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U THANT SUMS UP THIS 'BLEAK AND GLOOMY' WORLD

Secretary-General U Thant has outlined a "Bleak and Gloomy" world picture as the 124 United Nations member states prepare for their annual examination of various international issues at the current Assembly session.

Speaking on Thursday 19 September, 1968, at the annual luncheon held by the United Nations Correspondents Association on the occasion of the award of the Hammarskjöld Memorial Scholarship, U Thant pointed to the continuing crisis situations in South-east Asia and the Middle East, the fratricidal conflict in the heart of Africa and most recently "Startling developments in Central Europe".

"So far as Vietnam was concerned", said the Secretary-General, "It seemed clear that a military stalemate was continuing while the Paris peace talks were 'dragging on without discernible progress'".

U Thant reiterated his long-held conviction that if progress was to be achieved, an essential first step must be the cessation of US bombing of North Vietnam and all hostile acts against it. He was sure, he said, this was the first step and would set in motion meaningful negotiations which could eventually lead to a peaceful settlement in South-east Asia in accordance with the 1954 Geneva agreements.

"In the Middle East", U Thant said, "there had been a period of tension in the area and frustration on the part of the peacemakers". "Despite tenacious and tireless efforts", he said, "Ambassador Jarring's mission had so far not led to concrete results; and here again, the United Nations could contribute to a peaceful settlement only if there was a will to peace with justice on the part of the parties directly involved".

Recent developments, said U Thant, had shown how precarious the balance of power was between the USA and USSR, and pointed out the need for a vigorous third force which could serve as a voice of conscience of mankind.

MIDDLE EAST

CEASE FIRE MUST BE RESPECTED

The Security Council, expressing "grave concern" over the "deteriorating situation" in the Middle East, "insisted on the 18 September, 1968, that the cease-fire ordered by the Council be 'rigorously respected'; reaffirmed its resolution of 22 November 1967; and urged all the parties to extend their fullest co-operation to Gunnar Jarring, the Secretary-General's Special Representative, in the speedy fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to him under that resolution.

The Council acted by adopting — by a vote of 14 in favour to none against, with 1 abstention (Algeria) — a resolution read out by the President of the Council, George Ignatieff (Canada), at the start of the meeting.

4LI ON BFBS

On Sunday, 29 September, 1968, the Band of the 4LI can be heard at 1130 hrs on BFBS Cyprus.

FINCON WIN SPORTS TROPHY AT POLEMIDHIA



Lt Raittila, Captain of the Fincon team, receives the UNFICYP Sports Trophy from the Force Commander Lt Gen A. E. Martola. (More pictures in pages 2, 5 and 8).

DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD REMEMBERED

The Secretary-General, U Thant, laid a wreath in the public lobby at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 17th September, in memory of Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, and 15 persons who died with him in a plane crash on the way to Ndola, Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia).

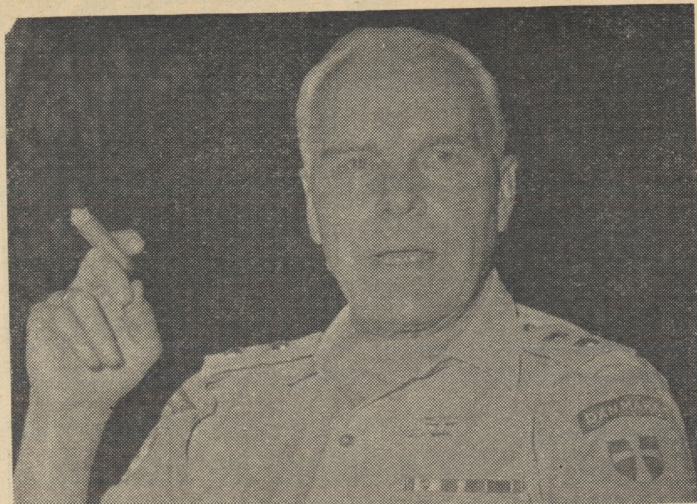
The ceremony, held outside the Meditation Room, marked the seventh anniversary of the death of Mr. Hammarskjöld and members of his party. Mr. Hammarskjöld served as Secretary-General from 1953 until the time of his death.

AUSTRALIA / AUSTRIAN POLICE PRESENTATION ROTATION



FAREWELL TO WALTER

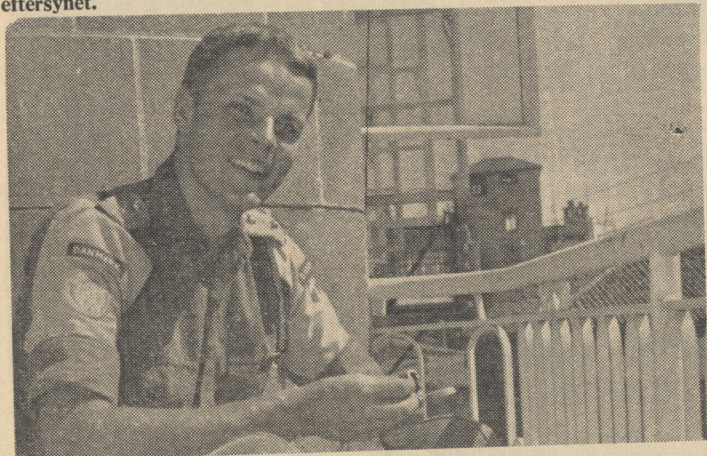
At an informal parade held at the Headquarters UNCIVPOL, Chief Superintendent Graham Davidson said farewell to nine of his men who, on Monday returned to Austria. A special farewell and the presentation of his first Police Officers Badge was given to constable Walter Pirker by the Superintendent in gratification for the two consecutive years loyal service as his personal assistant and his parting words "It's like losing a second son".



Chefen for FN-afdelingen, oberstløjtnant L.M.K. Skern, som mange sikkert husker fra Jægersprislejren, besøgte for tiden DANCON. Oberstløjtnanten er ledsaget af sin adjutant, major Jeppe Hansen.



Våbeneftersynet ved C-kompagniets 2. deling gik fint. Fra venstre ses våbenmekanikerne overfenrik I.V. Rasmussen og oversergent S.Aa. Jensen. I baggrunden fører sergent V. Jacobsen våbenbladene ajour. Til højre fremstiller konstablerne K.F. Jensen og A. Petersen deres geværer til eftersynet.



Til venstre.

Konstabel J.B. Carstensen fra A-kompagniet blev forleden i sin Bedford påkørt af en lille civil vogn. Selv om vi her på Cypern kører i venstre side, skal man alligevel holde tilbage for trafik fra højre, så Carstensen var uden skyld i uheldet, der gik mest ud over den civile vogn.

Til højre.

C-kompagniet indviede i sidste uge en mini-golfbane. Initiativtageren til banen, premierløjtnant F.S. Jensen, tager her den første dyst med konstabel Carl Aakerlund, der har udført det meste af håndværksarbejdet. Golfkøllerne er leverede gennem velfærdstjenesten.



TO DANSKE TIL GAZA OG CYPERN

Der er krig mellem den tyrkiske og den ægyptiske sultan. Det gælder herredømmet i Palæstina. I August 1516 slår den tyrkiske sultan Selim den ægyptiske ved Aleppo og i Oktober holder Selim sit indtog i Damascus. Så marcherer han sydover og bemægtiger sig undervejs Jerusalem. Den 20 Januar 1517 leverer Selim et sejrslag ved Cairo, og nu er han herre over kystlandene fra Istanbul til Alexandria.

Under disse urolige forhold drag'er to danske adelsmænd på pilgrimsfærd til det hellige land. Det er Holger Ulfstand og Johan Oxe. Rejsen udgår fra Danmark i midten af Marts 1516. Anden Pinsedag er man i Venedig og forhandler med en skipper om overfart, men inden sejladsen må de to til Rom for at indhente pavens tilladelse til at besøge den hellige grav i Jerusalem.

Midt i Juni sætter man til søs. Turen koster 50 venetianske dukater inclusive kost ombord. Efter tre ugers sejlands når man Jaffa, men da der først skal søges indrejsetilladelse, sker landgangen ikke før end den 14 August.

Tre gange besøgte vore landsmænd den hellige grav. Tilbage-rejsen skal netop tiltrædes, da der indløber melding om uroligheder. Afrejsen må udsættes, og med slet skjult stolthed noteres det i rejse-dagbogen, at man nu opnår den sjældne ære, at besøge gravkirken for fjerde gang.

Tre timer før daggry næste dag er pilgrimmene atter klar til afrejse. Med en eskorte på 300 mand begiver man sig mod Jaffa. Fjendtlige styrker spærre imidlertid vejen, og man må drage sydpå til Gaza.

Den følgende morgen forhindres man atter i at komme videre, og man benytter lejligheden til at se "stedets mærkværdigheder, der

knytter sig til Samson".

Endelig når man frem til havet og bliver indskibet i en stærk storm med fralandsvind. Kursen er sat mod Famagusta. Her angiver dagbogen, at man besøgte stedet hvor St. Georg blev født og St. Katharina var fængslet.

Med hensyn til St. Georg må der foreligge en misforståelse. Efter gammel tradition var han født i Lydda i Palæstina. Oplysningen om St. Katharinas fængsel stemmer imidlertid overens med cypriotiske legender. Katharina var blevet forældreløs i Alexandria. Hun blev sendt til sin onkel i Salamis, men da onklen opdagede at hun er kristen, sætter han hende i fængsel - efter traditionen i en romersk grav nær St. Barnabas klostret. Senere sendes hun tilbage til Alexandria, hvor hun lider martyrdøden.

Søndag før Mikkelssdag sejler Holger Ulfstand og Johan Oxe fra Famagusta mod Rhodos, men skibet bliver slået tilbage af stormen, og man må søge læ ved Paphos. Først fredag før Fastelavn 1517 når de to danske tilbage til Venedig.

DANCON NYT

Også delingsføreren, premierløjtnant R.F. Læntver måtte til eftersyn med sin pistol. Rengøringen foregik på altanen over den grønne linie.



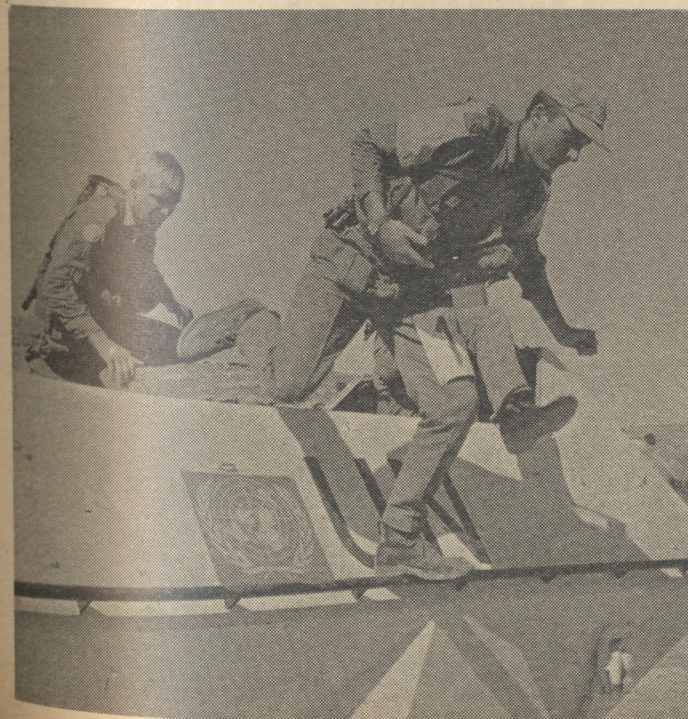
Det segrande laget, 2 komp:s första lag. Fr v: Rune Larsson, Mariestad; Cyril Hansson, Skeppshult; Lars Månsson, Trelleborg; Karl-Erik Holgersson, Åsarna, samt öfu Torsten Stålnacke, Västerhaninge. Prisutdelare: Mj Ola Skallin. Ovan: öfu Curt Olofsson, Kiruna, efter det avslutande klädsimmet, 50 m.

FÄLTPATRULLTÄVLINGEN:

GRATTS, 2 KOMP!

SWEDCON NEWS

Resultat;				
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7.	Lif- komp	Lag 3	108.5	poäng
8.	Lif- komp	Lag 2	109.5	poäng
9.	3. komp	Lag 3	118.0	poäng
10.	Lif- komp	Lag 4	118.9	poäng
11.	STR- komp	Lag 1	120.0	poäng
12.	STR- komp	Lag 2	125.0	poäng
13.	2. komp	Lag 3	134.5	poäng
14.	STR- komp	Lag 4	142.5	poäng
15.	STR- komp	Lag 3	153.4	poäng
16.	Lif- komp	Lag 1	Brutit	



Första handgranatkastningen.

STR komp tar sig överkp-bilarna.

SLÁN AGUS BEANNACHT 10 INF GRP



To the strains of the "March of O'Sullivan Bere" played on the bagpipes by Pte Jim Cahill, Lt Col Reddy O'Sullivan goes up the gangway of the Aer Lingus Boeing 707 St Enda and so brings to a close the reign of the 10 Inf Group at Cyprus.



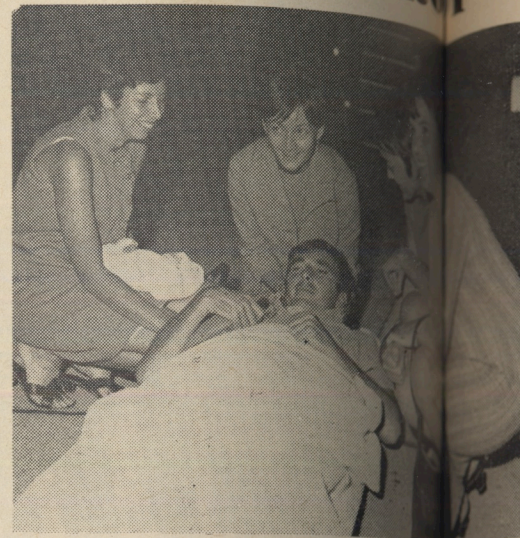
IRCON NEWS

RIGHT:

Saving of human life is a matter in which all of us can play our part in cases of emergency. It is little wonder then that the members of 'A' Coy at Kato Pyrgos seem very interested in the instruction and demonstration on the use of the resuscitator. (L to R) Cpl John Dowling, (Instructor) Pte P. O'Brien, Cpl J. Valentine, Sgt P. O'Hara, Tpr M. Hogan. The 'casualty' in this case is Pte M. L. Smith.

RIGHT:

Lying back on his stretcher and obviously enjoying the female attention is Gunner Robert Norton, 10 Inf Gp. At the airport to bid him Adieu were members of the Nursing Staff at the CMC Hospital, Pendayia, where he was a patient for two weeks with leg injuries received in a road accident. Our picture shows Sisters Sarah McKendrick, Angela Coghlen, Christine Campbell and Adelaide Corrigan having a last word with Robert before he is taken on the aircraft.



RIGHT:

Having his final hair trim from the Camp Barber Irfan Halil at Limnitis prior to his departure for home is CQMS John Donoghue 'B' Coy 10 Inf Group.



LEFT:

Binoculars are a very useful item of equipment for the men on OP duties. For this reason CQMS Jim Furlong A Coy 11 Inf Gp is taking no chances with either the quantity or quality of those being handed over to him by CQMS Jim Power C Coy 10 Inf Gp.

ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION



644 TROOP ATTEMPT GOLD AWARD FOR PERSONAL SURVIVAL



Those who dared. Back row L to R, Sgt Bob Mawson, Lcpl John Sutton (Camp HQ) F.t Lt Robert Smith and Sgt Bill Rigby, (RAF Nicosia Instructors), Cpl Ian Blackwood: Front: Sig Jeff Jeffery, Lcpl Charlie Drake, Mr. Ian Pullferman (RAF Nicosia).

Just consider whether you can complete the following challenge in the sea or swimming pool. First of all jump from a height of at least ten feet, then fully clothed, swim 100 yards, in less than four minutes. Tread water for 1½ minutes in a vertical position with your hands behind your back; relax and tread water for a further four minutes.

Going down! Cpl Ian Blackwood, left and Lcpl Charlie Drake descend into the water whilst Sig Jeff Jeffery, pulls away on his first 100 yards.

WINNERS OF 'FALLING PLATE' AT POLEMIDHIA



Pictured above are the winners of the Falling Plate Match. All are members of the 4LI. Left to Right: Back row; Bglr Brown, Cpl Bromby, Sgt Wardrobe, Lcpl Clasby. Front Row; Capt Poett, SSgt Downes and WO1 Laing. (More pictures on pages 1, 2 and 8.)

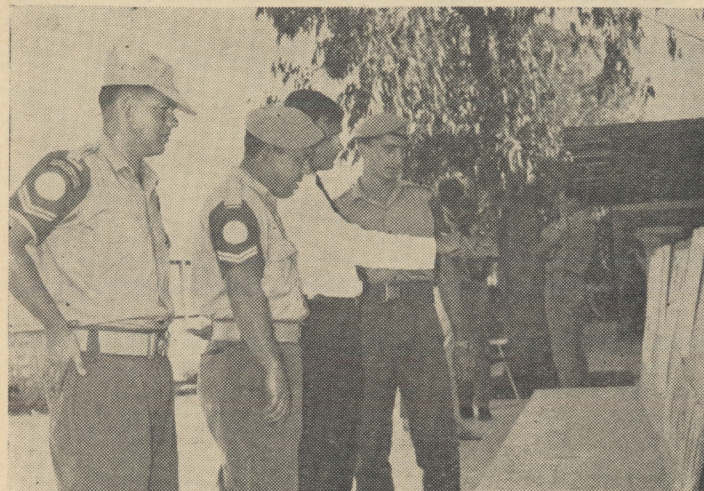
Easy so far? Then remove all your clothes, still in the water, and make a float from your trousers. Use it for five minutes to support you in the water without actually assisting yourself with arm and leg movement.

Are you still not tired? Leave the float and swim a thousand yards. You will now find a hoop three feet below the surface — swim through it twelve times head first and twelve times feet first in less than thirty minutes. The hoop appeared as the mystery photo in last week's Blue Beret. Finally, the big test, leave the swimming pool at the deep end unaided!

These are the vigorous standards of the ASA Gold Award for Proficiency in Personal Survival. Those who took the test at RAF Nicosia swimming pool on the 7th September are congratulated on the standard attained. Everyone passed except Cpl Blackwood, who was only two minutes outside the time. Due to the strict rules he will have to take it again.

BRITCON NEWS

ALL MY OWN WORK



A showing of the works of art by Richard Nevitt, the Canadian Artist, took place at Camp Maple Leaf last week. The artist is pointing out one of his sketches to Cpl Ron Weaver, Cpl Ron Macumber and Cpl Maurice Myall.

STORES CHECK



With the rotation of the Canadian Contingent and the turning over of vehicles to the incoming unit, the checking of all vehicle stores is of major importance. Performing the task is Sgt Bill Bolen, left, and Cpl Harry Drummond.

Parking is often a problem and people who are busy or in a hurry are often tempted to break the rules — and all too frequently do so.

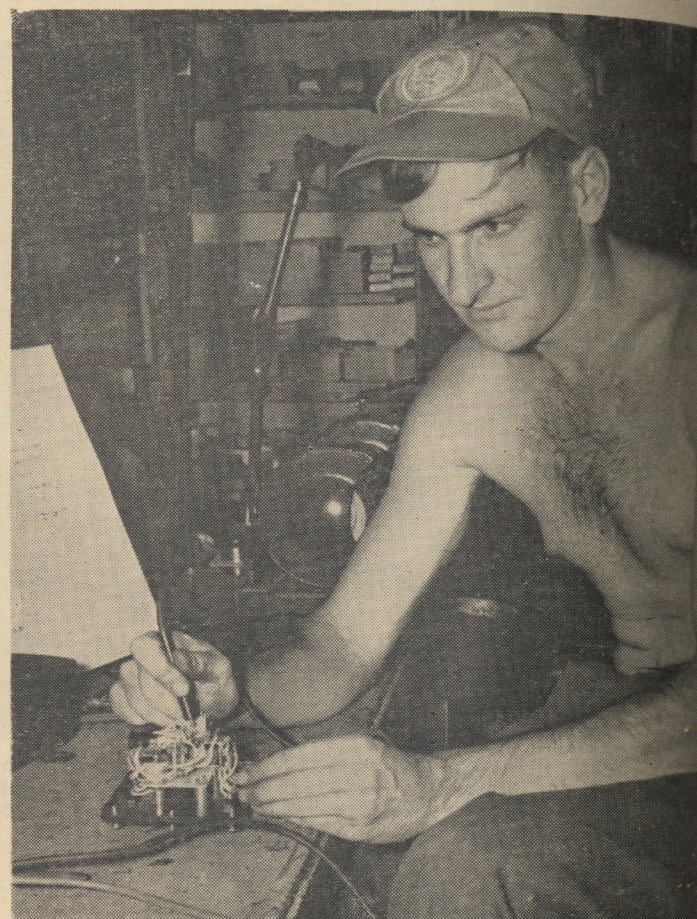
Remember the nine simple rules — Do not park or let your vehicle stand:

1. At or near a road junction, a bend, the brow of

ROAD SAFETY

- a hill or a hump-back bridge;
- On a footpath;
- Near traffic lights or a pedestrian crossing;
- In a main road or one carrying fast-moving traffic;
- Opposite or nearly opposite

PRECISION



Checking and adjusting electrical equipment at Camp Maple Leaf is the job of Cfn Ray Erler.

WHAT'S IN HERE



It looks like Sgt Hector Neveu and Cfn Guy Meveir of the RCEME Workshop at Camp Maple Leaf have found something interesting or untoward in the motor of the truck they are working on.

school or hospital entrance, or where it will obscure a traffic sign;

9. On the "wrong" side of the road at night.

Finally, do not inconvenience others or create traffic hazards by stopping and parking illegally.

**DRIVE SAFELY:
STOP & PARK SAFELY:**

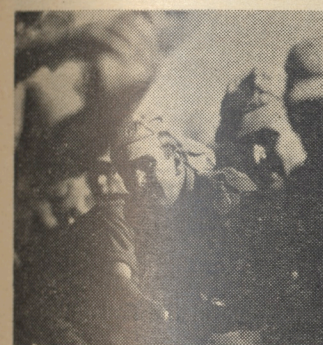
VOITTO TULI



FINCON on voittanut. Kuvassa sekä kevyen että raskaan sarjan voittajajoukkueet. Kiertopalkinnon lisäksi jaettiin kaikille kilpailijoille hopeiset tuopit henkilökohtaisena palkintona.



FINCON NEWS



Kasvot vetäjien ja huutosakin keskeltä. Finaalissa suomalaisia kannustivat omien lisäksi myös muiden kontingenttien edustajat.

Suomalaista peräänantamattomuutta parhaimmillaan nähtiin 17.9. Polemidia Campilla, jonne englantilaiset olivat järjestäneet kontingenttien väliset köydenvedo- ja ampumiskilpailut.

Kilpailutunnelma oli tavanomaisen kireä niin kuin aina, kun on kansainvälisistä kitoista kysymys. Ilmeisesti kielivaikutuksista johtuvia tulkintaerimielisyyksiä on ilmennyt aina, ja niin tapahtui nytkin. Keskustelemalla erimielisyyksistä selvitettiin, ja asiat saatiin rullamaan pian oikeassa urheiluhengessä. Mm. köyden "kelaminen" sallittiin.

FINCON osoitti voimansa köydenvedossa, jossa voitti sekä kevyt että raskas sarja, ja täten saatiin arvokas kiertopalkinto haltuumme. Kireimmät kilpailut käytiin suomalaisten ja ruotsalaisten

välillä sekä myöhemmin finaalissa suomalaisten ja englantilaisten välillä. Voittojen arvokkuutta lisää se, että englantilaisilla köydenvedo kuuluu viikko-ohjelmaan ja on heille eräänlainen leipälaji. SWEDON selviytyi kolmanneksi.

Kilpailuja seurasi innokkaasti myös Force Commander, kenrli A E Martola. Hän suoritti palkintojen jaon. Tunnelmallinen palkintojenjakotilaisuus päättyi kansallislauluihin.



Tyytyväinen Force Commander.

PIELEEN MENI



Jalka pureutuu hiekkaan, käsi liimautuu köyteen kouristuksenomaisesti, kasvoille tulee irvistys. Ei tuumaakaan periksi. Huutosakit olivat hyvin kuvassa mukana kannustamassa joukkueitamme.



Ampumajoukkueemme menestys oli huonoin mahdollinen mitä ajatella saattaa. Syyt huonoon menestykseen eivät ole ampujissa, vaan ne ovat jossain muualla. Todetaan vaan lyhyesti, että selittelyttä paras. Piti-Pitihän toisillekin (englantilaisille) jotain jättää.



The runners-up of the Falling Match are seen here with the winners 4LI, (see page 5). The team from the Australian UNCIVPOL are left to right: Senr Const A. Gasey, Inspector B. Lane, Senr Const's M. Ryan and N. Alden, Sgt K. Wells, First Const B. Fielding and Sgt D. Condie.

POLEMIDHIA

SPORTS DAY

A UN shooting and sports day was held at Polemidhia Firing Range, on Tuesday 17 September, 1968.

Winners of the Falling Plate competition were a team from the 4LI, runners up were the Australian UNCIVPOL team.

The Sports Trophy went to the FINCON team who won both of the Tug-of-War matches.

The Force Commander, Lt Gen A. E. Martola, presented the winning teams with their awards.

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FLYING VISIT

Mr Jean Back, the Principle Information Officer for UNFICYP, arrived at Nicosia airport on Monday evening, 23 September, 1968, where he was met by Staff members of UNFICYP Headquarters. Mr Back had flown in from Athens where he is the Director of the United Nations Information Centre. He is seen here on the left, talking to Mr R. Hausar, the Chief Administrative Officer at HQ UNFICYP.

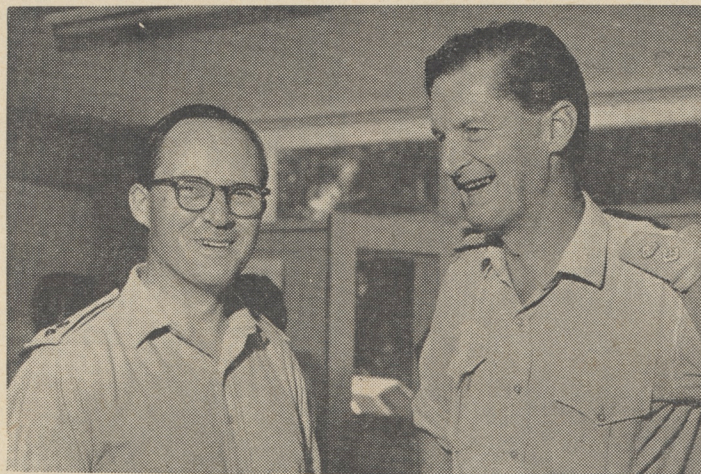


Lt Col J. H. L. Parker, MC, who has been Military Public Information Officer since April 1967, is scheduled to leave Cyprus today, 25 September. 'Blue Beret' wish him and his wife 'Bon Voyage' and good luck for the future in his new duties at the Ministry of Defence, London.

His successor, Lt Col J.D.A. Woodhouse, MC, has taken over the duties of MPIO with effect from 24 September 1968.

Lt Col Woodhouse was commissioned into the Royal Armoured Corps in January 1942, and has served in the MELF, UK, North West Europe, Far East BAOR and Aden. He was awarded the Military Cross in July 1945.

Since March 1961, Lt Col Woodhouse has held Public Relations appointments with NELF DADPR (Malta), FARELF, ADPR (Singapore, Malaya and Borneo), his last appointment before his arrival at UNFICYP, was SO 1 (PR) SHAPE.



Picture above Lt Col Woodhouse, on the Left, and Lt Col Parker, during their hand over at Wolseley Barracks.

RCT WITHOUT WHEELS...



...and in a 30 mph Zone. RCT competitors in the Falling Plate Match start from the 300 yard firing point.

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U THANT ...

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"Unfortunately", he commented, "even in a third world, no government was willing to be told by an outside body what it should do or to have its freedom of action impaired in any way". "There had been cases", he said, "where members governments had refused to accept the United Nations as an authority in relation to their own policies, but had shown themselves ready to cite the Charter in order to call others to account or tell them what to do".

"The human race had failed so far to establish effective rules for the conduct of nations", said U Thant, "because human beings were still unable to think beyond their national interests and even their tribal and parochial interests. 'The only thing that can save the world' he declared, 'is a vision of the human race as only inhabiting a world which is an indivisible entity'".

MPIO's CHANGE