ACCIDENTS DROP DURING ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The tally of road accidents involving UNFICYP vehicles during road safety week 11-18 September showed a welcome drop of 50% compared with the preceding week though the total of 7 is obviously still too high.

Statistics show that the weekly average peaks immediately following a rotation, doubtless due to the unfamiliarity of the new contingent with their vehicles and conditions in Cyprus. After a steady improvement a further increase occurs during the third week when drivers think they know it all and try to beat the local cowboys at their own game. Then there is the final pre-rotation peak when drivers appear to relax their attention.

We are now, mostly, in the pre-rotation period so it is imperative for all ranks to double their safe-driving efforts. After all, you want to get home whole don’t you? So drive defensively all the time and keep the accident figure right down.

ISRAEL REAFFIRMS STAND ON JERUSALEM CONTROL

There were developments last week on two aspects of the Middle East situation which the emergency session of the UN General Assembly dealt with and left open for further consideration when it adjourned temporarily in July: they concerned the status of Jerusalem and humanitarian problems arising from the six-day Arab-Israeli war.

The Special Representative of the Secretary General reported that there could be no doubt that Israel was assuming sovereign control of the Old City of Jerusalem and certain adjacent areas taken over from Jordan during the June war.

The Representative, Ambassador Ernesto Thalmann of Switzerland, added that Israeli authorities had told him unequivocally that this process of integration was irreversible and not open to negotiation.

In July the Assembly denounced the Israeli moves to annex the Old City and asked that the pre-war status of Jerusalem be maintained. U Thant was asked to report on the situation and on how the Assembly resolution was being carried out.

Mr. Thalmann conducted a two-week fact-finding mission in Jerusalem at U Thant’s request, and his findings were made public by the Secretary General in a report which also included a reaffirmation by Israel of her Jerusalem policy. This was contained in a letter (Continued on Page Eight)

SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL NOT RESIGN

SECRETARY-GENERAL U Thant has categorically denied the press report that he has threatened to resign.

The report appeared earlier this week in Al Ahram, the Egyptian newspaper, which said U Thant had told the United States and the U.S.S.R. he would quit his post if they did not provide greater support to the United Nations.

U Thant issued a flat denial of the story upon his return to New York on 15 September following a short visit to Kinshasa, Congo, to address the Organization of African Unity.

ASSEMBLY ENDS EMERGENCY MIDDLE-EAST SESSION

The United Nations General Assembly last Monday formally ended its emergency session on this summer’s Middle East crisis with a request that the Arab-Israeli conflict be given priority consideration at the regular annual session of the Assembly which was scheduled to begin yesterday. The Assembly acted on the basis of a proposal put forward by Austria, Finland and Sweden. Ambassador Kurt Waldheim of Austria said it had not been possible to find a basis for the settlement of the Middle East crisis during the past two-month recess, and that the problem should be kept under urgent consideration.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS SESSION

The Middle East situation and other problems of world concern came sharply into focus as the United Nations prepared for the opening of a new session of its General Assembly this week.

A long list of business faced the 122 Member States as they got ready for deliberations of the next three months. Included on it were such perennial problems as disarmament, with special interest centering this year on a draft treaty prepared by the Soviet Union and the United States on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. The situation in Africa, south of the Sahara, was also expected to command a major share of the Assembly’s attention, with emphasis on developments concerning Rhodesia, and South African and Portuguese policies—long denounced by the United Nations.

Economic issues are again given great weight on this year’s agenda, particularly those affecting the trade and development of developing countries.

The controversial question of Chinese representation in the United Nations has also been put forward for renewed consideration; and matters concerning protection of human rights, development of international law, and the world organization’s finances are also included on the wide-ranging agenda.
VIN-FEST I LIMASSOL


VEJARBÆRDE - JA HVORFOR IKKE!


LOUROJINA KA’ DET HELE

Detachement Lourojina var i radion 19 SEP. Her ses det tyrkisg-selerkende hold under indgengang af byens landside vidunderlige toer på hånd i CBC-studiet 08 SEP. Det er fra venstre KS Lauritzen (Lilleværk), KS Christensen (Bob), KS Pedersen, KS Bundgaard og KS Nielsen (Fossar).

PENGAR, PENGAR, PENGAR...går det at når en FN-bataljon skal fungere. "Paymaster" fra Peter Greby håber i alle fall en vokande og på selskabsmænd.


MOST people in UNIFCYP are familiar with the silence of the UNIFCYP Flight which regularly flies to the various Contingent HQs and the more inaccessible O&P's throughout the island, but few people know the origin of the Army Air Corps or the background to its formation. Prior to 1957, the only aircraft belonging to the Army and flown by Army pilots were the Air Observation Post Flights and Squadrons whose aircraft were flown by RA (Gunner) Officers, and a few light liaison flights whose pilots were NCOs and officers of regiments other than RA. The aircraft were nearly all fixed wing light planes of the Austin type with a few Skycotter helicopters. Technical ground crews were provided by the RAF.

CONTINGENT NEWS

INFANTRY GROUP STRIKES COLOUR

To the time the next issue of the "Blue Barracks" appears the 8th Infantry Group will have departed Cyprus. Its colour will be presented in future. It will be kept in the museum of the Military College, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare.

The colour is of green and gold and bears the Garde designation of the unit. On the blue bands of the colour are the heraldic emblems of the Irish Guards, the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, the South Eastern Command and the Eastern Command. These will have personnel serving with the Group. It is only on over-sea service that the arm flash "inverness" with the Shamrock is used.

When will I get my first one? Gnr Billy Barry of the 9th Inf Group looks momentarily at Cpl Peter Joyce receives mail from SDS driver Pte John Robinson, both of 8th Inf Group.

The Whirlbirds - UNIFCYP Flight - ARMEDY AIR CORPS

THE MENDER - carrying out repairs to a Siemens-Phoenix engine in Cpl Pat McHale REME. Pat comes from Swansea.

THE MAN IN CHARGE - Capt John Lower REME, who is responsible for all servicing and maintenance comes from Boggeragh Regt.

UNIT SPORTS

Last week the sporting activities of the 8th Group closed with an athletic meeting at Marrovani Stadium. There were fourteen events and the prize for the team scoring the highest aggregate points was won by the ICA Company.

A representative parade of competitors at Marrovani Stadium before the start of the 8th Inf Group sports last week.
MUISTO - TILAIISUUS

Maasutatal-illassa hirvityksissä 11.9 viiteteltiin YK:n ruhanturvaajakkoon
joten suomalainen pelastajana otettiin ehdillä
etuaan liikkumemittasissa
suvun suunnalla jälkiriiksi Kainuu
KANGASNÄMEN metsissä
kenraali maastoliikennettä
Pataljoona oli sattumaisen pal-
kallaan konsultointa keskustelu-
taan poistotun niesn muistua
Eduskunnassa olivat myös kaksi
sarella palvelueen muu YK:n jou-
kot.

Osallistuiin joukkueen kokou-
mitteessa Kytos keräsi toiveita.
Enk Reimaa sai muistotunnen
teremmin "Viisilä ystäviä ja
kukkulan huokaukset, mutta minu-
un armon ei sisässä väsyä eikä minua
rahanvastuu orjan" sanoo Herra,
"seinä arvomaisuus". Hän toroi
lisäksi urheiluut "Sen rakennet-
un perustuksen, mistä me tavallis-
sessa puheessa kutsumme elämi-
ni, järkyttämä kouluun edeltä-
viä. Koulun merkinnä meneen jänky-
nin kotkaamista. Mutta ei kii-
tanenkaan kaikkien. Tämä tilaisuus
on siitä todistuksena".

Tämän jälkeen pataljoonan ko-
nunedja ev Yssäksen liiki YKS
7:n uusien, aliupseerien ja mail-
hään seppeleen sekä ruhanturva-
joukkojen kommentaari kesti Mervi
kaikkien sarelle palvelueen YK-
joukkueen upeiden.

Arvoksi tilaisuus päätyi palve-
luottavuuteen kantasen arken
varastattavat naimioin kamdalais-
soittokunnan soittamisen surma-
sia. Arvoksi siirtymä myöhemmin
lentoreitteihin kotimaisia.

FINCON NEWS

KUULUMISIA SUOMALAI-
SIS KONTINGENTISTA

Russoa ja pataljoonan kaikkia
arvostettua edustavan kirkkoien
liikollisuutta havaitsev ev V. Russoa
pataljoonan lahjana St Paulin angl-
kiinkuussa seurauksena alttaripääl-
xessa. Altjaripälkyn on
palkittu viisipäineen viitekangelta
ja se peittää koko alttarikerran
siskon jälkeen aina.

Luvutusta
stoittaisiin ev Rusanon suuren
lahjoen olevan pataljoonan kiitinmiin
osuuta ja muihin siitä ajasta, joilta
suomalaiset ovat saaneet käyttöä
kohtakin ja kauntia kirkkosu-
menpoliittisissa
Arkkidiakoni Nichelli, joka on
lähittäneet vastaan seurauksia
poisnet, kihlö pataljoona ja toron
alttarisairauteen jäävän osottaman
valinnutta ystävää vielä vuosien
kein jälkeen. Luvutukseen jälkeen
uusi alttaripälkky vihätti käyr-
töön ja tilaisuus päättyi toivottu E.
Reimaa saarnassa ja lopputul]


INO KREYNA — General W.A.B. Anderson, Commander,
Mobile Command, Canadian Armed Forces, spent a few days
in Cyprus last week visiting with the Canadian Contingent
serving with the UN Force in Cyprus. General Anderson spent
a bit of time visiting outposts and other installations
managed by the Canadian troops in UNIFCYP’s Kyrenia District.

(Other photo, Page 1)

Trooper Harold Bodfield, Preston, Ont., (left) and Cpl
Charlie Holmes, Bath, N.B., carry out an engine change on one
of the seven scout cars used by Canadian forces in Cyp-


WO2 Ed Dobb, Emerson, Man., talks to a ferret scout car
commander Sgt Lou Williams of Jordan Ferry, N.S., and the
driver Trooper Ed Bignall of Hamilton, Ont. Crew commander
of the second car is Cpl Lester Murphy of Fredericton, N.B.
and Cape Breton, N.S. and the driver is Cpl Steve Smith of
Pembroke, N.B.

Communications centre at the Royal Canadian Dragons
headquarters is vital to the force duties they carry out on
behalf of the UN. Here Cpl Reg Todd of Amherst, N.S., a
member of the Royal Canadian Signals Corps, mans the
centre.
GOOD LUCK!

FAREWELL — On Friday, 15 September, the Force Commander and members of the UN Secretariat serving with UNFICYP, were hosts at a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Dunn who are to leave shortly for Vienna where Mr. Dunn is to take up his new post of Deputy Director of General Services of the new specialized agency, UN Industrial Development Organization. In the photo above, the Force Commander presents a farewell memento to the Dunn’s. Gerry has been very popular serving with UNFICYP as Chief of General Services.

SELF-DETERMINATION URGED FOR FIJI, EQUATORIAL GUINEA

THE UN'S DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE LAST WEEK adopted a resolution reaffirming the right of the people of Equatorial Guinea to self-determination and independence, and urging Spain immediately to convene a constitutional conference for the territory. Spain was also asked to ensure that the territory became independent as a single entity no later than next July.

ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1967, THE DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE adopted a resolution reaffirming its view that Britain must speed decolonization in Fiji by holding elections on the basis of one man, one vote, and by fixing an early date for the territory's independence.

The resolution expressed deep regret at Britain's refusal to agree to a visit to the territory by a Sub-Committee and urgently appealed to her to reconsider.

Britain said that time and patience were needed to allow her to pursue efforts to create harmony among the various communities in Fiji; that the resolution took no account of the real situation in the territory; and that it tried to impose a system which was unacceptable to the majority party.

Britain has also taken the position that no useful purpose would be served by being visited by a Sub-Committee.

JERUSALEM

Miss Marita Pietroni, Secretary to the Chief Logistics Officer at HQ UNFICYP, completed her spell of duty on Saturday 2 September. All members of the HQ staff wish her the best of luck for the future.

U THANT SEES UN ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST: VIETNAM, NO

U N SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, DECLARED LAST WEEK THAT A UNITED NATIONS ROLE WAS IMPERATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. Stating that direct negotiations were ideal but not practical in the present circumstances, he took the view that third-party involvement in the Middle East would be necessary for a long time to come. And he felt the United Nations provided the most effective and efficient means of carrying out this role.

The Secretary-General made these comments at a press conference at UN Headquarters, where the General Assembly prepared to convene this week to formally end a Middle East Emergency Session and then its regular annual meeting during which the Middle East and a wide range of other international problems will be discussed.

At the same time, U Thant reiterated his conviction that the world Organization could play no useful role in Vietnam in the present circumstances, and that the first step to peace in that part of the world must be the unconditional cessation of U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. He again emphasized his belief that, once bombing stopped, there would be meaningful talks in three or four weeks.

Describing the international outlook on the evil situation, he said he expected to make a new session as far from encouraging. It was said that many governments were aware of the dangers of political drift. He expressed hope that new peace initiatives based on the principles of charter would be considered seriously by all member nations.

The Secretary-General also stressed the need for better understanding and better cooperation between the big powers. He pointed out that their agreement was essential to effective UN action on basic problems of war and peace.

Asked about new initiatives for bringing the Vietnam conflict before the Security Council, U Thant said he would be the happiest man if the Council was in a position to contribute to a settlement. But he added that matters involving peacekeeping the Council “will not and cannot act in the face of opposition from a permanent member. He could therefore see no useful purpose in the Council's involvement in Vietnam in the face of opposition from at least two Big Powers. He was alluding to positions taken by the Soviet Union and France.

NEW PADRE

The Rev Alan Vokes CF arrived recently in HQ UNFICYP for duty with BRITCON. Rev Vokes has been with the Royal Anglian Regiment at Dhekelsa for the past eleven months and will now be working in the British Contingent, mainly with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Advance Party

Of New FINCON

Arrives in Cyprus

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus started on Monday, 18 September, with the arrival of an Advance Party of 16 officers and 14 NCOs.

During the rotation altogether 225 personnel of all ranks will be replaced with the main body of the new contingent scheduled to arrive on 26, 27 and 29 September 1967.

The arriving troops will form part of the 8th Finnish UN Battalion which will replace the present 7th Finnish UN Battalion serving with the Force.