäsenenä Geneven aseriisun-takonferenssissä vuosina 1926-34 ja toimi Suomen sotilasasiemiehenä Pariisissa 1928-31. 30-luvulla hän palveli pitkät ajat esikuntapääl-likkönä Suojeluskuntain yliesi-kunnassa Helsingissä.

MANNERHEIM-RISTIN RITARI

Talvisodassa kenraali Martola oli 1. divisioonan komentajan Kar-jalan Kannaksella ja jatkosodassa 2. Divisioonan komentajana Kar-jalan Kannaksella sekä VI Armei-jakunnan komentajana Laatokan Karjalassa.

Hän on Mannerheim-ristin ritari kunnostautuen joukkoineen erikoi-sesti Kannaksen raskaissa puolustaisteluissa Siiranmäessä Kannaksella kesällä 1944.

ULKOMINISTERINÄ JA OLYM-PIAJOHTAJANA.

Aselevon tapahduttua v. 1944 kenraali Martola toimi toisena ul-koministerinä pääministeri Castre-nin hallituksessa ja oli vuosina 1944-46 Uudenmaan läänin maa-herrana. Tämän jälkeen hän siir-tyi toimitusjohtajaksi Paparikont-toriin Suomen Paperitehtaitten Yhdistyksessä.

Hän on Suomen Punaisen Ristin Liiton puheenjohtaja ja Sotaleskien ja -Orpojen avustusrjestön vara-puheen-johtaja. Vuosina 1950-52 hän oli Helsingin Olympiakisojen johtajana ja on toissavuodesta läh-tien toiminut maailman Veteraani-jestön varapuheenjohtajana.

YK:N PAASIHTERIN NEUVONANTAJANA.

Suezin kriisin aikoihin vuosina 1956-57 silloinen YK:n pääsihteeri Dag Hammarskjöld kutsui kenraali Martolan sotilasneuvonantajak-seen. Tällöin hän taitavan toimin-tansa ansiosta sai osakseen huom-atavaa kansainvälistä tunnustusta nimenomaan UNEF:n eli Gazan ja Sinain alueen rauhanturvajouk-kojen toiminnan organisoimisen vuoksi.

Tällä hetkellä kenraali Martola on YK:n päämajassa New Yorkissa

neuvottelemassa pääsihteeri U-Thantin kanssa. Hän saapune Kyprokselle kuluvaan viikon lopulla tai seuraavan alussa.

KENRAALI LEINONEN KYPROKSELLA.

Puolustusministeriön kanslia-päällikkö, kenrm K O Leinonen on parhaillaan käymässä Kypoksel-la, jossa hän viipyy noin viikon päivät. Hän on ollut täällä turva-joukkojen kansainvälisen esikun-nan ja suomalaisen valvontajoukko-osaston vieraana, joihin hän on tutustunut perusteellisesti.

YK:n radiolähetyksessä anta-massaan haastattelussa kenr Lei-nonen kertoi olevansa näkemäänsä erittäin tyytyväinen. Hän korosti



Kenrm K O Leinonen

meilleuskotun kansainvälisen rau-hanturvaamistehtävän olevan kun-niasta koko suomalaiselle sotaväel-le ja kehoitti jatkamaan samalla tavalla varsinkin nyt, kun tuvajou-kot ovat saaneet itselleen uuden suomalaisen komentajan, kenraali A E Martolan.

TYKKIMIES JA PUOLUSTUS-MINISTERI.

Kenr Leinonen on syntynyt Ter-volassa, 15.3.1914 tullut ylioppi-laaksi Kemin Yhteiskoulusta, kaynyt Kadettikoulun 1934-36 ja Sotakor-keakoulun 1945-46. Akateemiselta oppiarvoltaan hän on lainopin kandidaatti.

Alkuaan tykistömiehenä hän osallistui talvi- ja jatkosotaan pateristoupseerina ja -komentajana Karjalan Kannaksella. Sodan jäl-keen hän on toiminut Tykistökou-lun johtajana, apulaissotilasasiami-miehenä Tukholmassa ja sotilasa-siamiehenä Washingtonissa ja Ot-tawassa.

Kenr Leinonen on ollut pitkät ajat tasavallan presidentin vanhem-pana adjutantina 1961-65, jolloin hän toimi myös puolustusministe-rina pääministeri Reino Lehdon virkamieshallituksessa 1963-64. En-nen nimitystään nykyiseen virkaan hän oli Panssari Prikaatin komenta-jana Hämeenlinnassa.

FINSK GENERAL UTSEDD TILL FC

Den finske generalmajoren I.A.E. Martola utsågs i slutet av förra veckan till ny Force Commander för FN-styrkorna på Cypern. Tidigare chefer för UNFICYP har varit ge-nerallöjtnant Singh Gyani (jan-juli 1964), general Kondendera Thimay-ya (juli 1964 - 18 dec. 1965, då han avled). Bägge dessa var indier. Från generalens fränfalle i dec. 1964 1965 har brigadör A.J. Wilson varit Acting Force Commander.

General Martola är född i Raah-den 12 maj 1896 och fyller alltså 70 år denna vecka. Han genom-gick Krigshögskolan i Paris 1919-1921 och tjänstgjorde sedan i olika befattningar inom den finska armén och Skyddskåren.

Åren 1926-1934 var han medlem av Nedrustningskommissionen i Genève och 1928-1931 finsk mili-tärattaché i Paris. Framlidne ge-neral-sekreteraren Dag Hammarskjöld hade honom som militär rådgivare 1956-1957.

General Martola som är pension-erad är bl.a. president för det finska Röda korset.

Chefen bat 34C pansarveteran

Bataljonens chef, överste Lars Lavén, Enköping, är utbildnings-officer vid P 1 och tillhör pionjärerna inom det svenska pansarvapnet. Han har bl.a. som sakkunnig medverkat i projektet med den uppmärksamade stridsvagnen S.

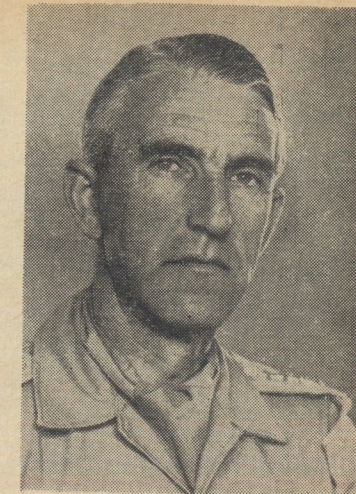
DANSK ROTATION

Den danska kontingenten har börjat sin rotation. En förtrupp på 88 man kom till Cypern redan den 4 denna månad. Totalt kommer 650 man i olika grader att bytas ut under 10 - 18 maj. Transporterna ombesörjs av svenska Transair med DC 7B.

Chef för den nya danska kontingenten Dancon V blir överste-löjtnant Morten Vesterdal.

Han är född i Göteborg 1915 och blev fänrik 1937 vid Skaraborgs regemente, löjtnant 1940, kapten 1945, major 1956 och överstelöjtnant 1960. Överste Lavén kom redan 1942 till pansartrupperna, P 4 i Skövde.

Även 1946-1949 var han lärare vid Pansartruppskolan och 1949-1951 taktiklärare på Karlberg. Efter tjänstgöring vid arméstaben i tre år till 1954, var överste Lavén sedan chef för Pansarkadettskolan till 1956 samt från sistnämnda år till 1961 chef för Pansartruppskolan

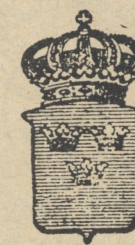


Bataljonschefen överste
Lars Lavén

Radio populärt inslag bland FN - svenskarna

Uöver Cyperns, bataljonens egen populära tidning, pressö-versikter, lägesorienteringar och svenskt inslag i The Blue Beret, disponeras även ett annat medium - nämligen radion.

Varje kväll k. 19.30 sänds ett speciellt FN-program över Cyprus Radio och varje kontingent har sin egen dag i veckan. Svenskarna disponerar måndagarna då ett önskeprogram, producerat av Sverinages Radio i Stockholm, når ut till lyssnarna. Där har anhöriga och vänner till svenska FN-soldater möjlighet att skicka lyckönskningar och hälsningar tillsammans med



RAADSLAG I LARNACA



Stabschefen major Yngve Ekman, chefen för civpol poliskommisarie H. Lagerhorn, batchefen överste Lars Lavén, den danske överstelöjtnanten H.H. V. Nielsen samt överste G. Streijffert, HQ UNFICYP. På kp-bilen i bakgrunden furir Jimmy Pettersson med 1:a vaktgruppen ur vakt-plutonen vid STR-komp i Famagusta.



Brigadier A.J. Wilson har visiterat Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta. På bilden ovan samtalar han nedkorpral Ire de Flon, 3:e vaktgrup-pen. Övriga på bilden fr.v.: major Peter Leuhusen, furir Bengt Ljunggren, överste Lars Lavén och 3:e vaktgruppen ur vaktplutonen vid Carl Gustaf Camp.

BRIGADIER WILSON I FAMAGUSTA

en önskeskiva. Kontakt kan tas med Sveriges Radio avd för utlands-program.

Dessutom förekommer samma tid första och tredje söndagen ett femspråkigt program, producerat på Cyprus Radio med inslag på engelska, danska, tyska, finska och svenska. Det brukar som regel vara korta aktualiteter eller intervjuer blandat med ett par populära svenska melodier.

Slutligen producerar zonpress-officern två halvtimmesprogram, ett ungefär i mitten av mandattiden och ett i slutet - ett s.k. avskeds-program. Det första är planerat att radieras söndagen den 19 juni.

För att möjliggöra dessa program är zonpressoff tacksam för tips som t.ex. FN-veteraner, kuriosa, sångare, musiker mm.

Dessa program har visat sig mycket uppskattade tidigare och det finns all anledning tro att också bat 34 C ska kunna åstadkomma trevlig radiounderhållning.



Brigadier Wilson pictured with Lt. Colonel J. Walsh, OC 6th Infantry Group (left) and Rev. Fr. John Condon, C.F.



Having inspected the Guard of Honour, Brigadier A. J. Wilson, CBE, MC, pauses to speak with Staff Major, Pte Maurice Malone of the Pipe Band. On the right is Lieutenant S. Whelan i/c Guard of Honour.



BRIGADIER WILSON AT XEROS

ON Wednesday, 4th May, the Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC, made his first official visit to 6th Infantry Group. On arrival at Xeros, he reviewed a Guard of Honour under Lieutenant S. Whelan. Afterwards he visited the outposts by helicopter and returned to Xeros for lunch where he was presented with a silver 1916 commemoration coin as a souvenir of his visit by Lt. Colonel J. Walsh, O.C. 6th Infantry Group.

B Company, under Comdt. A. McMahon, is located in the Kokkina — Kato Pyrgos area. Coy HQ is at Kato Pyrgos which is 15 miles from Gp HQ at Xeros. Some five or six miles further West a second camp at Kokkina supplies the outposts.

It is interesting to note that out of a Coy strength of about 140 all ranks, seventy eight

After lunch in the Officers Mess, Lt. Col. Walsh presented the Acting Force Commander with a silver commemoration 1916 medal as a memento of his visit.

have had previous overseas service, including Pte P. Grace now in his seventh overseas tour.

At present, the Sp Pl (Lt Aherne) is detached to the Armd Car Gp while those of Lieuts J. Cummins and D. Rea are on outpost duty. Capt M. Kiernan has been appointed Coy M.O.

A vigorous programme, designed to keep the Coy at peak fitness is under way. This includes a morning P.T. session which is followed by a swim in which all take part. There are also various games, particularly volleyball, and Cpl Larry Fagan, an expert in this sphere, supervises evening periods in weight-lifting.

On Sunday, 1st May, the Xeros camp soccer team had a very enjoyable first game with a local team. There was some good football by the Irish team, particularly the backs, Cpl Brennan who gained the only two scores and goalkeeper Pte J. Ryan. Although our team lost by two goals to four, they feel confident that they will do much better in future.

On Monday 2nd May, B Coy

played a local team at Kokkina and although keeping up strong pressure and despite two near misses by Pte Maloney and Lt O'Donnell, failed to score. The final result was a draw. The result was also a draw on the following Wednesday when No. 6 Pl at Kato Pyrgos played. The latter team improved from being 3-1 down at half time to bring the final score level at 4-4.

Demonstration hurling matches have been arranged for Limnitis and Kato Pyrgos for the coming week.

A soccer match on Wednesday 4th May between A/Car Gp, known locally as ICA Coy, and a local team attracted a good deal of attention. The game was played at a creaking pace and the 'home' team were the first to score after twenty minutes. However Lt Leaney brought the teams level when he scored after 15 minutes of the second half. Both teams tried very hard but failed to obtain the winning score — a very fair result.

Fusiliers settle down in Limassol Zone

OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THE ZONE

THE 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, commanded by Lt Col John H. Swift have settled in so quickly and well to their operational role in the UN Peace Keeping Force it is difficult to realise that the main body of the Battalion arrived as recently as the latter half of April. A friendly welcome and a first class hand-over by the outgoing Royal Highland Fusiliers whom they had previously known in BAOR, when for a time they served together in Iserlohn, has assisted in getting them started.

Bn HQ, and HQ Company under Capt Tim Bible, are located at Polemidhia where they man the HQ of the largest UNFICYP zone on the island. With Bn HQ are the Corps of Drums, already preparing to take part in local functions and a small Training Wing, part of 'C' Company.

short notice standby, 'D' Coy and elements of Bn HQ and HQ Coy are engaged in individual training.

'A' Company based on Ktima in Paphos District in the South West of the island is by far the most operationally committed at present. Commanded by Major Arthur Watkins, the Company mans



Lieutenant Colonel John H. Swift, Commanding Officer, First Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

posts in the village of Stavrokono on one of the routes into the Troodos Mountains. They also man observation posts and check points at Hill OP and Xeros Bridge on the Limassol-Ktima road, in the caves area by the sea

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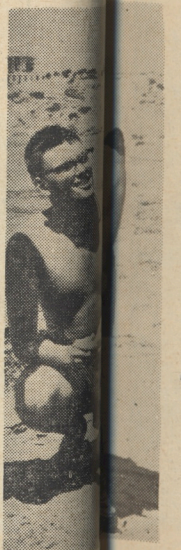
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Lance-Corral route



Drummer Mike Whittell, who also plays the flute (left) and Flautist Roy Llewellyn, also a drummer, both of the Battalion's Corps of Drums.



Sapper Julian Dennis, one of the twelve NCOs and men of the 1st Squadron RE who volunteered to serve with I RWF, manning a 'B' Company OP.

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Dragoons go back to their Ferrets....



Lieutenant Richard Kinsella-Bevan and Trooper John Synott lead out early morning exercise at Ktima.



Lance-Corporal Bill Hall, the car commander, points out a landmark to Trooper Ben Robinson. Both men are from Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

RESUPPLY BY DONKEY AND MOVEMENTS BY HELICOPTER MAKE

Infantry role a novel experience

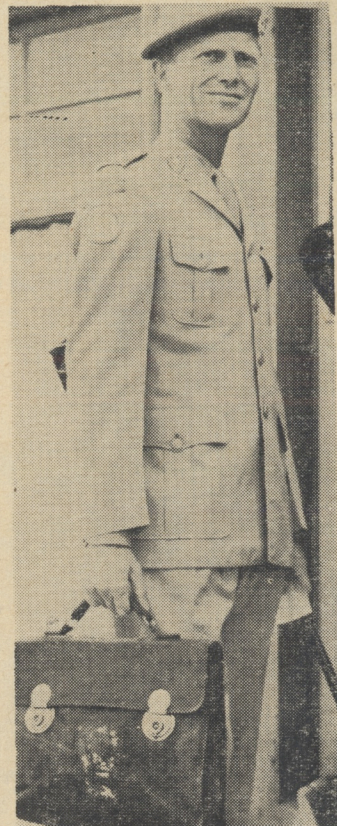
'A' Squadron, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, commanded by Major Mike Swindells, who have recently been deployed in an infantry role in static observation posts in the Kokkina area have now handed over to the new Irish Contingent. Temporarily divorced from their Ferret Armoured Cars, this novel and welcome experience entailed some

positioning of personnel by helicopter and maintenance and resupply by pack donkeys. Part of the Squadron was also deployed at Anadhiou, during the change over of the major British Contingent unit in the Limassol Zone, which has now been handed over to men of 'B' Company, The Royal Welch Fusiliers. Occupation of these posi-

tions has given junior leaders and troops excellent opportunities of taking direct and decisive action in contributing to the maintenance of peace. Action taken recently by an NCO in command of the troop at Anadhiou successfully restored the situation to normal before reserve troops, who had been despatched to assist him, had arrived.

During this period Squadron HQ was stationed at Ktima and remaining troops continued to patrol in the South Western and North Western areas of Limassol Zone. The entire Squadron has now reverted to its Armoured Car role with the HQ remaining based on Ktima and troops patrolling in support of 1 RWF.

MÅLBE VIDST OFFICER



Er det opgaven som førselofficer, Major O.H.M. Haxthausen skuer imod, eller ser han sin forlovede i det fjerne, eller er han på vej efter nytstof til den Blå Baret med sin gamle slidte mappe.

PAS PA!



KS K. Jensen, 1 Del, Alfa, fik sig en overraskelse på een af sine første vagter, dahan fandt denne slange i en sandsækstilling. Slangen var 177 cm lang og viste sig at indeholde een mus og eet firben. Denne slange var ikke giftig, men de findes, så pas på.



Black Watch Pipes and Drums at Pileri



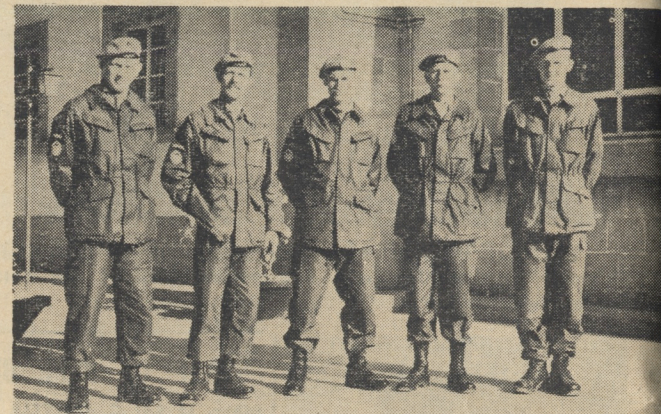
On 1 May 66, the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada performed for the children and teachers of the school in the village of Pileri. In the photograph above the Pipes and Drums led by Pipe Major W.J. Gilmour, right, are shown in front of the school-house.

6 GAMLE CHEFER DER HAR FOD PÅ



Fra venstre mod højre: Maj K. Eklund (STKMP), Maj C.J. Forman (Alfa), Kn C.N. Bech (Bravo), Maj J. Højland Christensen (Charlie), Maj F. Søderberg (MP), PrLt J.M. Lunding (MP).

5 NYE CHEFER DER NU SKAL TIL AT HAVE FOD PÅ



Fra venstre mod højre: Maj S.B. Meno (Alpha), Maj K.O. Gustafsson (Bravo), Maj H.K. Pedersen (Charlie), Maj H.E. Nillson (MP), PrLt P.A. Bengtsson (MP). Chefen for STKMP ankommer senere.

ROTATIONEN ER BEGYNDT



Onsdag 4 Maj ankom DANCON V forkommando. I fuld kamdragt (næsten) landede det efter en behagelig tur. At DANCON V tagningene alvorligt og bl.a. tænker på sløring fremgår af neden stående billede, hvor den ny Charlie-chef, Maj H.K. Pedersen, kraftigt formumm bag store solbriller er ved at sætte fod på Cypren.



WO I Stan Upton tests a window frame for prints at the scene of a suspected breaking and entering attempt, assisted by left, Sergeant Ned Fox and, in window, WO III Steve Brunnell.

'Teamwork is the key' says chief of smallest unit

WE consider ourselves to be the most integrated of the units of the United Nations Force" - this was Warrant Officer First Class Stan Upton, Royal Military Police, speaking about the smallest composite unit in the Force - the Special Investigation Unit.

Under the command of WO I Upton, all the six major contingents each have one representative on the strength of the unit. All are experienced investigators and their role with the Force is comparable to that of the Criminal Investigation Department in a civil force - that is the investigation of serious crime and all unnatural deaths. In the case of UNFICYP, unnatural death usually means automobile accidents, all of which the SIU investigates until the actual cause of death and circumstances surrounding the accident have been established.

So far this year, the seven strong team have investigated some forty incidents of varying natures. Very often their work entails co-operation with the civilian police of the island and

they enjoy a very efficient liaison with both communities.

All members of the unit are 'all-rounders', that is to say they are able to undertake all facets of a case themselves, rather than civilian police who often employ specialists. All are experienced policemen. Sergeant Jack Ratcliffe of Canada has over twenty years experience of police work, including a five year period after the World War Two with London's Metropolitan Force. Sergeant Dave Erridge (BRITCON), Ned Fox (IRCON) and Arne Due (DANCON) are all regular military policemen and WO III Steve Brunnell (SWECON) is a civilian policeman when not serving with UNFICYP.

Normally, members of the unit work with their own Contingents, but for serious investigations a two or three man team is employed. "Teamwork is the essence of the whole unit", commented Warrant Officer Upton, himself a veteran of some twenty years of police work, the last thirteen spent in the Special Investigations Branch.

'BLUE BERET' TAKES A LOOK AT THE UNFICYP SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT



Sergeant Dave Erridge makes a set of fingerprints during an investigation.

LATE NEWS FROM NEW YORK

U.N. DECOLONIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETS:

RHODESIA AGAIN HOLDS ATTENTION

THE implications of activities of foreign economic and other interests in Southern Rhodesia were discussed by the Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on Decolonization when it met in New York on Monday.

Mr I. H. Mtingwa of Tanzania said that Rhodesia's economy was being adequately supplied despite the sanctions imposed upon her. He spoke of usurpation of land from the Zimbabwé people and exploitation of African labour in the mining companies for the benefit of foreign companies. He added that two thirds of the financial tycoons resided in Britain and were British nationals and for this reason Britain had refused to put down the rebellion of the Ian Smith minority regime. From 1961 to 1963, he said, some one hundred and seventeen million dollars had been extracted from the country.

Mr Pavel Shakov of the Soviet Union said that about eighty per cent of the investments in Southern Rhodesia belonged to foreign interests which were plundering the region. The white minority in the territory had created a favourable climate for the activities of monopolists, he said, and some companies had, in fact, increased their profit since Ian Smith's unilateral declaration of independence. Mr Shakov said the monopolists had worked out a programme of domination in supporting the Smith regime and they knew that what he called "the game" being played by Ian Smith and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson would not seriously affect them.

Speaking for Denmark, Mr Skjold Melbin said that the crucial point seemed to be the extent to which the sanctions called for by the Security Council were being applied, but that the Council had not given the Decolonization Committee any man-

date to go into the question. On the basis of material provided so far, he said, no safe conclusions could be reached as to whether the foreign interests in themselves had any important influence on political developments. Furthermore, he said, there was the question of whether British investments could be labelled as foreign.

Mr. Rafic Jouejati of Syria said that investment in Southern Rhodesia meant prosperity for the few at the expense of the African masses who were robbed of the best land and compelled to work on the farms and in the mines against their will. Britain, he said, was merely paying lip service to condemning the Smith regime, and was sanctioning discrimination and segregation in Rhodesia. Kinship and their huge interests prevented them from taking action, he said.

U.S. ASKS FOR SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING

UNITED States is asking for early meeting of UN legal group dealing with outer space problems to start work on a treaty covering exploration of the moon and other celestial bodies. US would have treaty bar any claim to sovereignty over celestial bodies. Also favoured is clause prohibiting stationing of weapons of mass destruction on celestial bodies, ruling out weapons tests and military manoeuvres.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP

US AND FDR GIVE \$3M.

Anxiety over the financial future of UNFICYP — already some millions of dollars behind on its budget — was eased last weekend with two contributions totalling some three million dollars from the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany.

In a note verbale, dated 2nd May, Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg of the United States told the Secretary-General that his country "is prepared to make a voluntary contribution of approximately two million dollars" towards the cash budget of UNFICYP for the eighth period March 27—June 26 of this year. The amount will not exceed forty per cent of the total cash contributions from other governments towards this cash budget and is also subject to confirmation of UNFICYP cost estimates.

Last Friday the Federal Republic of Germany informed the Secretary-General that it would make a further contribution of one million dollars towards UNFICYP expenses — the sum to be applied to the costs of the operation for the six month period beginning December 27 last year.

FDR GIFT FOR INDIA

In response to appeals for assistance in the grave food emergency which faces India, the Federal Republic of Germany has decided to donate fertilizers and powdered milk valued at three and a half million dollars to that country United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, was informed last week.

U Thant returns from European trip

HOLDS TALKS WITH LEADERS ON PROBLEMS OF
WORLD INTEREST: VIET-NAM, RHODESIA,
CYPRUS AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

THE United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, returned to New York on Thursday following a ten day European trip in the course of which he discussed such problems as Viet-Nam, Rhodesia and Cyprus with Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain and President Charles de Gaulle of France.

In Geneva, the Secretary-General discussed several aspects of the disarmament question with members of the eighteen-nation Disarmament Negotiating Committee. He said on his return to New York that while opinions differed on the prospects for progress, he had come back with the impression that there could still be some prospects of success, particularly in the matter of nuclear test ban treaty.

U Thant also took the occasion to emphasized anew the dangers to peace arising from the widening gulf between the "have" and "have not" nations as well as from racial tensions and conflict and to assert that the genius of Europe could be of great succour to an ominously unstable world. The Secretary-General set forth these views on Tuesday in an address before the Strasbourg meeting of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Observing that "the fortitude, ingenuity and imagination of Europe have again placed its countries, despite two world wars, in a fortunate and strong position", U Thant said he did "not for a moment believe that the leaders and peoples of Europe have any intention of sinking either into the kind of prosperous provincialism or of reverting to the aggressive nationalism of the past". "What I wish to emphasize today", he declared, "is the urgent need for leadership

and concerted action". Such leadership could be effective, he added, only if the older nations showed understanding and tolerance towards the new nations of Asia and Africa who were struggling to take their place in the modern world against pressures of time and population which made their situation desperate.

In examining present world tensions, the Secretary-General said he thought ideological conflicts were a passing phenomenon and that the countries of Europe had played an important part in tempering them since the last war. But, he wondered, if even today the world was fully aware of the calamitous effects a nuclear war would have. He suggested that the United Nations might prepare a thorough study of such effects so that the peoples of the world would fully understand what was involved.



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BERNARDES—TALKS IN ANKARA AND ATHENS

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr Carlos A. Bernardes, who has been having talks with the Turkish government in Ankara on the Cyprus situation, is scheduled to leave the Turkish capital today, Wednesday, for Athens, where he will confer with members of the Greek Government.

Mr Bernardes, who twice met with the Secretary-General during U Thant's recent European tour — in Paris and Geneva — flew into Ankara on Monday for two days of talks. He will be in Athens until Saturday and will return to Nicosia on Sunday.

STOP PRESS

MARTOLA IN NEW YORK

General Ilmari Martola, the new Force Commander of UNFICYP flew to New York from Helsinki on Monday to begin talks with the UN Secretary-General on his new appointment. No date has yet been given for General Martola's arrival in Nicosia, but it is expected to be at the end of this week.

IRANIAN GIFT FOR UNESCO

FOR USE IN

ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN

Iran last week informed the United Nations of its decision to contribute one day's military budget to UNESCO's world campaign against illiteracy. The contribution will amount to some seven hundred thousand dollars.

The decision was conveyed to Director-General Rene Maheu of UNESCO by the Shah of Iran, Mohommad Reza Pahlavi, and made known to the Secretary-General by Ambassador Mehdi Vakil. The Shah expressed the hope that his government's decision, which represented a real financial sacrifice for a country such as Iran, would induce other countries to follow suit and permit the creation of a special fund to deal with the world problem of illiteracy.

Ambassador Vakil pointed out that there were today some 750 million illiterate people in one hundred developing countries and that education represented an investment in human resources which were the greatest capital for economic development.

SURVEY PROGRAMME PROPOSED

FIVE-YEAR SCHEME WILL AID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WITH SURVEYS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FINANCING

United Nations Member States have been asked for their views on a proposed five year programme of surveys in developing countries in nine specific fields of mineral, energy and water resources and on the possibilities for financing them.

In a note verbale to member governments, the Secretary-General said that the feasibility of carrying out the programme, the cost of which is estimated at about ten million dollars spread

over five years, depended largely on the extent of actual concrete support by those governments in a position to provide financial contributions, experts, consultants and other resources.

He expressed the hope that the views of member states would be received by June 1, so that they could be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council at its summer session, opening in Geneva on July 5.

Forwarded with the note

verbale was a report summarizing the results of a recent series of consultations with a six-member expert group and the eighteen-member UN Advisory Committee on Application of Science and Technology to Development. The report noted the need for an orderly, systematic approach to natural resources development in the world and in developing countries in particular. It supported the proposed programme as a first step in this direction.