BURNS NIGHT AT SGT'S MESS

Burns night at the WO's and Sgt's Mess at HQ UNIFCYP held on Thursday 25 January 1968. The photograph shows (L to R) Sgt Ian Clarke, 1 Bn, Black Watch, CANCON, RSM James Paul, Royal Dragoons, Sgt "Paddy" Hughes (piper) from Dublin, of 9 Inf Gp, IRCON, and Cpl "Jock" Kyne (Sgt's Mess cook).

United States,
Greece Contribute
To UNIFCYP Costs

The United States and Greece have made additional contributions to the financing of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

In a note received by the UN Secretary-General from the Representative of the United States to the United Nations, dated 11 January, the US said it was prepared to make a contribution “up to $2,000,000” toward the three-month (27 December 1967—26 March 1968) cost of UNIFCYP. The amount ultimately contributed by the US against this pledge, the note said, “will depend on contributions of other governments toward the cost of the operation.”

Greece, in accordance with a letter sent to the Secretary-General, dated 20 January, intends to make a contribution of 300,000 dollars for the same three-month period. In its letter, the Greek Government pointed out that this contribution will raise the total of Greek contributions to UNIFCYP since its inception to the amount of 5,950,000 dollars.

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS ON “PUEBLO” INCIDENT

On Saturday, last the United States formally brought before the UN Security Council its charge that the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea was responsible for a succession of “aggressive acts” threatening in the seizure, Tuesday (23 January), of the USS Pueblo.”

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg told the Council that his Government, referring to the United Nations, demonstrated its earnest desire to settle the issue by peaceful means. But the danger to world peace, he declared, could be removed if the USS Pueblo and its crew were immediately released and “North Korea’s aggressive acts brought to an end forthwith.” It was imperative, he declared, that the Council act with the greatest urgency and decide that the existing situation could not be allowed to stand.

To support his charge that the USS Pueblo, described as an intelligence vessel, was in international waters when seized by North Korean patrol boats, Ambassador Goldberg presented to the Council a series of maps and other reports which he said the United States had in its possession, not only from the Pueblo but also from monitored radio signals from the North Korean patrol.

Ambassador Platon D. Morozov of the Soviet Union declared that the United Nations General Assembly was “completely unfounded,” and designed to “conceal the aggression which the United States and its allies in South Korea had been carrying on for years against the North.” A statement made by the captain of the Pueblo after its capture, he said, left no doubt as to the vessel’s location and “the hostile, espionage objective on which it was engaged.” Security Council meetings called for Monday last to continue the consideration of this issue were cancelled to allow for further private consultations to proceed unhindered, the Council President, Ambassador Agha Shoahi of Pakistan, said. That these intensive private consultations—a course suggested by Canada—had taken place over the previous 48 hours, and that the Monday meetings had been cancelled to allow these to proceed on an urgent basis.

Mr. Shoahi said he had met separately Monday morning with US Ambassador Goldberg and Soviet Ambassador Morozov, and then immediately consulted the ten elected members of the Council.

SG EXPRESSES REGRET OVER SICILY QUAKES

Following is the text of a cable sent last week by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Mr Amintore Fanfani, on the earthquake disasters in Sicily:

“Deeply distressed to learn about earthquake in Sicily and considerable loss of life and property which it has caused. Please accept, and convey to the Government and the affected people, my deepest sympathy.”
VI PRÆSENTERER: DANCON'S NYE DEPUTY

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OL A.K. VIILFØLL


Så fanse, der sprang der en parare! Hvad gør man så? Jo, man rekreerer blot en ny fra PIDEL. Ligegyldigt hvilken reparasjon det gælder, så kommer PIDEL og salboder skaden, som her af G. J. Thoresen fra EL-SEK.

HAR DE SET...? KYRENIA

Jo, det har vi tidligere flittigt, som er bygget op i Cyperns nordvest, er det mødet med Norsø, har et af øernes bedst bevarede historiske. I for- grundst er billedet ligger Kyrenia Borgen, som giver den lille havn og by en ganske anseelig stedelse. Danesborg kan selv om den stadig bragte som fæstning og fangelse, be- son i tabellen.


Efter den større succes med "nørre- mange" fortæller vi med en ny stor konkurrence. Kort og godt: Hvisen kan finde den mestsmatte tekst til dette billede?


STR zonmæske for anden gangen

STR-komp. befinder i torsdags eftermiddag sit stilled, som patruljen blodt fortsætter igen at ta dem fra de anden zonmæssig forskellige i landskabets for. De to komités for poolsindstilling og blod, vil mulige på sjældenheden af Carl Gustaf Comp. STR erklærede overtaget med en flugt lib en god på 1. komp.

Terrænbanan mitter samlet 7.800 m, og slut- mænen i de fem lag som stillet upp hver den dygne- udkiden. De sprang 2.900 meter, medan øvrige fyra lag fulde deres 1.000 meter var på sin lott.

De fem som var gudagt nogen åt STR-komp. heter Bo Skredsmo, Vikate, Bjørn Johannessen, Liungbro, Bo Olsdson, Vinåker, Tor Andersen, Skvede, og Berit Carlson, Torsvej.


Till vinter vasker 1. komp - Tor Viklund, Over- blikken, pga. at være på anden streck.

Svensk marsch forudrørd far

I onsdagens kaffebusse krevde sig 24 man på patruljen extra conditien gennem kontingenter at ge sig at på en begivenhed fra Choros over Ayios Khaliotou til Kyreniaborgets topp, en strækning på omkring 10 km. Hverkølsholden mellem start og mål var dygtige 500 meter, og deltagenten ind 2-2,5 timer på sig for at overkom dessa tafelstigmarsch i fællesby.

Major Erik Ahlberg, Hönkopig, chef for 1. komp., havde arrangere marsch og ledde den person- fagen. Det kommer han sit gøre og lige i fortsættelsen, for at sikre sig et genopfyllende bestemte far i for- rande dag. Den 7 februar er nået chans for alle interesserede.

På billedet er det overst i forankrings Börje Wikstrom, Urna, som tagt billede, tatt forblivelse af bl.a. stab, redaktør Enos Claesson, Stockholm. Fra forankrings og hans højre stansede topp i forandringen over den svenska kondititionsbev.
The Hal Green Jackets Enter the Press

Lieutenant Brian Lowe from the Southern Evening Press in London paid a visit to the 9th Sig. Regt. on the occasion of the Royal Green Jackets. It was a very thrilling visit for all who saw it and a very educational one for those who missed it. The next visit is scheduled for 8 October.

Cpl. Frank Harris of A Company was accompanied by Lieut. Brian Lowe on his visit. The 9th Sig. Regt. is a very prestigious Regiment whose role is to support the Royal Green Jackets. It is one of the most decorated Regiments in the British Army.

The Quertermaster’s staff kept the paper work up to date. The Regimental Band played the national anthem on the occasion of the visit.

The paper used was good material for the soldiers as they were on parade outside of the Regimental Canteen.

Before leaving, the soldiers were given a farewell party by Mr. Owen Cullen, a local member of the United Service Club.

Mr. Lowe is seen talking to a few lads whilst walking to the next stop. The picture was taken at 8 o’clock in the morning on a cold spring day.

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X Country Championships

At Happy Valley, Epydou, on Saturday last, the Inter-Services Cross-Country Championships took place between the British Army and the RAF of Cyprus. Each Service entered two teams.

Sgt. Bulley of the RAF was the overall winner of the race over a 6 mile course in a time of 31 minutes 30 seconds, followed only 6 seconds later by Cpl. O’Shiue of the Sovereign-Based 9th Sig. Regt. Regiment who was the winner of the previous week’s Army (Cyprus) Championships. Cpl. John Sabin of the RAF Detachment, HQ UNFICYP, was third in the time of 36 minutes 31 seconds.

The course was extremely wet after Friday’s torrential rain and the going was tough. To spectators in the valley, the downhill run as the runners rounded the corner of the hilltop to head for home looked deceptively easy. In such a situation, championships are often decided but the first three did change position from there.

UN supplied eleven out of the sixteen Army runners — eight from the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, shown in last week’s Blue Beret photograph, and three from HQ UNFICYP: Cpl. John Sabin, Lt. Robert Baynes and Cpl. Brian Lee, who finished in that order.

The wonderful word ‘U’ entered into the final placings. Lt. Robert Baynes of the 1st Sig. Regt. had been in team ‘A’ instead of ‘B’ his overall placing of elevens would have placed the Army A team first. As it was, well done Sgt. Bulley and the whole RAF team also a special men-

There was a change of command recently at HQ Paphos District, Major J.E.G.N. (Dubik) Erenburg left for a Staff appointment in the Ministry of Defence (Army) and Major C.J. (John) Hulsey, pictured above has taken over.

“Boy’s, you’ve got something good here today” is what Sgt. Pete Sherran from Brighton, Sussex, appears to be saying with that big smile whilst unloading the rationees at Kapsalou Compound and this is echoed by Cpl. Eddie Kidd from Oxfordshire. Maybe it’s the greatest thing since the sliced bread in Cpl. Kidd’s arms!
MITALIT SAATIIN

Torstaina 18 Jan 1968 vierestä Myylästä juhlatekki. Yhdessä kyseisiä veijeroita lauantai-
vaajaa pavelletti olivat kolmeen-
tunnet yhteiseen tilaisuuteen Myylä-
lyle vastaanottamaan halle myös
ne myös muinaisesti. Miesten jaeta-
nuoriin tilaisuuden kuntaa ja
kasvatusantunti A. E. Martola
Suomalaiskatemuilleen tapaan
joo-
tän vielä keittyä, minkä jälkeen
keroton, mutta mieleinpimura ja
juhlassa tilaisus oli päättynyt.

FINCON NEWS

Alhassan Post festum. Henny on herkäis. Ihanin ja hymyn
brazenen näkäinen mitä lukeutukset
voivat pistää tähän. J. J. Kalk 
J. Kojonen, A Hoffer ja T.
Räisänen (varmaalta oikein).

UN MEDAL PRESENTATION

Lt-Gen A. E. Martola, UN Force
Commander, presents the UN me-
dal to Lt-Gen W. J. Newlands,
Commander of Kyvnia District.
The Force Commander officiated
during a medals parade for the
Black Watch held at Osisko.

RECC MEAL PARADE — Major
Ian Gellis, CO of the
Fort Garry Horse Recce Squadron
presents the UN medal to 
Tpr Steve MacDonald during a parade
at Camp Maple Leaf. Colonel
H.C.F. Elliott, Commander of
CANCAN also presented UN me-
dals to support personnel at Camp
Maple Leaf.

CANCON NEWS

CANCN COY’S MASCOT

SAFE DRIVING AWARDS

Lt Brian Vernon presents driver awards to Pte Henry McKay,
Pte Bill Mathison and Pte Ron Stenger for 3,000 miles of accident-
free driving. Lt Vernon was OC of the Transport Section at Camp
Maple Leaf before taking up current duties of Kyvnia District
Headquarters.

WATCH THE BIRDIE! Major Irv Kerr, Commander of Kyv-
nia Company of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, holds a falcon
which has become the company mascot. The bird was found on the
ground following the recent snow storm and was taken to veterini-
ary specialists for disposal. However, the vet said the bird would
recover and Major Kerr accepted it back for nursing.
PHILATELIC CORNER

A S announced in BLUE BERET of 10 January—front page—the new UN postage stamp which commemorates the United Nations Secretariat as one of the principal organs created by the Charter, was placed on sale at UN Headquarters on 16 January.

In a statement marking the occasion, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, said the tasks of the 10,000 Secretariat members from more than 120 countries were as varied and complex as the multiplicity of the problems which had to be talked in the interests of world peace, security and human welfare. In the last 21 years, U Thant pointed out, the scope of the Secretariat work had increased with the growth both in membership of the United Nations and also in the demand for services by Member Nations, particularly in the fields of economic and social development.

In connection with the above item, Lino Dodici, who handles the sale of UN postage stamps for philatelic purposes at UNFICYP Headquarters informs us that he has now received some first day covers which are available to UN stamp collectors.

As was detailed, Mr. Dodici can be contacted at UNFICYP HQ, Secretariat section, Room 11 (Main Hangar), every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 11:00 to 12:00 hours.

Meanwhile, word has been received from the UN Postal Administration that the second stamp to be issued in the “United Nations Art” series is a reproduction of the statue by Henrik Ibsen in the UN Trusteeship Council Chamber at UN Headquarters. The statue (see photo) is carved from a single teakwood trunk and the arms are formed from the tree’s natural branches. It symbolizes flight towards greater heights and freedom. The statue will be used to illustrate a six-cent Commemorative Stamp and a 75-cent Definitive Stamp.

NAURU BECOMES SMALLEST INDEPENDENT NATION TODAY

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has sent congratulations to the tiny Pacific island of Nauru, smallest nation when it gained its independence today, 31 January.

In his message, which will be read at the celebrations by Mr. I. S. Djemokoye, UN Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Non-Self Governing Territories, U Thant said Nauru’s independence was yet another example of the achievement of the objects of the UN’s trusteeship system.

Although small and isolated, Nauru had shown the strong desire to chart its own destiny and was confident it had the resources to sustain its independence.

The Secretary-General said circumstances might limit Nauru’s role in the international field, but the United Nations would continue to interest itself in the welfare and security of the Nauruans.

Nauru, which has a population of some 3,000 and a land area of only about 5,000 acres, has important phosphate deposits which are expected to be exhausted in forty years’ time.

Nauru was one of three remaining UN Trust Territories: it had been administered since 1947 by Australia, acting on joint behalf of New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

UNBODY CALLS FOR RELEASE OF SW AFRICANS

The UN Security Council last week acted unanimously on a resolution calling on South Africa to halt the trial of 35 South West Africans for alleged terrorism, and to release and repatriate them.

The resolution condemned Pretoria for having refused to heed a similar appeal made in December by the UN General Assembly. As had the Assembly, the Council invited all States to exert their influence in order to get South Africa’s compliance.

The Council noted that the Assembly, late in 1966, had terminated South Africa’s old League of Nations mandate over South West Africa and declared that that Territory came henceforth under the direct responsibility of the United Nations.

The trial, the Council added, was being held under arbitrary laws illegally extended to South West Africa in defiance of the General assembly.

The Council noted the communication from this UN body which said that the matter was of particular urgency in the light of reports that the court handling the case of the 35 was to reconvene Thursday tomorrow—in Pretoria. Sentencing was understood to be imminent in the proceedings which started last August.

South Africa contends that the United Nations has no right to intervene in South West Africa and has made it clear that we would not count...

UNFICYP SgtS MESS BOWLS TO GARRISON SgtS IN FINAL

The European Cup Final was played at Dhekelia on Sunday 27 January 1968 between Garrison Sgt Mess and HQ UNFICYP Sgt Mess. Prior to the kick-off the band of the Commander, Royal Corps of Transport in Cyprus, was introduced to the players of both teams before play commenced.

Kicking off with a high wind behind them, HQ UN pressed strongly but were repelled by the Garrison defence. Play was sawed from end to end with the wind spoiling any attempts at good football.

Garrison opened their account in the twelfth minute when the wind took the ball away from HQ UN goalkeeper’s hand and the Garrison inside forward scored with a header. Garrison increased their lead in the seventeenth minute when they were awarded a penalty.

Half Time: Garrison Mess 2 HQ UNFICYP Mess 0

The same pattern emerged in this half as in the first half with Garrison attacking strongly to consolidate their lead and HQ UN hanging on grimly. The strong wind again made good football impossible. HQ UN’s centre-half, Tiley, was once again the outstanding player on the field; as indeed he was in all previous rounds.

Mrs Younghusband presen ted the cup and medals and both teams and spectators we...

OTHER

SPORTS RESULTS

Soccer
HQ UNFICYP 0
RAF Flamingoes 13

Hockey
HQ UNFICYP 1

English School
Nicosa 3
(Nicosa: Scorier: Sig Lander)

Left to Right: Tiley (capt) Feaguro, Monzies, Powell, Dandy, Plumpton, Moon (team manager), Chalmers, Harvey, Ramage, Keene, Ussitaro.

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