Such is the way of the world. No sooner is the war over in Kosovo, and the news on our television screens focuses on another crisis, this time in East Timor.

But for three members of UNFICYP, the recently war-torn region of Yugoslavia is still very much on their minds. Having answered the UN’s appeal for volunteers to serve in the new peacekeeping mission to Kosovo, the three are finishing their final preparations as the date for their scheduled departure, 6 October, rapidly draws near.

The three UNFICYP volunteers are Civil Affairs Branch office manager Klaus Höchtli, transport dispatcher Cyril Hames, and inventory/supply clerk Phivos Savvides.

Austrian Klaus has been working with the force for nine months after three previous tours here as a soldier in the Austrian Contingent, Hames, an Englishman, has been with the force for six years, while Phivos, a Cypriot, has over 20 years of UNFICYP experience.

Asked why they are going, all of them spoke of the new challenge it offered and of it being an adventure, while as one of them said, “You can’t ignore the extra money.”

But they will be spending a minimum of one year in Kosovo, and will be separated from their families for most of this time.

Now in their forties, none of them have young children to worry about - Cyril has a 21-year-old son while Phivos has a married 23-year-old daughter.

Klaus has no children and only recently got married. His personal circumstances in particular may have mitigated against his leaving his wife for such a long period so early on in their marriage, but he has her blessing. “We will try and see each other every three months or so,” he says. “We can meet in Thessaloniki. Northern Greece is beautiful, though I’m sure it’s changed a bit from when I last saw it.”

Cyril says his wife was never one for standing still and “supports me 101%.”

Phivos says that his wife was “not very happy” when she first heard that he was considering volunteering, but she has come round to the idea. And as he stressed, Kosovo is “not too far away from home” - just a few hours by plane.

On the work front, none of them is sure what is awaiting them in Kosovo.

“This is the UN way, you can end up doing anything,” Klaus says.

Cyril expects to be employed “somewhere in the transport system”. However, all know that conditions will be very different to what they are used to in Cyprus.

First, there will be the fierce cold of a Balkan winter. “We will need to relearn how to put snow chains on vehicles,” Klaus says.

“I can ski, so I’ll be OK,” Cyril jokes.

Klaus adds that he prefers the cold in any case because you can always dress for it, whereas you can only take so many clothes off in the heat.

He has already set a priority of acquiring a wood-fired heater, noting that wood will be plentiful over there.

While communications have largely been restored, there are frequent power cuts, and all know that little of the normality of everyday life in Cyprus will be awaiting them in Kosovo. As Klaus said, an 8.00 pm curfew may still be in force in many areas.

A veteran of seven peacekeeping missions as an Austrian soldier, Klaus’ experience has already helped him in his preparations for this latest one.

For example, he mentioned the importance of taking a good First Aid box and other medical supplies, something which Phivos had not thought of and said he would rectify.

By the end of their interview, they were discussing the possibility of sharing an apartment in Kosovo if they are based in the same area, and it was obvious that their excitement over their imminent departure was building.

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Over the decades, The Netherlands has contributed military units and individuals to many peacekeeping missions, including UNIFIL, MFO, UNAVEM, UNTAG, UNPROFOR, IFOR, SFOR and UNPROFOR. Since 1998, the Dutch forces have been continuously deployed.

Since June 1998, for a period of three years, 100 Dutch soldiers formed an integrated part of the British Royal Regiment. Units of the Dutch Air Mobile Brigade have contributed to the first two six-month rotations, after which 13 Armoured Defence Battery was given the honour of joining the British 22nd Regiment Royal Artillery for a tour of duty with UNIFCYP.

A bi-national trawling was carried out at an early stage. This proved to be an excellent way to prepare for an integrated contribution towards UNIFCYP’s mission. The Dutch contribution to UNIFCYP consists of 193 personnel including 9 women. In order to improve the command and control over their unit, it was decided to give the Dutch a part of Sector 1 as their area of responsibility, effective June 1999.

Since then, a Dutch major command on Sector 2 also exists. It comprises Belgian, French, British and German troops, and has been one of the most effective units in the peacekeeping mission.

When people talk, listen, completely. Most people never listen.

John R. Rhoades

Ernest Hemingway

DAME ANN HERCUS DEPARTS

MY THANKS

I thank all those who have served with me during my 15 months as Chief of Mission.

I thank the soldiers who serve on the line, those who, in each sector, keep the peace along each kilometre of the Buffer Zone and the officers who lead those men and women with commitment and professionalism. I thank the civilians, who make the smooth way for the thousands of Cypriots who live and work in the Buffer Zone and who support other “streams” of UNIFCYP in so many ways.

I thank Civil Affairs, whose performance, since their establishment earlier this year, has clearly enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of UNIFCYP. To the Public Information Office, my many thanks for “The Blue Beret” and all your other work. I thank the support staff, military and civilian, who, in the HQ and along the line keep the engine of UNIFCYP, its logistics and administration running smoothly.

I thank all those who, based at the UNPA, the HQ staff, the MFR, ArgAir and the Military Police for your co-operation.

Thank you all for being good peacekeepers and for striving to make UNIFCYP a model of excellence.

ICH BEDANKE MICH

Ich bedanke mich bei allen, die mit mir in den letzten 15 Monate gearbeitet haben, während ich die Faktion als Chief of Mission beinhaltete.

Ich bedanke mich bei den Soldaten auf der Linie, die in die verschiedenen Sektoren auf jedem Kilometer der Friedenspolizei, die von der Linie bis auf die UNPA, die Stützpunkte in der Mitte, die Polizei und die Militärpolizei, auch bei der Unterstützung von Frauen, die Verbundenheit mit dem Frieden erfüllt haben.

Ich danke den Civil Affairs, denen ich die Unterstützung der Civil Affairs geschuldet habe, seit ihrem Eintritt im Jahr 1999.


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**DANISH STUDENTS VISIT UNIFCYP**

During their visit to UNIFCYP on Wednesday 22 September, 30 Danish students were surprised by the level of responsibilities of soldiers, some younger than themselves, serving along the Buffer Zone.

Public Information Officer Major Paul Kolken outlined UNIFCYP’s policy of trying to solve problems at the lowest possible level, the level of the soldiers living in the buffer zone. While walking along the green line in the old city of Nicosia, many aspects of soldiering in general, and about working with UNIFCYP specifically, were addressed.

It was surprising how many questions the students asked,” said Major Kolken. “They clearly showed they were very interested in the work of a peacekeeping soldier, and they seemed to realize what impact a tour of duty has on one’s personal life.”

After the guided tour in Sector 2, the visitors were briefed on UNIFCYP’s mandate and about humanitarian tasks. Before the Danes had time to let all impressions sink in, they climbed OP 203 for a group picture.

**YPENBURG VETERAN DECORATES**

During World War II, Dutchman Mr Dresens served with 13 Air Defence Battery, defending Ypenburg airfield against German attacks. Last week, the very same Mr Dresens was the guest of the 13 Armoured Air Defence Battery, located in the Buffer Zone north of the old Nicosia International Airport.

The present battery upholds the traditions of the unit Mr Dresens served in, and it maintains strong links with many living veterans.

“When the Dutch were given Sector 2 West as their area of responsibility, it wasn’t difficult to think of a suitable name for our headquarters,” says battery commander, Major Wils Heim. “Formerly, it proudly carried the name ‘Kingston’, but with UNIFCYP’s permission, it will be Ypenburg from now on. I’m glad Mr Dresens, one of the veterans, could make the journey from his home in Ypenburg to lead our unit in the official opening ceremony.”

Cutting the ribbon wasn’t the only ceremony for Mr Dresens, a 78-year-old. He also assisted in decorating the young peacekeepers who were on duty during the Sector 2 medal parade which took place at Wolesley Barracks the previous day.

**IRISH MEDAL PARADE**

Irish hospitality, coupled with Irish ingenuity, were at their peak on Monday 20 September when the Irish Contingent of UNIFCYP held their medal parade. During the morning, clouds gathered over the UNPA and then the rain started. No problem. This is why we have contingency planning.

The Officers’ Club in the International Cafeteria was immediately rearranged to accommodate seating space for VIPs and standing room for all other guests. The Argentinian band was gracious enough to provide the musical accompaniment, and at 4:00 pm, right on time, the parade began. Wives and children had travelled from Ireland to be present when, in the presence of the Chief of Mission, nine members of the contingent were decorated with the UN peacekeeping medal by Force Commander Evergisto de Vergara.

Festivities continued late into the night in the Hibernia Club. Rain is the last thing that would dampen the enthusiasm of those from the emerald isle.

**DHENIA POLICE STATION OPENS**

The UNCIPOL police station at Dhenia is now officially open.

The Force Commander attended the inauguration ceremony held on 22 September. Not only UNIFCYP personnel but local residents were invited to the festivities and happily accepted - especially the children. The police station is open for everyone to visit, whenever they feel the need arises.

**KÖZÖNETEM**

Közönetem mindazoknak akikkel - mint Chief of Mission - együtt dolgoztam az elmúlt 15 hónap során.


Közönetem mindenminknek, amiről jó befektetünkünk és törekedünk arra, hogy az UNIFCYP tevékenysége értéktére legyen. Mi mindannyian azért dolgozunk az UNIFCYP szervezetében, hogy eljöjön a nap, amikor hazamenhetünk; de addig is tiszteljük a dolgunkat a béke fenntartása érdekében, pártalansával és profil módjára.

Me gustaría agradecer a todos y a cada uno de los que han trabajado conmigo durante mis 15 meses como Jefe de la Misión.

Me gustaría agradecer a los soldados que prestan sus servicios en la línea y a quienes con entrega y profesionalismo en sus sectores respectivos, mantienen la paz a lo largo de cada kilómetro de la zona de amortiguación. Agradecido también a los oficiales que dirigen a estos hombres y mujeres; asimismo, a la Policía Civil por facilitar la existencia de miles de chupititas que viven y trabajan en la zona de amortiguación y por apoyar a la UNIFCYP de muchas otras maneras. Agradezco a la oficina de Asuntos Civiles que en su desempeño, desde su creación a principios de este año, ha logrado mejorar claramente la eficiencia y efectividad de la UNIFCYP. A la Oficina de Información Pública, mil gracias, por la publicación del “Blue Beret” y por sus otras funciones. Agradezco el apoyo del personal militar y civil, que tanto en la sede como a lo largo de la línea, mantienen andando con facilidad el motor de la UNIFCYP, logística y administrativamente. Agradezco a todos y a cada uno de los que están estacionados en la ‘UNPA’, al personal de la sede, al de la ‘MFR’ y al de la ‘ArgAir’. También al personal de la Policía Militar por su grupo de especialistas. En particular, me gustaría expresar mi reconocimiento al apoyo que he tenido del equipo gerencial y de mi propio personal.

A todos ustedes muchas gracias por ser buenos protegedores de la paz y por el esfuerzo hecho para lograr que la UNIFCYP sea un modelo de excelencia. Todos trabajamos para que un día los de UNIFCYP nos podamos ir a casa. Hasta que ese día llegue, continuaremos ayudando a mantener la paz con total imparcialidad y profesionalismo.

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DAME ANN HERCUS’ FAREWELL...

PEACEKEEPING - AN IMPORTANT BUT FRAGILE ISSUE

The mandate of UNIFCYP, established by the Security Council of the UN, is very clear. Our main task is to maintain the military status quo within the Buffer Zone. The Buffer Zone is a corridor of land - 180 km long, running across the island - sometimes several kilometres wide and sometimes only a few metres. And its edges are the two ceasefire lines as at 1800 hrs on 16 August 1974. UNIFCYP, in very simple terms, is supposed to keep the land in between, under control. We don't own it - obviously. But we control it. And we do so by consent. In fact, without the consent of the two communities, UNIFCYP could not be here and do its job.

El mandato de la UNIFCYP establecido por el Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas, es muy claro, siendo su tarea principal la de mantener el status quo militar dentro de la zona de desmovilización. La zona de desmovilización es un pantano de território con una longitud de 180 km, a través de la isla, y de una anchura designada que en algunos sectores puede llegar a varios kilómetros, en otras solamente de unos cuantos metros. Desde las 18:00 horas del 16 de agosto de 1974, las orillas de este pantano son las dos líneas de fuego. En términos prácticos y simples, la UNIFCYP tiene estas líneas y superficie entre ellas bajo su control. Obviamente, la UNIFCYP no es propietaria de este predio, simplemente lo controla con el consentimiento de las partes. De hecho, sin el consentimiento de las fuerzas opositoras, la UNIFCYP no estaría aquí haciendo su trabajo.

The job requires the willing cooperation of the soldiers on both sides of the Buffer Zone. Both sides have to see it in their best interest to abide by the ceasefire. Only then can a lightly-armed peacekeeping force such as UNIFCYP help opposing forces of much greater numbers of soldiers and armaments to avoid tension or renewed hostilities. Indeed, all peacekeeping operations of the UN round the world over the last 50 years are based on the consent of the parties. It is true sometimes that consent collapses, at which point the peacekeeping operation may have to withdraw. Or sometimes the consent erodes, in which case the peacekeepers try to keep a peace which is very fragile.

Para desempeñar su mandato, la UNIFCYP requiere la cooperación de las fuerzas militares estacionadas en las áreas adyacentes a ambos lados de la zona de desmovilización. Ambas partes deben reconocer que es en su propio interés el mantener el cese de fuego; únicamente así, puede una fuerza de mantenimiento de la paz, ligeramente armada como la UNIFCYP, ayudar a que las fuerzas en conflicto cuenten con un mayor número de soldados y armas, eviten la tensión o reencendan las hostilidades. Sin duda, la ausencia de un consentimiento de las partes en el mantenimiento de la paz de las Naciones Unidas, tiene su base en el consentimiento de las partes. Algunas veces el consentimiento frágil y, en estos casos, cuando las operaciones de mantenimiento de la paz tienen que replegarse. Otras veces, el consentimiento se deteora y en este caso los protección de la paz hacen esfuerzos para mantener esa frágil paz.

The cost of confidentiality

When the “shuttle talks” started in October last year, they did so, at the initiative of the Secretary-General, Kofi Annan. In his prior separate discussions with Mr Clodario and Mr Denkhaus, everyone had agreed that these talks should be confidential and outside the media. Such a decision, personally believe, was a very wise move. It has, of course, a negative side. It means that I don’t brief reporters and I don’t talk about what I am doing. But, many people say to me, that is a very small price to pay. Many people - including reporters - tell me to keep up the confidentiality. That is the right approach and I will keep obeying my boss’s instructions.

Peace settlement implies co-responsibilities

Over the past 35 years, the United Nations has often been blamed for failing to produce a solution. The international community can offer to help parties to solve a dispute, but it cannot do it for them. In the end, a peace settlement has to be negotiated between and signed by the parties themselves. Only they can determine whether they can live together in one state. The settlement establishes the foundation for a peaceful and prosperous future. This cannot be imposed upon them. The parties bear the ultimate responsibility which lies with the parties to find a mutually acceptable solution; the will to enter into the requisite “give and take”.

On women’s rights

From the day of its birth, the UN has fought for the equal rights of women. It has set up specialist agencies, so that women’s issues and concerns did not get lost - as they so often do, in male dominated structures. The UN established the fundamental yardstick of human rights for women - the famous Convention for Women, with the very long name - the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Our Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, is totally committed to the advancement of women. On 8 March, on International Women’s Day, we in Cyprus look both backwards and forwards - backwards in history to see how far we have come, the victories and the landmarks. And we looked forward - for the journey is not over. There are so many more challenges for women. And we accepted that responsibility with a glad heart and with the sure knowledge that together, men and women, we will work for peace, health, and good lives for all of humanity, here and round the world.

Can peacekeeping succeed?

What makes a successful peacekeeping mission? I think there are five main factors.

1. A clearly defined and practical mandate.
2. Genuine and lasting consent of the opposing sides, including readiness and acceptance of what the peacekeeping operation is there to do.
3. Respect for the principles of neutrality and impartiality.
4. The political support of the Security Council and other Member States with a special interest in the area.
5. Member States willing to provide military and police contingents and the funding needed for a peacekeeping operation.

6. Staying power - being prepared to be there for the long haul.

I believe peacekeeping by consent with its principles of neutrality and impartiality is one of the great inventions of our century.

Can peacekeeping succeed?

I denk dat er 6 belangrijke factoren nodig zijn voor een succesvolle vredesmissie.

1. Een duidelijk en praktisch mandaat.
2. Echten en lage erkenning van de tegenpartijen, samenhangend met een acceptatie van de taak van de vredesmissie.
3. Respect voor de principes van neutraalheid en impariteit.
4. De politieke steun van de Veiligheidsraad en van de lidstaten met een specifieke belangen in de omgeving.
5. Lidstaten bereid om militaire en politie-cadres te leveren alsmede het financieren van een vredesmissie.
6. Voortzettingsvermogen, de bereidheid om een langdurige bijdrage te leveren.

Ik geloof dat vredesmissies met instemming van beide partijen, op grond van principes van neutraliteit en onopzichterlijkheid van een van de grote uitdagingen van deze eeuw zijn.

Peacekeeping - critical skills and disciplines

What we require in peacekeeping is a range of skills - patience, mediation, observation, anticipation, firmness, diplomacy and a willingness to work in a team, regardless of nationality. You have demonstrated those skills in your work here, and have shown great professionalism in doing your duties. The lowest ranking soldier standing in the hot sun on the line and the way the key events are perceived is absolutely critical. Peacekeeping also needs political skills, understanding of the conflict, and the discipline and the skills to perform with excellence. Each one of you represents not only the UN but also your home country. Bad behaviour damages the good name of both. That is why we strive for good discipline.

Mantenimiento de la Paz - abilidades y disciplina

Lo que requerimos para el mantenimiento de la paz es un conjunto de habilidades como la paciencia, mediación, observación, anticipación, firmeza, diplomacia y la voluntad de trabajar en equipo sin importar la nacionalidad. Ustedes han demostrado esos habilidades en su trabajo aquí y también han mostrado un gran profesionalismo al cumplir con sus obligaciones. Desde el soldado más modesto hasta el fuerte sol en la línea y la forma en que él o ella se comporta y reacciona, es absolutamente importante.

El mantenimiento de la paz también requiere del orgullo en lo que nosotros hacemos, de la disciplina y de las habilidades para desarrollar actividades con excelencia. Cada uno de ustedes representa no tan solo a las Naciones Unidas sino que a su país también. La maestra conduce hasta el bien nombrado de ambas. Esa es la razón por la cual hacemos inscripción de una buena disciplina.
THOUGHTS... POSITIONS... VISIONS

VISION FOR UNIFICYP

I see UNIFICYP as a model of excellence through:

* Making the most efficient and effective use of every asset and most important - of our military, civilian police and civilian personnel.
* Acting with unchallengeable impartiality and professionalism in any dealings with the two sides.
* Carrying out all tasks with the best possible coordination, communication and collegial spirit between the different sections/branches or parts of the operation, so that we are all unified and well integrated, as well as having quality internal and external communications.
* Being a “good employer” to all our staff.
* Collecting, using and appropriately reporting of quality and timely information and analysis.
* Performing all humanitarian tasks relating to civilian citizens with impartiality, fairness, care and cultural sensitivity.

A continuación, me permito describir mi visión de UNIFICYP como modelo de excelencia:

* UNIFICYP hace uso de sus bienes, en forma eficiente y efectiva, y por sobre todo de su personal militar, policial y civil.
* UNIFICYP, incontestablemente, procede con imparcialidad y profesionalismo en sus contactos con las dos partes.
* Con la mayor coordinación, comunicación y espíritu colegial posible, UNIFICYP lleva a cabo todas las tareas de la misión en sus diferentes secciones, subdivisiones y áreas de operación, con la finalidad de que todos estén unidos e integrados. También, UNIFICYP logra una comunicación interna y externa de calidad.
* Siendo un “buen empleador” para todo su personal.
* UNIFICYP recopila y reporta información apropiada, de alta calidad y actualizada.
* UNIFICYP se desempeña con imparcialidad, justicia, cautela y sensibilidad cultural, en sus tareas humanitarias con los ciudadanos locales.

In gratitude to those who gave...

We - soldiers, police, civilians - all serve as peacekeepers, knowing about the possibility of death for ourselves. Not a month has gone by since my arrival here without my picking up the morning report from New York, which tells me of the killing or the accidental death of a peacekeeper somewhere in the world - soldiers, civilians, police, all serving with the UN. And 166 have, in fact, died on Cyprus serving in UNIFICYP. And we remember and mourn those losses.

Nosotros, los soldados, la policía, los civiles, todos los que trabajamos como protectores de la paz, sabemos que nuestras vidas peligran. Desde que llegué aquí, ni un mes ha pasado sin que cada mañana el reporte diario de Nueva York informe sobre perdidas de vida por asesinatos o muertes accidentales de protectores de la paz en alguna parte del mundo, ya sean soldados, civiles, policía, todos trabajando para la ONU. De hecho, 166 personas han muerto en Chipre sirviendo la UNIFICYP, a quienes recordamos y brindamos tributo.

View of the Future

The future is not a result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created, first in mind, next in will, then in activity. The future is not some place we are going to, but a place we are creating. The paths are not to be discovered, but made, and the activity of making the future changes both the maker and the destination.

El futuro no es un resultado de opciones entre trayectorias alternativas ofrecidas por el presente, sino un lugar que es creado, primero en la mente, luego en la voluntad, y después en la acción. El futuro no es un lugar donde vamos, sino que creamos. Las trayectorias no se descubren, pero se hacen y la acción de forjar el futuro transforma tanto al autor como al destino.

Favourite Management Quotes

“If you don’t know where you are going, any road will do.”
Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

“The future is no longer what it used to be.”
Clem Santner

“By changing nothing, we hang on to what we understand, even if it is the bars of our own jail.”
John Le Carré, The Russia House, 1990

“Most of our so-called reasoning consists of finding arguments for going on believing as we already do.”
James Harvey Robinson

“Plan or be planned for.”
Rusell Ackhoff

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Clem Santner

“A mí no cambiar nada, nos sujetamos de donde podemos, aún de los barrotes de nuestra propia celda.”

“Generalmente, nuestro ‘razonamiento’ consiste en encontrar argumentos para seguir creyendo lo que ya creímos.”
James Harvey Robinson

“Programar o ser programado.”
Rusell Ackhoff

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“Wenn man nicht weiss wohin man geht, scheint jeder Weg recht zu sein.”
Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

“Die Zukunft ist auch nicht mehr was sie einst war.”
Clem Santner

“Wenn wir keine Veränderungen zulassen, klammern wir uns an das, was wir verstehen, auch wenn es die Gitterstäbe unseres Gefängnisses sind.”
John Le Carré. Das russische Haus, 1990

“Die meisten unserer sogenannten gut durchgedachten Schlussfolgerungen, laufen darauf hinaus, dass wir neue Argumente finden, welche uns helfen so zu denken, wie wir bereits denken.”
James Harvey Robinson

“Plane oder die Pläne werden fuer Dich gemacht.”
Rusell Ackhoff

Personal Creed

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Personal Creed

Señor, dame la serenidad para aceptar las cosas que no puedo cambiar, el coraje para cambiar las cosas que puedo y la sabiduría para saber la diferencia.

Personal Creed

“Gott gieb mir die Gelassenheit, die Dinge hinzunehmen, die ich nicht ändern kann, den Mut die Dinge zu ändern die ich ändern kann, und die Weisheit, dass Eine vom Anderen zu unterscheiden.”
NEWS

VISIT TO THE HELLENIC COPPER MINES
By Captain Loris Pablo Buonamante

Personnel from Sector I had the opportunity this month to learn about some of the industrial activity of the island.Replying to a kind invitation from the mine authorities, a group of 34 officers and NCOs from San Martin Camp, Roca Camp and Brown Base visited the mine in front of Sector I HQ to be briefed about some of its features. The briefing showed us some unknown particularities related to copper extraction and the source of the mine.

Mining started here about 3,000 years ago. The production was then relative to requirements using old techniques. Skouriotissa’s mine was reopened in 1992 by the Hellenic Copper Mines.

After a short historical sketch given by one of the engineers, we saw the whole process of copper being taken out from the heart of the mountain. From there, large pieces of rock containing 7% copper (a mine is income-producing when there is 4% copper) are transported over dump trucks to the grinding area. Then they are gathered in large heaps for the next stage of the treatment. Recent techniques have abandoned the fusion of copper in furnaces and have replaced this procedure with a chemical process. Finally, most of the copper products are exported, especially to the U.K., Greece and Italy.

The visit was much appreciated, because it allowed us to increase our knowledge and understanding of this lovely country.

El pasado 8 de septiembre el personal del Sector I tuvo oportunidad de conocer una de las actividades industriales más relevantes de la Isla como es la explotación minera.

Así, respondiendo a la gentil invitación de las autoridades de la Hellenic Copper Mines, un grupo compuesto por el 26º Cte del Sector I y treinta y cuatro Oficiales y Suboficiales de los Camps San Martin, Roca y de la base Brown, conocieron a las instalaciones de la mina ubicada frente al Puesto Comando de la FTA con el objeto de interiorizarse respecto de las particularidades del aludido emprendimiento industrial.

De la exposición que un ingeniero de la firma brindó al personal del Sector, surgieron aspectos que usualmente son desconocidos en términos de procedimientos de extracción del cobre y los orígenes de la mina.

En tal sentido, es de destacar que la explotación del yacimiento se remonta en el pasado a casi 3,000 años aunque, claro está, en volúmenes mínimos acordes con las necesidades y las técnicas de esa época.

La etapa actual de la actividad de la mina de Skouriotissa comenzó en el año 1992 con Hellenic Copper Mines. Luego de la breve reseña histórica, pudo observarse todo el proceso de producción del cobre, desde el comienzo mismo de la extracción del mineral al corazón de la montaña.

Desde ese punto, los grandes fragmentos de roca conteniendo cobre en un 4% son transportados en camiones de gran porte al sector de molinería, donde se reduce su tamaño para luego ser depositado en enormes montículos de cara a las siguientes etapas de su tratamiento.

Las técnicas modernas y la experiencia indicaron la conveniencia de dividir la producción en hornos, adoptando un proceso químico que conlleva mayores ventajas.

Finalmente, las placas de cobre que se obtienen en el proceso electrolítico se comercializan, exportándose la mayor parte de la producción a Gran Bretaña, Grecia y otros países.

BRAZILIANS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY
By Warrant Officer 1 Pedro Schwert

In Sector I, the Argentinian Con- tingent, there are two members from the Brazilian Republic: Captain Valerio Luiz Lange and myself. For that reason, Lieutenant Colonel Rodolfo Mujica, our CO, led a parade and a ceremony on 7 September at San Martin Camp to celebrate the 177th anniversary of Brazilian Independence Day.

The Brazilian national anthem was played by Sector I’s band as the national flag was hoisted to the top of the pole. Afterwards, Captain Lange addressed the parade. It was a touching experience to commemorate this event, together with Argentinians, Bolivians, Uruguayans, and the Paraguayan in our sector.

Many thanks for such a friendly gesture of comradeship, demonstrated on a day so significant for Brazilians.

BRASILEÑOS CONMEMORAN SU INDEPENDENCIA
En nuestro Sector, el contingente Argentino, somos dos los miembros del Brasil, Captán Valerio Luiz Lange y yo. Por esta razón, el 07 de Septiembre el Teniente Coronel Rodolfo Mujica, Comandante del Sector I encabezó una formación y desfile militar en el Campamento San Martín, para celebrar el 177º aniversario del día de la Independencia del Brasil.

Se realizó una formación en la Plaza de Armas del Campamento San Martín donde los efectivos fueron presentados al Comandante del Sector, Teniente Coronel Rodolfo Sergio Mujica.

La Banda de Música ejecutó el Himno Nacional de Brasil mientras los Militares Brasileños izaban la Banderas Nacional. A continuación el Capitán Lange realizó una alocución alusiva.

Fue una experiencia muy emocionante la forma en que conmemoramos juntos con los hermanos Argentinos, Bolivianos, Paraguayos y Uruguayos un hecho tan profundo a nuestros sentimientos.

Estamos muy agradecidos al Ejército Argentino por darnos la oportunidad de integrar UNIFECYP desde la Sa Fuerta de Tarra.

Muchas Gracias por la amistad y camaradería demostradas en ese día tan significativo para el pueblo Brasileño.

CONFIRMATION AT TOMB OF SAINT BARNABAS

A holy confirmation was held at the tomb of Saint Barnabas this month. On 19 September, one of Sector 4’s soldiers, Captain Valer Bosotina from Slovenia, and three students (one from the Ivory Coast and two from Cameroon), received the holy sacrament.

The site of the tomb of the apostle Barnabas is the most important shrine for Christianity in Cyprus. Barnabas, a Jew from Salamis, was the first known Cyprus convert. He, together with the Apostles Paul and Mark the Evangelist, brought the gospel to the island. They also organised the church and appointed bishops.

When Barnabas returned later to Cyprus, he became the Bishop of Salamis. During the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Nero, he was captured and then martyred. He was buried with a handwritten manuscript of the gospel by Matthew. His remains were discovered by Anthemios, the Bishop of Constantia in 485 AD.

It is the second time that an officer of the Slovenian contingent has received the sacrament before leaving UNIFECYP. Six months ago, Captain Videtic was confirmed, and he also had an Austrian godfather.

Claude-Adolphe, Major Jomfru Erlt, the new OIC HQ Coy, was the sponsor of Captain Bosotina. Even at home, they are close friends. Valer is from Slovenia and Volkmann is from Carinthia, one of the southern parts of Austria, and both areas neighbour each other.

Captain Bosotina left UNIFECYP on 28 September to return to his post in Slovenia.
ITEMS FOR SALE
CARS FOR SALE
Mazda 323, 1987, 4-door, excellent condition. Tel: (02) 376544.
Mazda 626 Estate 2.0, 7-seater, mint condition, excellent condition. £2,500 ONO. Call Brownwyn at (02) 750394.
Mitsubishi Lancer 1.5 GLX, Aug 84, d/f, 9,000 km, 2-year manufacturer's warranty, GS1, a/c, ps, pt, c/w, em, CD player, spoiler, outstanding condition. £1,500 OBO. Call (02) 864360 (or) (02) 359001 (h).
Mazda 323 Familia, white, 1300cc, t/c, new exhaust, d/f £600. CALL Sgt Walter Bergerson: (02) 828267
Opel Ascona 1.6 RH 1985, 4- door, good condition. £1,200 d/p. Call Elena (02) 759113 (or) (02) 526235 (h).
Ford Escort 1.3, 1983 saloon, 75,000 km, diesel, white £1,400. Tel: LIt Hitz on (02) 822670 or (02) 451409.
OLYMPUS OM 2
Bunk beds (Dinah made, as new) with mattresses and ladder; £150. Tel: (02) 670070 or (04) 642168.
Bargain Prices! Children’s clothes from 0-1, 1-2, 2-3 and 3-4 years, summer and winter, from only 20 cents to £5. Also play mats, pusher, tricycle, bouncy chair, etc. Tel: 070060 from 0730 to 1530 or 353149 after 1600.
Tony AXF Sackett Road Racing Set. $2 of track, 2 cars, Call toll free, transporter and all other accessories. Excellent condition and boxed as new. Tel: LIt Hitz on (02) 359001 (h), 864510 (o).
Cannondale racing bike, size 56, 7-speed, fully equipped, seat, £600. Tel: Lit Hitz on (02) 822670 or (02) 451409.
ITEMS FOR HIRE
HIVE ITEMS FOR HIRE
The NICOSIA Hive operates a comprehensive loan store. Items available are: VAX machine, child’s car seats, pushchairs, backpacks, high chair, travel cot, children’s toys and bikes, cool box, umbrella, school bags, tennis rackets, radio/cassette players, etc. Call the Hive at 02/359112 to check availability.
DISCO FOR HIRE
The UNPA WGs’ & Sgts’ Mess (The Club) has upgraded its disco equipment to a high standard. This is available for hire, from £80 per hour. The cost of hire is now £50.00 per event. Two DJs are also available and separate soundproof rooms are made with either DJ regarding fees. Bookings for the disco should be made with the PMC, WO2 Miller on (02) 359760 ext 126 (W) at least seven days in advance.
HAVING A PARTY?
The Youth Club is now available for hire. Many facilities including new equipment and lights, barbecue and plenty of space! Contact Paul on (02) 359112 for more details.

PROPERTY TO LET
Flats for rent near UNPA: Very reasonable. Tel: (02) 359070 or (02) 355470.
2-storey house close to Forum with 3 bedrooms, a/c and shower. Large, open-plan living area with all electrical fittings (2 cars), solar heater. Tel: (02) 352991 or (02) 355555.
2-levels of fully serviced 265-4 bedroom flats in Makedonitissa, one of which has separate 1 bedroom flat, bbq area and a 200 sqm roof terrace. Both have a/c, satellite television民主ists kitchen, etc. Tel: (02) 365438 or (02) 610646.
Fully-furnished flat in Ayios Dendrites (close to UNPA), £300. Tel: Angelia at (02) 685428.
New house (second storey) in Aglani area. Fully furnished, 3-bedrooms (one with private bathroom) and private parking. Tel: (02) 417416 or (02) 610680.
3-bedroom ground floor house, fully furnished, in Ayios Pavlos (close to UNPA). Solar water heater, £400. Tel: 774748.
Two minutes walk to the beach. Amatias (Limassol) area, one bedroom, fully furnished with TV, covered parking, common gardens, tennis court, all for £60 per day. Only serious enquiries. Call Dilian or Mary for 0800-1600 hrs. Tel: 02/468233.

FACILITIES
WHY DON’T U.WERNET@THE HIVE?
The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 October at 20.00 in the Hive. Come and have a cup of coffee and exchange information with a friendly group of spousos from UNPA and diplomatic missions. More info at (02) 591892.
THE NICOSIA LIBRARY is located at 23 Sycamore Road, UNPA. Tel: (02) 359317.
A new version of books, audio tapes, videos and CDs have arrived. Language courses available.
STOP PRESS: The NICOSIA Library now has Internet facilities available. Come and read your favourite newspapers, research your school or university project, or simply search for new and information in cyberspace.
Change of library hours. From 1 Oct, winter hours are in effect. Monday to Friday: 1000-1300 and 1500-1700 daily. Please ask Anthea or Rosemary for further details.
Library closed on Friday 1 Oct.

SERVICES
ARABIC LANGUAGE LESSONS
The Libyan Arab Cultural Centre will hold Arabic language lessons beginning Thurs 23 Sept in the school. For registration, call (02) 757296 from 0900 to 1600 or visit the premises at No 7, Stassinos Avenue, Nicosia.
NICOSIA HIVE NEWS
The Hive is open for information and advice and is located at 21 Sycamore Road, UNPA.

MISCELLANEOUS
BRACOTON YOUTH CLUB
If you are aged between 8-16, and want to have some fun, BRACOTON is the place to be. We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.30-8.30 pm at St Peter's UNPA. Our club is run by volunteers.

UNPA (within the Married Quarters) is Karen McCormack.
The Hive Coordinator is Karen McCormack. All nationalities are welcome. Come along and make some new friends. For further information, contact Pam Kingston on (02) 359112, or pop in on one of the nights that it is open and find out for yourself. Membership is £1 per term or £4 annual membership for 5% for members and 75c for visitors.

CHURCH SERVICES
SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S (Anglican):
Eucharist, Roman Catholic Mass, Saturdays: 18:00 hrs.
Sunday worship: 09:00 hrs. All welcome.

Something new all the time at the YMCA.
We now have a selection of GERMAN PAINTS. Come and have a browse and bag a bargain!!

YMCA NEWSFLASH!
The YMCA now stocks a range of aromatherapy products, soaps and incense from England for men and women.
During September and October, everyone who purchases Applewoods products goes into a draw for a free reedlex trafficking system.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT - 7 OCT 99
A Concert featuring the Band of the Royal Logistic Corps will take place on Thursday 7 Oct 99 at 1900 hours at the British Married Quarters Site UNPA.
Tickets available from: HQ BRITCOM and YMCA

KEEP US INFORMED
Are there any charity functions, concerts, UN-related events, etc coming up in the near future? Please let the YMCA/UN-associated clubs are invited to advertise well in advance all events of interest to our readers.

To advertise in the Blue Beret, send your ads to the Public Information Office at H.Q. UNICYP or e-mail to blueretepurs@yahoo.com. NB: Advertisements will be kept in the Blue Beret for a maximum of three consecutive issues.

Log in to net/NetAid
The UN Development Programme (UNDP) has joined forces with Cisco Systems to bring together some major performers for a series of concerts to be called NetAid. The aim: to help end world poverty.
Three concerts will take place on 9 October in Geneva, London, and New York. Performers will include: Bush, Counting Crows, Celine Dion, the Eurythmics, Jewel, Jimmy Page and Pete Townsend. The concerts will be broadcast live on BBC, MTV and other TV stations, and there will be an internet link. Log onto netaid.org to find out more.

Why don't you join us for a boat trip @ sea?

On Wednesday 20 October U.Network@THE UNPA is organising a 3-hour boat trip. The total cost, including lunch, will be CP10. Call for more information and for reservations: Helpdesk: (02) 591933.

Rina: (02) 489553.
MONEY RAISED AT GO-KARTING EVENT

By Corporal Damian Faulkner

The organisational skills of Bob and Wynn Patterson and Major Robert Turnbull of HQ BRITCON were put to the test on 10 September. At 16:00 hrs, six teams all of different nationalities met at the Nicosia Airport for an event which was the brain child of Sergeant Gerry Behan.

This was more than just an ordinary go-karting event. A “group a rally” car was on site to give people the fright of their lives, plus a bouncy castle for the kids, a monster raffle, full bar facilities and a hog roast and burger stand with all the monies made going to charity.

The teams consisted of UNFICYP personnel with each team having at least one female member. Teams were provided by HQ BRITCON, Sector 2 (one British and one Dutch), IRCON, the MFR, and last but not least, UNCIVPOL (who I think left all the best drivers on duty that day).

Each team member started with a practice session of four laps, and then the competition began. Right from the start the Dutch took the lead, maybe because they were put on a starvation diet for two weeks beforehand because none of the team weighed over 70 kg and the lighter you are, the faster you travel. BRITCON put up a brave challenge but one or two members weighed in the same as the complete Dutch team. It is sometimes said that Sector 2 aren’t the best drivers in UNFICYP. IRCON had one or two, no two magnets who thought the idea was to burst through the tyre wall and go into a spin, unlike the MFR who had no idea at all. Meanwhile, all UNCIVPOL saw was the back of the other team members’ helmets.

At the end of the evening, the flying Dutch men and women came out on top with a very impressive drive by all team members. HQ BRITCON were not too far behind in second, while IRCON came in third, the very tired Irish team fourth and the MFR and UNCIVPOL teams fifth and sixth.

At the end of the evening, the total monies raised came to over £200. The go-karting club contributed an additional £200, bringing the total to £1,000 to be divided between charities north and south. Apart from a few sore limbs and muscles, all personnel went home unharmed.

UNCIVPOL VS ARGAIR

by Sergeant Nick Moger

A dusty, warm and humid evening was the setting for this month’s clash between ARGAIR and UNCIVPOL in a friendly soccer match at the UNPA on Wednesday 22 September 1999.

The Argentinians were the first to take the field to commence their warm-up, whilst UNCIVPOL padded out their team with a welcome mix of Irish Military civilians and whoever else looked like they could kick a ball. When the whistle blew to start the game, two complete teams faced off against each other in the scorching heat, eager to get the game over with as quickly as possible and get back to the Bandilos bar for a sport better suited to the weather.

The game in the first half was played at a surprisingly brisk pace with possession evenly shared by both sides in turn. Despite the many chances created by both sides the half ended an exciting 0-0.

The second half showed both teams to have settled into a more sedate pace, with the balance of possession shifting slightly in favour of the Argentinian side who showed superior fitness and stamina. The UNCIVPOL goal came under severe bombardment from the South American strikers and the team was saved from conceding a cricket score only by the bucket-hand of Deputy Sector Superintendent Jim (“the Cat”) Hynes.

However, with the constant pressure, something had to give and with 10 minutes to go, a goalmouth scramble ensued following an Argentinian corner. Captain Alberto Sabatini found a hole through the mass of players, turned on a 50-peseta coin and slotted the ball home with blistering pace past the outstretched UNCIVPOL goalkeeper. The ball kissed the inside of the far post as it went in, causing the near fever-pitched crowd to murmur audibly.

The UNCIVPOL team strengthened towards the end in a last ditch effort to find an equalizer, but the Argentinians held out to take the game 1-0 in a nail-biting finish.

Player of the day was undoubtedly UNCIVPOL’s Sgt Jolene Lancashire, whose lightning runs down the left wing and her effortless teamwork throughout the game were an inspiration to both sides.

The entire game was played with a tremendous friendly spirit and was enjoyed by all who participated, so much so that it is likely to become a regular fixture.

RUNNING SEASON

All keen runners must be looking forward to autumn and winter. Slightly lower temperatures will provide better training conditions, and almost every weekend there will be a race. When The Blue Beret manages to get the information, you will be informed about upcoming events.

But prior to any competition, train beforehand. To set your goals, here is a run to put in your diary.

On Saturday 4 December, the 12 Support Unit Walkabout competition will be held. This 18-mile run starts in the beautiful Troodos range, runs via three compulsory manned checkpoints and ends at the Episkopi Garrison Rugby Club. Each team must consist of three persons, one of whom must be a novice (i.e. not having competed in the two-day event), one a female and one an experienced orienteer. Two of these conditions may be met by one person, i.e. a female who is a novice.

This year there will be a separate male-only competition. Entry forms are available at Diana Bridger’s office (UNCIVPOL, UNPA).

A draw for the starting order will be made once the total of 100 teams has been reached, or on Friday 19 November, whichever is the sooner. The participation fee is £11.

IN FOR THE HIGH JUMP

Foot soldier, general duties, is the job description of Gunner Liam Clarke from 22 Regt RA. Judging by the way he flies through the air with the greatest of ease, he’s good off the ground too.

Liam, a high board diver, hails from Bradford. He has been in the British Army for one year. Why did he join? “For a career, a steady income and to get to see the world.”

So how does he find mixing with other nationals within UNFICYP? “No problem, we all get on well.” Liam. “In fact, I sometimes get on better with the Dutch in my sector than I do with my own lads.”

Having come close to reaching international level before joining the army, Liam intends to enter the army championships next year. If he carries on like this, he should wipe the board.

Don’t worry - there’s the Ledra Palace pool underneath.