Wednesday, 13th March 1968

SKIING CHAMPIONSHIP

TROODOS CHAMP. The Cyprus Services Ski Competition was held at the Troodos Leave Centre on Saturday last. Shown above, Mrs Davies-Scourfield presents the Downhill Trophy to Driver Len Finn. (Other photos and story on P. 10).

African Nations Urge UN Action on Rhodesia Issue

The African group of United Nations Member States decided on Monday last to request an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council on the entire Rhodesian question in the light of news that the illegal white minority regime in Salisbury had executed two more African prisoners.

The decision of the African Group was taken at a meeting held at UN Headquarters.

The request is being drafted by a committee and was expected to be submitted to the Council yesterday, Tuesday.

Earlier Monday morning, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, pointed out that these "illegal and savage acts" had been carried out in spite of the decisions taken by various United Nations bodies, an appeal by His Holiness Pope Paul IV, and the universal condemnation of last week's execution of three prisoners who had been granted a reprieve by the British Crown.

UN Groups Also Call For Action on Rhodesia

CALLS for swift and effective action by the UN Security Council on the Rhodesian situation were issued at United Nations headquarters in New York last week following news that the illegal white minority regime had executed three African prisoners despite a reprieve granted them by the British Crown.

News of the execution in Rhodesia evoked strong condemnations along with calls for Security Council action by both the Human Rights Commission and the Decolonization Committee. Both UN groups also called on Great Britain, as the lawful administering authority, to see to it that 100 or more other political prisoners, as well as the African people of Rhodesia in general, were protected against criminal actions by the rebel minority which unilaterally usurped power.

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UNFICYP REPORT TO COUNCIL

U ThANT SEES MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN CYPRUS SITUATION

United Nations Secretary-General U Thant said on Monday that the situation in Cyprus had markedly improved during the past three months, and that the chances for settlement had never been better since the outbreak of strife between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities at the end of 1963.

U Thant set forth his view in a report to the 15-nation UN Security Council in which he asked for a further three-month extension of the 4,700-man Peacekeeping Force stationed in the island for the past year (See P. 5 for full text of "OBSERVATIONS" contained in Secretary-General's report).

The Secretary-General said the Cypriot Government's lifting of restrictions on the Turkish Cypriots deserved special mention, along with the restraint and more conciliatory attitude of the parties involved. Shooting incidents were sharply reduced, and military disengagement had started in some places. However, he declared, there was still no tangible progress toward discussions between the parties, and there remained the danger of a reversal of the present trends and of a drift into a crisis like that of last November, when Turkey and Greece were in tense military confrontation.

U Thant said that he intended to ask his Special Representative, Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafell, to invite the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders at the earliest possible date to meet and open talks.

He noted that President Makarios had made known his intention of submitting certain constitutional proposals soon, and said that these should be discussed. There were also indications, U Thant said, that the Turkish Cypriot community might have its own proposals to make.

The Secretary-General said that now that the Government had extended normalization measures to the whole of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot leadership should foster a full return to normal conditions, and, as a first step, abandon its policy of preventing Greek Cypriots from moving freely in the areas controlled by Turkish Cypriots. He also urged both sides to accept UN Secretary-General's proposals for military deconfrontation.

The Secretary-General said he would call on both Greece and Turkey to encourage the two Cypriot communities to take these various steps. He also declared that he would urge the United Nations to pay full and maximum attention to every incident. He further said he had agreed to the request from Greece and Turkey that the UN Peace-Keeper Force check, to the extent possible, the withdrawal from Cyprus of its forces in excess of treaty limits. The pull-out accord was the key part of the settlement of the November crisis.

U Thant expressed renewed concern about the financial deficit of the peace-keeping operation, which he said would be about $7,685,000 on 26 March, the expiration date of the present mandate. He urged the Security Council to give the most serious consideration to this problem, which could, he said, lead to a premature withdrawal of the Force. The cost of a three-month extension is estimated at $5,765,000 and that of a six-month extension, $10,755,000.
EN POÄNGS FÖRLUST MOT FINCON

Flankkamp - det finns en särskild klang i det ordet. Ingredienserna behöver självklart inte vara Stadium i Stockholm eller Olympiaplatserna i Helsingfors med fulhjarta tåkare, skrattande flaggor och de två brostridarnas stjärnteckning i aktion på perfekta banor. Den rätta landskampslämnings kan uppvisa även på Goldfish Stadium i Fiamagna, dvs. 2. kompaniets ideelltäktplats. Det var en erfarenhet som andra aktiva och äktaare kunde gifva när i söndagens SWEFINCON och FINCON stälte sina bästa fridtrenningar på banor i spännande och tillaregerade tävlingar. FINCON hade för dagen mobiliserat sin bästa sten och hade siktar segern redan för den avstående stafetten, som svenskarna tog hem. Därmed inskränktes den finska slutetgens till en passiv poäng - 48 poäng mot 47 åkens slutmässighet.

Landskampen fick en fin svensk-upptakt genom dubbelslag på 100 meter, Bo Nilsson, härmörd, på 1.


Närsta löpsten, 400 meter, såg småförsjän Jan-Erik Jonsom, Tands- byn, på 3 kom, och Leif Widgren, Malmö, på 2 kom. som atta och två på 53 sekunder 54 sekunder och därmed var poängåttenings stämmande.

Följde så vad som visade sig vara två typerna FINCON-sten, hög och kula, med dubbelt finns-

toppes. Tor Andersson, Skövde, på STR-komp och Thore Carlsson, Torsby, likaledes STR, gjorde på vad som antok i 1500 meter och lämnade de två finsarna bakom sig. Tor Anderssons nektad led på 4,21 min. och Botis vara bara 3 sekunder sämre.

Landskampens övervakning in-
täckte i segelt, en traditionell
dans smugning. Karl Selander, 
Åkerabrygg, på 3 kom. 

fick i tredje kvartet iväg sjuten hela 52 meter och en 

timemin, och så mycket maktade ingen av finsarna med.

Landskampen var avgjord redan innan stafetten började.

Den svenska kvartetten Bo Nilsson, Sonny Anderson, Leif Widgren och Jan-Erik JonsomSatte i alla fall upp klassificeringens sådana ut att den finska segern blev 
här en poäng stor. 48-47 - det var FINCON-komp, det;

Våra bilder visar de båda kontingentens landslag-

män uppställda före tävlingsarnas högt (överst), 

/uppställningen. Karl Selander på 3 kom och det segersuka-

svenska statstidigt på prisspallen (t.h.). Det är Sonny 

Anderson som bedöms med guldmedalj av den 

Finskiska överläkaren N. Palmén.
UN Human Rights Body Concludes HQs Session

Visions of human rights, and particularly what were found to be gross and consistent violations in southern Africa, were the main topics of debate and action at the five-week session of the UN Commission on Human Rights which ended at UN Headquarters in New York on Monday last.

South Africa, for its policies of apartheid and its "torture and ill-treatment of prisoners," is one of the major issues discussed by the Commission.

The Commission extended its investigations into apartheid and racial discrimination in South West Africa, Rhodesia and the African territories under Portuguese administration, and into the treatment of prisoners in those countries. It also called for the release of some 30 South West Africans sentenced by South Africa, and of 100 or more political prisoners in Rhodesia.

Turning its attention to the Middle East, the Commission reaffirmed the "Government concerned" should facilitate the return of those uprooted by last year's war. And it called on Israel to desist from acts such as the reported destruction of Arab civilian houses.

On another subject, the Commission confirmed all ideologies based on racial intolerance and terror, such as the Muslim Brotherhood and other terrorist groups, are to be outlawed by the UN Security Council and its various organs.

In a resolution on capital punishment, the Commission underlined the Assembly's call on countries not to impose capital punishment.

The resolution also called for greater efforts to protect non-nuclear nations.

US, USSR, UK Agree To Protect Non-A Nations

The United States, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom called the UN Disarmament Committee meeting in Geneva that they would give special assurances through the United Nations Security Council to nations fearing nuclear weapons.

The Committee is currently working on a treaty to prevent the further spread of nuclear weapons and to ensure that nuclear powers would not use their nuclear weapons against non-nuclear nations.

The United States also reaffirmed its commitment to non-nuclear nations that it would not use or threaten to use nuclear weapons in any future conflict.

The resolution also stated that the United States would support any efforts by the Security Council to strengthen non-proliferation efforts and to promote disarmament.

New UN Stamp

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a six-cent and a 13-cent stamp — see photo, above — to commemorate the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The stamps will be available at UNICEF/UNDP, above 8th Avenue in mid-April — the date of the UNICEF Headquarters main hanger — Secrecy Section.
TEXT OF "OBSERVATIONS" CONTAINED IN REPORT SUBMITTED BY U THANT TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL

U THANT

The three-month period covered by this report has been one of the most turbulent since the military coup in September 1962. The country has undergone a period of severe political and social instability, characterized by frequent protests and strikes. The government has cracked down on dissent with force, resulting in high levels of political repression.

The military junta has sought to maintain control by imposing strict censorship and surveillance. Media outlets have been censored, and journalists and opposition leaders have been arrested and subjected to harassment.

The situation has been exacerbated by economic challenges, with inflation and unemployment rates remaining high. The country remains dependent on外援 financing, and international sanctions have compounded the economic crisis.

The report highlights the need for international engagement and dialogue to address the root causes of the political and economic challenges facing the country. It calls for the lifting of sanctions and the resumption of aid and investment.

The report also emphasizes the importance of promoting human rights and free expression, and calls for greater accountability and transparency in government operations.

In conclusion, the report underscores the urgency of addressing the political and economic challenges facing Myanmar, and the need for international support and assistance to help the country move towards a more stable and prosperous future.
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SWEDCON - FINCON seurueiden

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FINCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

Pics Steve Lawless, 1 Black Watch, drives the water truck which supplies the small village of Temblos with their drinking water. He is shown filling the water containers for the village women during one of his daily trips.

Private Larry Weatherbee of the 1 Black Watch, opens the gate at Temblos OP to let a small Turkish boy and his flock of sheep pass.

Pics Charles Hopkins, 1 Black Watch, shows working in the CSM's office at Camp Maple Leaf where he maintains the leave roster for all CCASG personnel.

Much major mechanical work is undertaken by the BCFECEEME boys at Camp Maple Leaf and these two Craftsman, Bill Fether (left) and Jerry Alderson demonstrate their ability on a jeep engine.

Sgt Hugh Nicholson and 21 George Brooks arrived a short time ago to do their 6-month "shift" with the Canadian Contingent. They are both with the Ordnance Corps and are in charge of the Cargo Pumps and Stores Section at BCFECEEME.
SKIING

INTER-SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In good conditions the British Forces Near East Inter-Service Skiing Championships were held last Saturday on the North Face of Mount Olympus.

Three teams were entered from UNFICYP by 1st Battalion Royal Green Jackets, 8 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport and the Headquarters.

The Army team included Major Michael Massy-Beresford and Lieutenant Robert Goodwin from 1 RGJ and Driver Len Finn from 8 Squadron RCT.

The Championships were won by the Royal Air Force, who beat the Army by 11 1/5 seconds. RAF Akrotiri were the winning unit team and the 1 RGJ team were runners-up, 8 Squadron RCT also finished well.

Driver Finn with a run of 34 1/5 seconds won the Downhill event. He did not quite find his expected form in the Slalom event and was placed fourth in the combined Downhill and Slalom, only 73 5/5 seconds behind the RAF winner, Flight Lieutenant Whitley. Lieutenant Goodwin was placed fifth, one second behind Driver Finn.

The best performances from UN personnel in the Slalom event were by Major Massy-Beresford (109 1/5 seconds) and Lieutenant Goodwin (3 5/5 second behind).

In the Novices competition held at Sun Valley the previous day, Private Rod Cheyne and Driver Len Benn were placed fifth and sixth respectively.

The results were a triumph for UNFICYP competitors — congratulations to all concerned.

The trophies and prizes were presented by Mrs Davies-Scurrfield, wife of the Deputy Commander, Near East Land Forces.

SPORTING EVENTS

100 metres was a double triumph for the Swedish team. 5/Sgt Bo Nilsson (left) won at 12.0 seconds, and Pte Sonny Anderson (third from left) was second at 12.1. The two Finns are Pte Pertti Ahomaki and WO II Mauri Uusitalo.

RUGBY

7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

UNFICYP teams acquitted themselves well at the recent Seven-a-Side Tournament held at the Royal Air Force station, Akrotiri, in which twenty-one Army and Royal Air Force teams took part.

The UNFICYP teams came from the Headquarters, 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets and 'B' Squadron 4th/7th Royal Dragon Guards, who entered two teams.

After winning four games, 'A' team from the Dragons, reached the final and were only narrowly beaten, 12 points to 10, by the Trojans 'A' team from the RAF's large Equipment Branch.

Both HQ UNFICYP and 1 RGJ were eliminated in the first round of the Sevens. (HQ were beaten by the eventual winners of the Tournament). These two UN teams thus "qualified" for entry into the first round of the Lancers Shield. In the Semi-Finals the Headquarters team met 1 RGJ. HQ won and went on to the final where they were beaten, 19 points to 0, by 9 Sigs 'A' who, in the other semi-final, beat the Dragons' 'B' team.

ATHLETICS

SWEDCON V FINCON

An athletics meeting between the Swedish and the Finnish Contingents of UNFICYP took place at Goldfish Stadium in Famagusta last Sunday. The Finns scored a very close victory by 48 points to 47, securing both first and second places in the discus, long jump, high jump and putting the shot events.

Sgt Tor Andersson, SWEDCON Staff Coy, and Pte Boris Carlsson, also Staff Coy, secured a double Swedish victory in the 1500 metres run. Sgt Andersson's time was 4 minutes 21 seconds. The two Finns, Pte Mauno Kulju and Sgt Juhan Mantyla ran well.

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

1. BRAKING

Sudden hand braking not only ruins tyres but it is the best way to induce a skid. Ideally speed should be adjusted with the throttle — which is misnamed the accelerator pedal — its decelerating functions are equally important.

2. PARKING AND STOPPING

Before doing so, think... Will you cause obstruction, congestion, or block sight lines — if so — don't.

3. AT CROSS ROADS

Unmarked cross roads carrying little traffic are danger spots. Check your speed of approach so as to be able to stop if necessary.

4. AT MAJOR ROADS

You must obey the HALT sign, regardless of what the driver in front does. At SLOW signs go really slow until you can see the way to be clear.

5. TURNING RIGHT

This is one of the most frequent accident situations. The need is for positioning — just left of the centre line, the gradual reduction of speed, avoiding late or hard braking, the selection of a suitable gear in good time and early correct signals.

Give these points the attention they deserve.

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