AUSSIES RECEIVE UN MEDALS

Lt Gen A.E. Martola presenting Senior Constable Ducket of the Western Australian Police Force with a United Nations' Medal. Accompanying the General is Superintendent S. N. Smith, Commander of the Australian Police element.

Chief Superintendent E.S. Canney presenting Inspector Mick Raw with his United Nations' Medal. Also pictured are Inspectors Don Hodge, Roy Farmer and Allan Woollard, all from New South Wales.

Population Growth Still World's Most Pressing Problem

The head of the United Nations Development Programme warned last week that food and population remained in a perilous balance in the poorer areas of the world last year.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Administrator of the UNDP, reported.

Mauritania, Singapore Contribute to UNFICYP

Mauritania and Singapore will make further voluntary contributions to the operation costs of the UN Force in Cyprus.

Mauritania last week informed the Secretary-General that it would make a further contribution of 500 dollars to UNFICYP's cost, while Singapore also informed the Secretary-General that it would make a voluntary contribution of 500,000 francs (approximately 2,100 dollars) to offset UNFICYP's costs during the period of March-June 1968.
**DANCON IX MELDER KLR**

Sidste onsdag overtagt oberstløjtnant O.M. Acton kommandoen over det danske kontingent ved de Forenede Nationers styrke på Cyprus, men først nu når dette iteles i rotationen afslutter. Sidan marts 1964 har det været stationeret danske styrker i FN’s tjeneste her på Cyprus. Der står respekt til dansk indsats i fredens tjeneste, og den danske soldat har vundet sig et godt ry, både i den lokale befolkning og blandt de andre hærene af den blå barret. Det er nu op til hver enkelt om vort ordlyden skal bevares.

Redaktionen af The Blue Beret benytter Keligheden til at byde sine nye længere velkommen, og vi udtrykker håbet om, at vi må få et godt halvt år sammen. Vi er åbne og modtageelige for gode idéer, og vi vil meget gerne underrettes om særlige begivenheder ved kompanjerne. Præsentationen har til huse i samme bygning som Velfærdskontoret, ikke langt fra Nicola Club. Her vil De også finde udstillet DANCON-fotografien sidste billedet, og der er mulighed for at bestille dem til en rimelig pris.

**CHEFSKIFTE VED MP**


**KORT VISIT**


**JOURNALIST FRA KOLDING**

Med SCAVP’o den 22 maj ankom journalist Olle Christe Jørgensen. Han er fra Kolding Folketslag og skal besøge DANCON indtil den 6. juni. Koldingstænkerne får her deres store chance for at trykke en landmand i Kolden, eller at komme i den "lokale".

**DANCON NYT**

Det flyt, hvilket chefen for DANCON VIII, oberstløjtnant Sverre Wammer skulle fortale Cyperen, kom først af ord ved tilfældet om affæren. Til ære for DANCON-fotografen benyttede oberstløjtnanten vistnok til at afprøve trappen, således at vi kan bringe dette aktuellebillede.

Rotationen forbliver ikke helt grundigliget i dobbelt forstand. DC-7 flyvet havde væskeligheder med at få den ene motor til at løbe rumlet som den skulle. Det er således ikke uden grund, når det hænder, at maskinen ved vejen befinder begynder - den fjerde er som regel i vejen. Her er et Katastrofiske, at vi kan finde forklaringen.

Det fine forår i Danmark gør det tvivl - i hvert fald på et sort-hvitt billede - at skelne plader fra gangeren. For de ikke sprogskyldige kan vi oplyse, at pluk bætter hypot on anlæg.

**VAKTDEBUT PÅ HQ - UNIFCYP**

Lille nervosa og kankeget någet spændt var vel grabbarna den første dagen, altid måltiden den 16, når det var svensk FN-stabilisation 40 vukende på UNIFCYP-befæstetværelset i Nicosia. På rådagen markerede det så vel det var ved visse point i klasserne.

Vaktstænket ved HQ følger en rotationsschemat så at varje kontingenter vare for vaktstænklingen en vecka i stöten. Kl øve på mænder dags er afvisning, og fører veckan var det viktiga som blevet sådan ansvaret.

Det har egentlig ikke været något problem med pojkarna, be rætter fanjunker Bo Edman, Ab dalen. Lite svaret med språket var det derfor ugen, men vi har gjort så at de de sprekkudninger, de har på det sprog, har fått støt post under runeisiden på morgonen og eftermiddagen og ved at deres veckan ejer blevet affaldet.


**SWEDCON NEWS**

Fantastiske Fogmans eneste grabbarna tillastet med några man om en den letkaskade vaktstænken. Det blev klaffer og når klacken slog elva leg de svenska ansvar for bevægelsen av HQ.
BRITISH MINISTER OF DEFENCE VISITS UNFINCYP

On Friday last, the Right Honourable Mr. Dennis Healey, MP, the Minister of Defence in the British Government, paid a courtesy call on HQ UNFINCYP where he met the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martel and U Thant’s Special Representative, Dr. B.F. Osteria Tadall.

On Saturday morning Mr. Healey visited the 1st Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry, at Kophinou where he also met men of B Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, one of whom, Ian Haddleday, comes from near Mr. Healey’s constituency area of Leeds East. From Kophinou he went by Land Rover to Tango Hill CP and then on to Ajoyos Theodora. Here the local population were out in force having been alerted by the landing of a Whirlwind from the detachment of 250 Helicopter Squadron, RAF, which was waiting to return Mr. Healey to Kophinou pl at the end of his visit.

Mr. Healey inspecting the Quarter Guard of 14 Coy, 1 DLI at Koj, is just passing Pte Roy Shelley from Wakefield, Yorks.

Mr. Dennis Healey throws hands with Lcpl Stephen Haddleday, of ‘B’ 4/7 DG, from Leeds, near Mr. Healey’s parliamentary constituency of Leeds East. The last man in the line was Trooper Chris Ellem from Huddersfield and the Troop Officer looking on was 2Lt J.W.A. Woodall.

SAPPERS AID TO OFFSPRING

As is probably known to readers, the Royal Engineers were the forerunners both of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Corps of Signals. The fact that each branch still has need of the other was perpetually last week.

At the Retractaving Station (see “On Blue Beret Hill”) a detachment of Sappers was improving the landing strip used by the RAF detachment with UNFINCYP — currently 230 Helicopter Squadron — when they supplied the station with its needs. Sandbags had been transport ed by vehicle from Zygi to the top of the hill and the upward journey to the landing strip was completed by locally-engaged mules. When the rocks on this strip were unsorted last week, it is indicative of the skill with which the mules have been handled by their pilots when “calling in” at the station.

It is hoped that they will now have smoother landings.

British News

ON BLUE BERET HILL

High in the hills above Lefkara — Kato Lefkara, to be precise — is the “Obake” station. This is the radio retreating facility run by 644 Signal Troop.

As direct radio and telephone the British Zone stations are still unable to communi cation from Nicosia to cult, the re-broadcasting station.

THE EASY WAY!

If, as Napoleon said, “an army marches on its stomach”, then the quartermaster’s staff at HQ in Xeros, is ensuring that 10 Ist Gp, like John Brown’s body “will keep marching on”. Here shown replenishing supplies is Kilo- kessenayman Sg t Jim Egan now married and living in the Curragh.

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“Mahomet” goes to the mountain


Knowing the men in the lovely, roofless OP 2 did not live on air, he was intrigued as to how supplies were transported up the rugged mountain side and with his camera, followed the route of the daily supply line. Starting at the Coy ration store (bottom right) and working upwards, this is what he saw.

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As the climb up the rugged terrain begins, “Mahomet”, picked his own way up the trackless mountainside. Zigzagging over rock and scrub, he慢ly upwards until the road he had left becomes a mere ribbon far down below. Still leading, he has left a clear for the boys to follow. The path that leads to his destination.

Sgt. John O'Connell,Width:1200 Height:1200

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PAPER PEACE KEEPING

There may not be much glamour to routine paperwork in the headquarters office, but without skilled clerks like Private J.R. Mike, Bougie, Montreal PQ, the business of the 540-man Canadian Contingent in Cyprus would grind to a horrid halt, snarled in confusion. Even with paper work kept to a minimum, hundreds of forms, letters, requisitions, and documents pass through the headquarters office daily.

CANCOR NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

102 YEARS YOUNG!

When Safri (right) was a little girl, Cyprus was part of the Ottoman Empire and she remembers those days. At 102 years young, Safri is undoubtedly one of the oldest Cypriots.

Here she is sharing her memories with Private W.D. (Wayne) Wright, Lower Baku, Ville Nova Scotia a member of the Canadian Contingent with the United Nations in Cyprus. Scotia.

UNFICYP TOURISTS

Since 1964 the machinery at Teko Lime Plant, one of the largest in Cyprus, has been idle. It's nearly four years since the Canadian Contingent established a United Nations Outpost at the plant to keep the peace south of the Kyrenia Mountains, and currently Pte. H.A. Barker (below), 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, is one of six Canadian soldiers on the job there. Pte. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker, live at 127 Eighth St. N.E., Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

When you've got a week-end free and your stationed in Cyprus, what better way to spend the time than sight-seeing on that beautiful island? These three Canadian armed forces NGOs are touring Balance, ancient Greek Capital of Cyprus, where some of the ruins date back to 700 B.C. The ruined city has an exotic setting, basking in the sun less than 100 yards from the blue Mediterranean Sea. Representing the three arms of the Canadian Forces are L. to R. Corporal G.R. (Ross), Golden, Supervisor Yukon Unloading Montreal P.Q., Sergeant T.J. (Ace) O'Meara, Communication Supervisor London Ont., Sergeant R.J. (Bob) McCull, North Bay Ont. Warehouse Manager.

PINGISPALLO PYÖRİI


Pataljoonanpuhujan pyöristämä huvipuisto on tyylillisesti näyttänyä muutaman vuoden katselutapa. Polkut on suunniteltu niin, että kaikki kävijät saavat hyödyntää kaikkia mahdollisia erikoisuuksia. Kyllä kyseessä ei ole vain pyöristämisestä, vaan myös kaiken muun tärkeimmän osuuden huolella.


FINCON NEWS

**UK DEFENCE MINISTER AT HQ**

**COURTESY CALL...** Mr. Dennis Healey (centre), British Minister of Defence, at HQ UNFICYP, where he conferred on Mr. F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Lt Gen A.E. Martola, Force Commander. (More pictures and story, page 4).

**POPULATION...**

(Continued from p. 1) 

ed that this occurred last year although 1967 was an exceptional year for agriculture — with India, for instance, having a record grain harvest, Pakistan enjoying a ten per cent increase in farm output, and the Philippines producing its largest rice crop in history.

In his annual report to UNDP's Governing Council, meeting next month in Vienna, Mr. Hoffman said the population increase had offset the food increase — and there were indeed indications that some regions had less food per person than in the early 1960's.

**Road Safety Corner**

Recreational run in the car, lovely afternoon, road to yourself, cruising along at 40, relaxed, day dreaming about rotation you are all set for an accident. A dog/goat/child runs into the road — it is going to take 80 feet for you to stop once your foot presses the brake down. But how far will you travel while you come out of your day dream? If you are attentive, you will probably need 40 feet to react. You don't really want to kill anyone, do?

Assume every other road user is an idiot, anticipate the unexpected, be on your toes.

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**U THAN T ADVOCATES NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**U N Secretary-General, U Thant, last week said that settlement of the overall problem of Viet-Nam should envisage the neutralization of the entire Indo-China — North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. It would be a source of stability, he added, if the neutrality of that region were guaranteed by all the big Powers.**

The Secretary-General expressed this belief in a speech delivered in Edmonton, Canada, celebrating the diamond jubilee of the University of Alberta.

U Thant said he believed the Paris talks, now being held between representatives of the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, "should start the irreversible trend towards the normalization of the situation in Viet-Nam."

The Secretary-General urged that no pretext be offered, and no excuse accepted, by either side to halt this movement towards normalization, even though it may be inevitable that both sides might seek to improve their military positions while talks went on.

U Thant reiterated his long-held view that "the first and most important step is the unconditional cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam." He said he regarded such bombing as "of questionable morality and doubtful legality."

U Thant said he felt that the evidence of the last 20 years was sufficient to indicate that the war in Viet-Nam could not bring about a clear-cut victory of defeat for either side — the conflict could only be brought to an end by direct dialogue.

The Secretary-General felt it entirely erroneous to view the war in Viet-Nam as a "holy war" against communism. Nationalism, he felt, could not be considered to be far more potent than political ideology, was the main motivating force in the conflict. He pointed out that the 1954 Geneva Conference had cleared. stated that the 17th Parallel was to be regarded purely as a military demarcation line, and in no way interpreted as a political or territorial boundary, cutting Viet-Nam into two parts.

**Anti-Nuclear Pact Backed, Criticised at UN Assembly**

The UN General Assembly's Main Political Committee last week and early this week continued to hear expressions of both support and criticism of the US-Soviet draft Treaty to prevent further States from acquiring nuclear weapons.

India told the Committee she could not subscribe to the draft. While reaffirming her policy of not making a bomb and of using atomic energy only for peaceful purposes, she said the proposed pact did nothing to curb the real nuclear threat — the build-up of existing atomic arsenals and discriminated in a number of ways against the non-nuclear nations.

Although some African nations proposed that final action on the Treaty be postponed until this Fall, the bulk of more than a dozen other spokesmen from the world's major regions endorsed the present draft, with some reservations and suggested changes.

Australia expressed qualified support for the draft Treaty.

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**From the Congo to Cyprus**

"Otto" at Last Goes Solo

Inspector Ottokar Chvosta of the Austrian Civi- lian Police with UNFICYP recently went through the much cherished ceremony of the clipping after his first solo flight at Nicosia.

Chvosta is no stranger to the UN Secretariat Personnel, where he served as Security Officer for 3 years with UNTSO all over the Middle East and for 2 years with ONUC in the Congo.

He started flying "in the bush" as a member of the "Aeroclub du Congo" in Kinshasa but was transferred back to Jerusalem just before going solo.

Since his resignation from the UN and rejoining the Austrian Police in Vienna "Otto" has seen UNFICYP for the second time and hopes to qualify for his FAA — Private Pilot License before returning to Vienna in June.

Picture shows the great moment with his flying instructor Mr Loukis, Chief Instructor Peilidis and Mr Paris of "Daeulalus Aviation Inc." at Nicosia Airport.