Secretary-General Asks
For New Six-Month
UNFICYP Extension

U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, reported to the Security Council this week that the situation in Cyprus had greatly improved during the last three months. For the first time in four and a half years, direct channels of communication have been established between Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

U Thant praised the efforts of his Special Representative, Mr. E.F. Osrorto-Taffal, in arranging for intercommunal talks, scheduled to begin in Nicosia on the 24th June 1968. But he emphasized that if this trend continued, it could make an unavoidably premature withdrawal of the Force.

The following is the full text of the chapter headed "Observations", contained in the report by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council.

"OBSERVATIONS"

As the preceding chapters show, the relaxation of tension in Cyprus which set in at the beginning of the year has continued during the period under review. There have been increasing contacts between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, although incidents have occurred of inter-communal implications. It is true that there have been no military clashes and the number of shootings incidents is low considering that there are still thousands of men under arms in Cyprus.

There are recent indications that both Greek and Turkish Cypriots have at last begun to face the fact that they cannot solve their dispute by force and that if they do not do so, only would be costly in terms of human life and property, but also might unleash an unpredictable chain of events. On the other hand, the basic issues dividing the two communities have remained unresolved.

In my last report to the Security Council (S/8446, para. 153) I gave an outline of the initiatives which in my view should be taken without delay in the search for a solution to the Cyprus problem. Some of these initiatives have yet to materialize.

Little progress has been made during the last three months in the matter of military disengagement. Although the opposing armed forces have shown commendable discipline and restraint, their proximity to one another continues to constitute a serious danger both to the present improved atmosphere in Cyprus and to future progress towards a solution.

Moreover, despite the Government's normalization measures and its beneficial efforts on the Turk Cypriot population, their leadership has not yet found it possible to correspond with measures of its own so as to further a steady movement towards normalization. However, my Special Representative has been given to understand by the Turkish Cypriot leadership that the matter is under active consideration.

There are indications that positive developments in this regard will be forthcoming shortly.

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UNFICYP Rally Team
Scores This Time

Undaunted by their hard luck in a recent motor rally (see Blue Beret of 5th June), Corporal Ken Dyer (RCT) and Lance Corporal Geoff Reynolds (REME) entered as respective drivers of two cars in another rally held at Dhekelia last Saturday and covering fifty miles which had to be traversed in two hours.

With the two drivers being seven newcomers to motor rallying, who had been tutored in the art of navigation prior to the rally, Lcpl Reynolds unfortunately had difficulty with his car. Cpl Dyer, however, despite his crew having difficulty with Tulip cards (a navigator's nightmare) was placed 4th. B Sqn's week-end hideaway at Kay Paphos was the finishing point of the rally — concidence!

Cpl Dyer's crew consisted of Cpl Evident, Lcpl Gibson and Dvr Moor.
FOD PAA EN FOD

Alle ved DANCON kunde undertekke at haye "fod på", men det er vist de Extorre, der er klar over, at man her på Gyepen har chancen for i hogstavilige forstånd å få "fod på en foder".

En som kilometer vest for Lillehammer ligger ruinene av byens Curium. Desse ruiner gør tilbage til omkring år 3300 før Kristus og siden ble det sommerhus for en av Gyepens småbyer, der dog ikke var mindre betydelige end endelike galler. Hver sommer kom hoàng utes med resulterende etablere av og ned虱.

Teateret var nok oprindeligt bygget i ganske tid i sommerhus, men det blev senere betydelig forstoret. Teateret var et av de store i det tidligere adresse, i det sommerhus, som ble bygget av de lokale rike familier.

Under et tur til Curium for nylig lykkedes det for garder S.P. Wiberg fra C-Company - måtte lidt i medgraten med de lokale rike familier. Turen var tilbage til i galler, og gruppen fikk en tur i undergrunden.

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Velfedkastet har nylig omsatt en række modeller og høfter av udflytnings- og ordsverje, og nu venter man spændende, om folk vil tage imod de gode tilbud. Kunstner E. Larsen ser efter billedet at damme mere op, dertil vil situationen ved velfedkastet, hvor L.C. Frederiksen.

DANCION NYT

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\[\text{\textit{The Blue Beret, 19th June 1968}}\]
Transport Squadrons Fling

When an individual or unit leaves a location the custom is to have a farewell or send-off service, as was the case on a recent occasion. The end of the season saw the majority of the unit move on. The farewell service was attended by a large number of personnel, including friends and family. The officers and crew were farewelled in a traditional manner, with the presenting officer felicitating the departing personnel. A special mention was made of the retiring members, who were presented with certificates and tokens of appreciation. The event was a heartwarming sight, with many emotional moments shared among the attendees.

Front Row View

At the school in Ayres Theodora, they are justifiably very proud of their dancers. Before they broke up for the summer vacation last week, the dance was on and three of them (10) were invited to watch. To the right, they were Privates Peter Johnson from Baldon Colliery, Tom Burnett from Gateshead, and James "Spugly" Hamilton from Thursday-on-tees.

Brothers - in - Wheels

In 8 Squadron, RCT, are two brothers who have continued to serve together in various units for the last two and a half years. The two are Corporals Harry and Jim Bees, who come from Edinburgh. Though both their families are in married quarters at Langmore and only a mere nine doors in the same road separate them there. Both recently received their substantive promotions to corporal on the same day, though Harry was given the 'pips' of being one day senior to his younger brother! Harry is currently employed in the Squadron. His store is the north, Jim, commander of a section driving three-ton vehicles, is one of those concerned in calling on his brother for the necessary spares.

On Duty...

At the Mansell checkpoint on the Llanedwen road, Pte Dennis Talbot is being interrogated by a visitor about to pass his post. A young soldier now well used to this kind of work, Dennis had no complaint about the monotony of his job on this quiet road as he watches the time by reading and writing. But he does miss the active life of the spot, as a keen rugby and footballer who plays both hurling and football with the Brian Dillon Club.

The Joys of Ping

Further up the road from the checkpoint the remainder of the detachment gather round for a photograph. They are (left to right) Pte Derry Long, champion freestyler and bookstore swimmer in his recruit class last year; Sgt Bobby McDonald, Pte Charlie O’Leary and Pte Pat Sweeney.

Drinka Carta----

While many of the men who daily look forward to what they may bring them are still struggling against the advent of dawn, Sgt Joe O’Rielly, having already covered the long and by now familiar road from Xeros to Konis, is struggling to bring order to the contents of the many mail bags, the collection and disposal of which is his daily chore.

A seasoned campion who is reluctant to talk of his days in Konis, this is Sgt O’Rielly’s first HQ job. Does he like it? — who wouldn’t, being the most sought after man is camp.

A Stitch in Time...!

At HQ stores in Xeros COAS, Tom Collych (3 Gen S&T Cark) hands over the daily medical supply to COOL. Sgt Billy McGroath hands up the potatoes, Corryg. In addition to normal unit canteen, Billy’s been a producer of most fine. Eric’s in camp and does a fine job of work on them as visitors to Xeros will agree.

IRCON News

Skilled beyond his years, Pte Robert Dru (Military College) concentrates on the job in hand in his "tailor's shop" in Xeros. What with the practice he has had of late in converting "matts" to "mals", Robert is thinking of dropping off in Paris on his way home and trying his luck there.
THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

Last weekend, Liberator Conference 773 (The Reluctant Dragon) touched down at Nicosia airport, one of the many stops, involved in the forming of the 23 year old museum piece from Poona India, to Canada. The American war-time bomber was donated by the Indian Air force to the Canadian Aviation Museum. Flown by a Canadian crew of six, captained by Colonel A. J. Pudsey, the aircraft’s itinerary includes stops in Greece, Sardinia, Germany, Scotland, Iceland and Labrador prior to reaching Canada.

NEW JEEPS FOR CANCON

One could certainly bet even money that when he left Canada bound for UN peace-keeping duties in Cyprus, Private J.D. (Dennis) Belanger did not think for a moment that one of his duties would be to “load” a mule. The scene took place at a Bore Hole Outpost, one of the 18 outposts manned by Canadians serving here. Local inhabitants come to Bore Hole daily to receive water. Private Belanger is a member of X Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Regiment.

420th Free Fall Jump

At a ceremony marking the inauguration of the Cyprus Aero Club, Corporal G. (Gerry) Vido, a paraplane with the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry completed his 420th free fall jump. Corporal Vido, as the total of jumps attained, is no novice at parachuting. In 1965 he represented Canada at the Adriatic Cup World Parachute Championship held in Yugoslavia.

VAHVENNETTU JOURKKE PUOLUSTUHSESSA

Suomalaisen harjoitusmannoineista on tämän lehden päivityssä olleet juttutavat viime viikonnakaa, joten lisenge jo alkaa puolustukseen ja tarkkailla, mitä viimeksi on saatu aikaan. Tämän kun 12. päivä oli kertynyt lih-joukkueelle ja harjoitusten myöhemmällä harjoitettaan joukkue puolustuksesta Goshin alueella niin kuin monta kerta aikaisemmin.


Tentamentin solitta on maastomustat. Elipä paljon mieltä eroa.

KUNTOKILPAILUT


FINCON NEWS

Eibun se aina pelaa tieteenkään, tekee lakin jurtta parhimmillaan hetken, kysittäkään on seurannut ajan ymmärrää, mutta roupa sitten tarpeeksi tullutkaan hirtiin syöri.
Mr T. Phanos, Cyprus’ Minister for Communications and Works shakes hands with Chief Technician Dick Stratford before presenting him with his private pilot’s licence. In the centre, Mr Shouer, Secretary and Ground Instructor of the Cyprus Aero Club which was inaugurated by Mr Phanos after the presentation.

ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS:

STRONG COUNCIL ACTION ON SW AFRICA ISSUE

The 15-Nation Security Council have received the text of the resolution looking to follow-up action by the Council on one of the major issues dealt with by the 124-Nation General Assembly during a recently concluded seven-week session.

That is the future of the Territory of South West Africa which the Assembly proclaimed, is henceforth to be known as Namibia, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the representatives of its people.

The Assembly has recommended that the Security Council take urgent measures to ensure South Africa’s immediate eviction from Namibia and to secure independence for its territory.

SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTS SIX-MONTH EXTENSION FOR UN FORCE

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