Dr. B. F. OSORIO-TAFALL, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CYPRUS, WILL PAY A BRIEF VISIT BOTH TO ANKARA AND ATHENS.

Dr. Osorio-Tafall originally planned to leave Nicosia for Ankara on 12 July, but due to "compelling personal reasons" he postponed his trip to both capitals for a few days. The new dates for the visit will be fixed in consultation with both Athens and Ankara.

These visits, which are in keeping with the Secretary-General's instructions of 2 March 1966 broadening the scope of activity of his Special Representative, both in and outside of Cyprus, are the first opportunity that Mr. Osorio-Tafall has had since his appointment to establish personal contacts with the competent Turkish and Greek officials and to ascertain the positions of both Governments on outstanding problems as they may concern the United Nations operation in Cyprus.

According to press reports received from UN Headquarters in New York, Mr. Osorio-Tafall's trip is said to have been arranged in consultations by the Secretary-General, U Thant, with the Governments of Greece and Turkey through their respective missions to the United Nations.

During their recent stay in
(continued on page four)

SIGNAL OFFICERS CONVENTION

Signal Officers of the Force held their monthly convention at DANCON on 4th July under the chairmanship of Lt Col A.R. Wythe, the Chief Signals Officer.

The convention was attended by Signal Officers from UNFICYP Headquarters, as well as by representatives from the Canadian, British, Finnish, Irish and Swedish contingents, as well as from the Austrian Field Hospital and, of course, the host contingent from Denmark.

During the meeting, various communication problems were discussed and later the participants were conducted on a tour through DANCON's zone of responsibility in the Nicosia area.

DANCON also added a bit of national public relations (sorry, communication) by showing a film on the attractions that Denmark has to offer travellers from abroad.

EMERGENCY SURGERY UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS

On Monday evening 3rd July Comdt E. Daly, IRCON MO requested a Cas evac by helicopter for a 19 year old Turkish Cypriot from Kokkina. An immediate appendectomy operation was required to save his life. A Wessex helicopter made two attempts to land but was prevented from doing so by low cloud.

The Austrian Field Hospital was alerted at 2340 hrs and its Group B Surgical Team on one hour's standby was on the move by road to Kokkina in 40 minutes. In the meantime IRCON SMO Comdt H. O'Shea joined his colleague and together they prepared the IRCON Platoon nissen hut at Kokkina for use as an emergency operating theatre. An ordinary table was used for the operation.

The AFH team guided by an IRCON landrover reached Kokkina in one hour and 45 minutes. While the surgeon, 1st Lt J. Hugeneck MD examined the patient, his team installed their emergency lights and prepared their equipment. The operation took 35 minutes to complete and at first light the patient was airlifted to the Turkish hospital in Nicosia for post-operative treatment. The team then had breakfast at Kokkina and returned to their hospital at 0730 hrs.

Once again, the staff of the AFH have come up trumps and another person on the Island owes his life to their speed and efficiency in an emergency.

Group B Surgical Team of the AFH which carried out the first emergency operation with UNFICYP under Field conditions. (Left to Right) 1st Lt J. Hugeneck, MD, Surgeon; SO G. Helweg, Asst Surgeon; S/Sgt H. Long, Anaesthetist; Sgt E. Zechnier, Instruments; W/O II O. Radda, Orderly; Sgt H. Steinbrugger, Driver; S/Sgt 1 W. Dolzer 2nd Driver who also accompanied the team was on another call when this photo was taken. (IRCON Photo)
BESOK I 900 - ARIGA BORGRIWEBER

Toag en “Lask” i riddersalen!

Takken na om gams slott? Jaså, intet. Då skal til ñøra en uttrykk til la av Cyperns borgriwer. Sedan har ni nålegun lura skit. At aakke sørna anørkna i reala vilinge ganga og røm, at klittse sitt i daga flåtehløshør uuvrør av bin, at ujaa av usken frø skotsetud-

koppn slånandn mør norfer høv n - luffe lâla? As en “Lask” i riddsañen, allt det där kan ni ñpåaa under ett hesk i St. Hilarion Castle, den gams korsetðarborgen høg upp på tøa toppa i Kyrenia-

borgen. Kyrenia har mycket sevet at arbuja - slåda slåtedborgen sorv ned pøt bet, den vackra klosterinnene i Bellapais ochborgriwen Buffavento långt upp i bergshold som vinda en frø frø fra allt hall, men frågen er om intet St. Hilarion er det mest fascinerande uttrycksrom. Avgje sjøla!

Vånn man hittat frø St. Hilarion høger, vi dekkse syvå, at dette var fra den lille polisukern vi vånn, men den stigande- og åttande dayusa grûnna upp til bøør-

egeren veiknepet inntykk av at være la langere. Hørnuholte, etter hal-

va dagen kommer man til ett “cafe”, der man kløver billettet (100

mho) innan man fortsetter de sista krekarna. Avse pønserinner tø-

fer man frø fra hela vånn.

Namnet har början fått efter en sørna egnen som bevarte sista 800 åra høg upp på bergspip-

parna. På 1000-talet byggde by-

marinaer et kloster hør til min-

ne av munka, och 1228 hølt det høyla utveckla til en husglimt korrudalberg. An åinaar sta-

rta party av de kraftiga murrarna

Selvom vi er ca. 3000 km fra Danmark, besøyer cyklen stadig avnøyd. Flittigt, her av KS 699873 J.J. Jørgensen, KJFJ, III DEL. I gruppe

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egne triv.

Selvom man sitter på våg på “den grums linje”, kan der også blive
dir til et lille begejstret under den hårde tøma. De “hirdr kører” i III

gruppe/III DEL C-KMP fortsetter følgende: Vi har nettopp aflagt 14
døgn våg på “linjen” og flytter nu tilhølge “klubben” for de neste
tø-

ger. På “linjen” bor vi grupper og består 8 timers våg samt passer

en Oslo. Af de 14 døgn på skolen er noko våg og hårlykkeløje og sådeø

er frige. Dette er, synes vi, den ideelle form for vaktjest.

Med Blue Beret i verkstæn . . . .

Seebløve på gång! Våtrefn Karlf-Erik

Gustafsson fra Skåne sitter slått på plats.

Han er Stefan Wallmark, Byke, og Gunnar Kårt-

sen, Brålanda, som råkår over beståndet.

Mitt opp i reparationstiden var Holki Park,

slagen, Stockholm, når Blue Beret håndla på i

signalværkstaden. Ved telefonen i bakgrunden

fra Licklund fra Båstad.

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FORCE COMMANDER VISITS 'DUX'

ON MONDAY 3rd JULY, THE FORCE COMMANDER, LIEUT. GENERAL A.E. MARTOLA, paid a flying visit to Kophinus, he was accompanied by the Chief of Staff, Brig. M.N. Harbottle, OBE and Lt Col S.H. Clark, Chief Logistician Officer.

The General and his staff.

The Force Commander discusses a problem with Lt Col S.H. Clark and Lt Col D. Isles.

who were met by Lt Col D. Isles. Commissioning Officers of 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Light Infantry, Maj. M.C.R. Huxtable, MBE, and Maj. G.R. Huxtable, MBE, the Kophinus District Commander, inspected elements of C Company and a half Troop of D Squadron 2 DG based at Kophinus and then toured the camp.


The Force Commander.

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POSTMASTER

ROTATION

A POSTMASTER WITH UNFICYP, Lieut. Robert Pettie, Postmaster at EFFO 697, deploys for UK where he will join the Postal Depot, Edinburgh. Expertly, Pettie who is married and comes from Fife is replaced by Lieut. Kenneth Davies from 5 Brigade Postal Unit, Tidworth.

Lieut Pettie explains postal operations in Nicosia to Lieut. Davies.

NEW FORCE ENGINEER

ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY, THE NEW FORCE ENGINEER FOR UNFICYP ARRIVED IN Nicosia. He is Lt Col J.J. Conroy of the Directorate of Engineering, Army HQ Dublin. A graduate of UCD he was Engineer Officer and Instructor at the Irish Command and Staff School before going to GHQ as a Lt Col in 1986.

He has completed several courses abroad including the Senior Allied Officers Tactical Course at Eurelia. He has also been an instructor at the Staff College with the UN in the Congo and served tours as Military Assistant to three Force Commanders, Lt Gen S. MacRae-Rollin, Irish Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Kevin-Gray, UK Chief of Staff and Lt Gen John-Crane, Irish Chief of Staff.

He has two tours of duty with the Irish Defence Forces, a tour as Staff Officer with the British Army in Northern Ireland and a tour of duty as the UN Force Engineer in Lebanon.

Lt Colonel J.J. Conroy, the new Force Engineer Officer being welcomed to Nicosia by Lt Colonel J. Beary.

NEW G2 SIGNS

A Lieu Newman AOW COMOT F.D. DOYLE who will take over as G2 Signs. He is Communications Officer, Observer Corps in Ireland and was a former Instructor. Signals School and OC Signals Radar

UNICOM and a bronze medallist of the City and Guilds. When the UN first sent to the Congo he served on the Ops Staff at Leob HQ. Later, on the establishment of Katanga Command he became its first CEO.

Comdt E. D. Doyle arrived from Dublin to take over the appointment of G2 Signs for UNFICYP.

Cement mixers are great — until they have to be cleaned. Inside Pte John Murphy of Stenhouse Co. Killkenny, with Cpl John O'Clellan of Fermoy Co. Cork, both of the IRCON Engineer Platoon.

Installing a new water main at Limniatis. IRCON Engineers Sg Michael Alburno of Cork City (left) and Pte Garry Walsh of Cappagh, Co Waterford will be glad to get the water flowing. 100F makes piping hard to handle.

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Valahdyksia
Rauhanpuolustajan Arjesta

Toimitaja ja valahdyksia kiertävät siitä lähes yksinäisesti suomalaisen rauhanpuolustajan arkea merkittäviä viikoja. Ja täällä on se näyttää 3JK:n ensimmäiset puolustajien raspupäätä. Kaale valittiin kuukausilla monella menestykseksestä kehitetyn arjeksi, Aurinko pahasti ja hihi kuitenkin. Ja eikä kovin jälkeen


Ninä on siinä taas alkaa päättyä uusien viisten kanssa vanhoissa sisemmässä. Jokaisella kysymystä, jota se on määritellyt, on jotain, että joka päivä pitää päätä lokailtaan.

Vaatimaton takaa ja tiivistä liikkuaankin tuolloin parannetut "nyrkkiä" kasautunut.

Ja sen päälle muisteltiin mihdellä kun mihdellä päivän hirvonsaikaa herkkäkä paimoksien kera. Mukaisuus on tänä jaksolla sen jälkeen.
COUNCIL AGREES TO DEPLOY UN OBSERVERS

THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AGREED SUNDAY NIGHT, 9 JULY, that the Secretary-General, U Thant, should proceed with arrangements to deploy UN cease-fire observers along the Israeli-United Arab Republic lines in the Suez Canal sector.

The Council, which met Saturday and Sunday on the clashes that have occurred in that area, endorsed U Thant's suggestions that Lt. General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization, work out necessary arrangements for the stationing of observers under his authority on either side of the line.

U Thant told the Council on Saturday that he had held exploratory talks with the UAR and Israel Ambassadors at UN Headquarters on deploying observers so that he could provide the Council with first-hand information on the observance of the Council's month-old cease-fire resolutions. On Sunday, the Secretary-General informed the Council that General Odd Bull could, if called upon to do so, send a small team of observers now on his staff to patrol on either side of the Suez Canal front.

The Secretary-General noted that the UN had only 133 Truce observers in the Middle East today. Of the Israeli-Arab cease-fire arrangements of last month only that between Israel and Syria included provisions for UN supervision, and over a hundred of UNTSO's observers are at present deployed on either side of the Israeli-Syrian lines.

The Council's views on the issue of deploying UN observers on the Israeli-UAR front were set forth in a consensus read out at ten minutes past midnight by the current President, Ambassador Mackonen of Ethiopia.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE RETURNED

IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT UN HEADQUARTERS LAST WEEK THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE for the return to General Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization, of his headquarters in Government House, just outside Jerusalem.

Agreement constituted an exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and Israel's Permanent Representative, Gideon Rafael, formally effected July 4.

UNITSO Headquarters were first briefly occupied by Jordanian forces when fighting broke out in Jerusalem on the morning of June 5.

Later the same day, Israeli forces took over after fighting had severely damaged the building and UNITSO Headquarters have been under Israeli control since then.

Lawrence Michelmore, Head of the UN Palestine Refugee Aid Agency, has appealed for a halt of any further flight of Arabs from the West Bank to the East Bank of Jordan and for the return to their homes of those who have already moved eastward.

AUSTRALIAN ELEMENT OF UNCVIPOL

The three Australian U.N. Civil Police are pictured at Ayios Thedorous, Larnaca district. Inspector Woolard carries out station and general duties in Sydney, New South Wales. He is at present officer in charge of the Ayios Thedorous UNCVIPOL district. Constable Vanderwolf, from Queensland, Australia, is the Inspector's Duty driver. Inspector Farmer, visiting from Limassol to discuss local problems, is a Sydney Detective, attached to the New South Wales Police Department's Special Investigation Section. Our photographs shows, (left to right) Constable Vanderwolf, Inspector Roy Farmer, Liaison Officer Limassol, and Inspector Allan Woolard.

First Constable Bruno LUX (left) discusses investigation results with Inspector Bob Stewart, Lefka Zone. Both are members of the Victoria Police Force in Australia, Inspector Bob Stewart being Officer in Charge of the Highway Patrol, also President of the Victoria Branch of the Internation Police Association. First Constable Lux is attached to the Criminal Investigation Branch, Special Branch, also an active member of the IPA.

ASSEMBLY IN RECESS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MEETING IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, failed this week to reach an agreement on the Arab-Israeli conflict and recessed for seven days to allow further consultations.

In a long round of Assembly balloting Tuesday 4 July, two rival proposals failed to get the required two thirds majority.

One, sponsored by Yugoslavia and seventeen non-aligned African - Asian States, sought an immediate and unconditional Israeli withdrawal from Arab areas occupied during the war last month, as well as Security Council action to settle other issues.

The other draft resolution, put forward by the Latin American Group, coupled an Israeli withdrawal with an end to the state of the Arab-Israeli belligerency, over the years, the UAR and other Arab nations have claimed belligerent rights against Israel.

The Assembly was able to adopt by an overwhelming majority a resolution directed against the Israeli annexation of the old city of Jerusalem and to appeal with virtual unanimity for aid to refugees and other civilian war victims.

Superintendent S. N. Smith, Commander of the Fourth Australian Police Contingent in Cyprus, is shown here at the United Nations Civil Police Headquarters, Wolsey Bar- racks, Nicosia. Supt. Smith is from South Australia. His many years of outstanding Police service in the State have been recognised by the award of the Queens Police Medal in this year's Queens Birthday Honors list.