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COUNCIL EXTENDS FORCE MANDATE



COUNCIL MEETS. On 18 March, the UN Security Council unanimously decided to extend the stationing of the UN Force in Cyprus for a further period of three months, until 26 June. Seen in the above photograph, taken during the meeting, are Mr Zenon Rossides, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the UN (left), Mr Ousmane Soce Diop of Senegal, who was the President of the Council for the month of March (seated), and Mr Tewfik Bouattoura, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the UN.

World Health Day Marked On 7 April

W orld Health Day 1968 will be observed on a world-wide masis on Sunday, 7 April, to mark the twentieth annivresary of the World Health Organisation — a specialised agency related to the United Nations.

The theme this year is "Health in the World of Tomorrow". The purpose is to draw the attention of public health leaders and the general public—through mass media and other means of information and education—to the status of health and medical research today, and to try to anticipate the future as reflected in present trends.

For example, computers: A profusion of automatic and greatly advanced computers in the year 2000 will have taken over most of the functions of a public health service. Good medical care is expected to re-

Jordan, Israel Exchange Charges Over New Firings

Calls for strict observance of the Israel—Jordan cease—fire were heard in the UN Security Council early this week as it continued its debate on last Friday's new outbreak

The Council also heard Israel and Jordan renew their charges and counter-charges of aggression — with Israel stating that Jordan and the other Arab States were backing a campaign of terrorism and subversion aimed at her liquidation, and Jordan accusing Israel of expansionist designs.

Referring to a United States suggestion for the stationing of UN observers in the Jordan-Israel section — as was done last year in the Israel-United Arab Republic and Israel-Syria cease-fire sectors, Ambassador El Farra of Jordan said his Government would reject any attempt to set up new machinery establishing a new line based on Israel's military gains during the war of last June.

In this connection, Ambas-

sador Ignatieff of Canada — one of the Council members — said no one was asking that any line be established, but that mobile observers would be very useful, not only as an objective source of information, but in helping to preserve the cease-fire.

The 15-nation Council was scheduled to meet again yesterday, Tuesday, to continue its debate on the new Middle-East crisis.

Both Ambassador Ignatief and Denmark's representative on the Council, Ambassador Borch, urged all parties to cooperate with the United Nations peace envoy in the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring (of Sweden), in his efforts to find a peace formula for the Middle East.

Finnish and Canadian Contingents Rotate

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus was concluded on Sunday last and on this coming Sunday the Canadian Contingent will start rotating, too.

Most contingents serving with UNFICYP rotate during this part of the year. The Irish completed their change-over last month and the Swedish and Danish Contingents will rotate later this month, while the British Contingent will effect its change in May.

The Finnish rotation involved altogether 238 men (23 officers, 14 NCO's and 201 soldiers). They flew direct from Pori (Finland) in charterted DC-6 aircraft. The incoming troops now form part of the 9th Finnish UN Battalion which replaced the 8th Battalion on 1 April.

Yukon aircraft of the Air Transport Command of Canada will carry the main body of 800 personnel of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from Edmonton, a battery from the 3rd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery from Winnipeg, a squadron

from the Fort Garry Horse from Calgary, and headquarters personnel from Trenton.

Lt. Col. A.M. Potts, CO Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and Major P.J. Mitchell, CO Fort Garry Horse, arrived with the advance party of the Canadian rotation on 1 April.

This rotation of the Canadian Contingent brings to more than 8,000 the number of Canadian personnel who have served in United Nations duties in Cyprus.

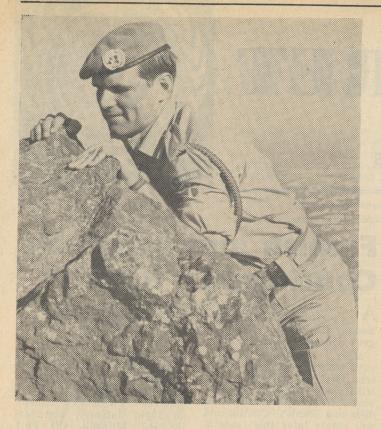
Sweden, Italy Contribute To UNFICYP Costs

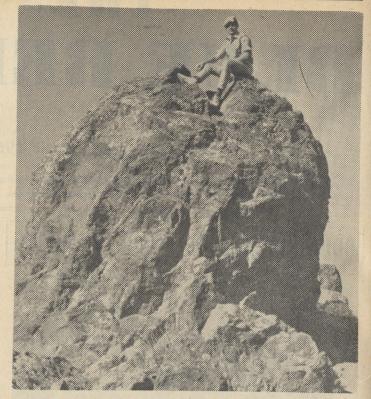
Sweden and Italy have informed the UN Secretary-General that they will make additional voluntary contributions to help finance the operation costs of the UN Force in Cyprus.

In a letter dated 18 March sent to the Secretary-General, U Thant, the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN, Mr. Sverker Astrom, said his Government had decided to make a contribution of 90,000 dollars for a three-month period of the Force's mandate — from 27 December 1967 to 26 March 1968.

In his letter, Mr. Astrom said that his Government's decision was taken "without prejudice to its stand on the principle of collective financial responsibility for UN Operations of this nature".

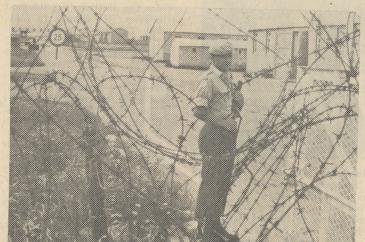
The Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN, Mr. Piero Vinci, in a note dated 21 March to the Secreary-General, said that the Italian Government had decided to contribute the amount of 90,000 dollars for the financing of the operations of UNFICYP for the period from 27 December 1967 to 26 March 1968.







DANCON - NYT



BJERGBESTIGNING

KS I.J. Hansen A-KMP, som fornylig er kommet til DAN-CON, forsøger sig som bjergbestiger.

Bjergbestigning er en interessant og spændende hobby, der bliver udøvet af flere og flere. Et godt råd til nybegyndere: Pas på løse sten og klippestykker, det kan være grunden til nedstyrtning!

KS T.H. Drejer på HQ-vagt i ly af pigtråd - en rigtig pionervagt, der bestrides af smeden fra Nicosia Club. Han indgår i en deling sammensat af folk fra samtlige KMP.





SKARPSKYDNING

C-KMP har været på øvelsesskydning i Goshi-området nord for Larnaca. Der blev skudt med morterer, og interessen for disse skydninger er stor blandt DAN-CON's personel. Her ser vi, hvordan "konserne" fra C-KMP med spænding gør klar til skydning.



Tredjeplats för Stålis - lag i krävande 8 - milaorientering

Två patruller av 10 deltagande från den svenska bataljonen fullföljde den långmarschorientering, som i fredags och lördags gick mellan den engelska basen Episkopi och Troodos — och tillbaka, en sträcka som fågelvägen mäter omkring åtta svenska mil. Bäst bland de svenske lyckades överfurir Torsten Stålnacke, Västerhaninge, och hans två lagkamrater korpral Anders Håkansson, Sölvesborg, och vpl Leif King-Size Andersson, Oxelösund, alla tre hemmahörande på 2. komp. De hamnade på en delad tredje plats med tiden 15 timmar och 54 minuter efter två engelska patruller, av vilka den segrande gick in på 14.49 timmar. Det andra svenska laget som nådde målet efter den hårda tävlingen var 1. kompanisterna korpral Roland Persson, Älmhult, vpl Staffan Skoglund, Raijastrand, och vpl Arne Johansson, Ryssby. Tid 18.27 timmar.

Utöver dessa två lag klarade sig ytterligare tre svenska deltagare över mållinjen, men det skedde individuellt sedan de patruller de ingått i splittrats på grund av skador. De tre var vpl Boris Carlsson, Torup, överfurir Hans Göran Wiklund, Kallinge, och korpral Jan Bengtsson, Vetlanda, alla STRister. Boris Carlsson sällade sig till den Stålnackiga patrullen, som han dock sprang ifrån vid sista kontrollen och genomförde ett praktfullt sololopp fram till mål, en nätt liten sträcka på omkring 12 kilometer. Boris' sammanlagda tid var 16.54 tim.

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Tävlingsbanan omfattade fem kontroller i vardera riktningen och orienteringen skedde efter svårlästa fotokartor. Efter första dagen låg patrullen Stålnacke på andra plats, 39 minuter efter det ledande engelska laget. Under uppmarschen mot Troodos drabbades Anders Håkansson av magkramp, vilket gjorde att patrullen fick göra halt en halvtimma vid vägkanten medan Anders blev av med det mesta onda. Andra tävlingsdagen ådrog sig King-Size

svåra fotskador men hängde vil-



jestarkt med sina lagkamrater ända fram till mål. 1. kompanisterna Persson, Skoglund och Johansson orienterade tyvärr bort sig och förlorade mycket värdefull tid på det

Tävlingen var ytterligt krävande, dubbelt så ansträngande som ett Vasalopp, uttalade "Stålis" efteråt. De 21 deltagande svenskarna som tvingades bryta tävlingen föll alla på svårt sargade fötter. Konditionen i övrigt var det inget fel på. Mansspillan bland de 48 övriga lagen var lika stor som bland de svenska.

På bilden tar patrullen Stålnacke förstärkt med Boris Carlsson en kartläsningspaus. Fr.v. Anders Håkansson, King-Size Andersson, Stålis och Boris.

Bat-afton i Salamis bejublades

Vår bataljonsafton förra onsdagen blev en mastodontföreställning i brasas och marschallers sken på Salamis' historiska mark, alldeles vid Medelhavets strand och inte långt från amfiteatern. Det skådespel som uppfördes på de provisoriska tiljor som föreställde scen torde inte ha stått någon amfiteaterföreställning flera tusen år tidigare efter. Ett uppbåd av artister från batalionens alla hörn befolkade scenen och den närmaste omgivningen och bjöd publikum på underhållning av det mest varierande slag. Chefen Sektion 3, major Kåge Sundvall, höll så gott han kunde i alla trådarna, och i bakgrunden kunde understundom bataljonsassistenten, kapten Leif Torpefält, skymtas.

Det var kallt och blåsigt under alla de fyra timmar som bataljonsaftonen varade, och varmkorven, Reindeerrulltårtan och kaffet i pausen värmde gott, liksom alla de skratt som de agerande lockade fram. Det skulle föra för långt att framhålla några artister framför de andra, men ett par uppskattande ord måste sägas om STRkomp:s sketcher med furir Jan-Ola "Skorpionen" Gustavsson, Kalix, i de ledande rollerna. Det var högt tempo över STR-spexarnas bataljonsbilder - den bejublade postsnigeln naturligtvis undantagen. Det fanns knorr på och sting i dialogerna, inte minst den som ville illustrera hur det går till när en svensk kapten vid HQ åker jourbil. På bilden är det furir Tommy Asserwall, Nyköping, som' kör jourbilen och "Skorpionen" som agerar kapten.



SWEDCON NEWS



INFANTRY IN TRIM

As a break from life in OPs and camp, a march was arranged for 10 platoon of 'C' Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets.

The party of 28 men under command of Capt Greville Goodwin set out from Polemidia Camp on Monday and marched to Polis, a distance of some seventy miles along a route which took them through Episkopi, Paphos and Strombi.

They marched an average of fifteen miles each full day with a final burst of twelve miles on

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Friday which took them to their destination by 1100 hours.

Camping out overnight under the stars enabled them to select some suitable sites, including the



Curium and Aphrodite's Rock. Luckily the weather held.

The opinion of the men on being interviewed marching through Kato Polemidia were somewhat mixed. When asked what they thought of the idea of a march, one rifleman was not sure if he liked it whilst another said "at least we get away from the sergeant major"! Lance-corporal Roger Bone probably summed up everyone's feelings when he said he was not too keen before starting but once they were on their way it was a good idea.

The picture (left) shows the marchers leaving Camp. The pi-cture at the top shows them going throught Kato Polemidia — the sign on Rfn Dave Larkin's back is not intended to indicate that the 140 pace-tothe-minute rate of marching is slow but is a warning to traffic! The camera would have liked to have recorded the arrival at Polis but was prevented from doing so by "circumstances beyond its

DISC JOCKEY S UNFICYP REQUI

Every Friday night at 1930 hours, a requesting mainly for members of the British contingent of is broadcast from the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation in Nicosia.
The disc jockey who also sparked off the geant Dennis Sherwood, from Swindon, Wilk in working hours, is a vehicle artificer with UNFICYP W.

Staff Sergeant Sherwood is no in the Army h he hopes stranger to the DJ business. In to take up 1954 he started his sideline acti- at present vity with British Forces Network He also he in Germany and the Canadian Dramatics on station at Wehrl where the pro- parent unit's

In 1961, whilst in Aden for He also find eighteen months, he became the subject Head of Light and Popular Music cation Author Department with the Forces So, listen our request Broadcasting Station where he in and your se what can had a team of sixteen announ- be played; so play recers under his command and had quests from it is not a a job which fully took his time two way pro for seven days a week. Married quests to 3roadcasting with two children, Dennis (36) Corporation not to Blue has four years service to complete Beret, ple

cer of his wh — the gramme was a big success. He School of Eled Mechaniwas there until 1959. instuct in

(Note: Re-



Since the age of twelve, three members quadron, RCT, have known each other well. They went to the thool at Maimesbury, Wilts; two joined the Army on the sal and the third did so shortly afterwards. Now they are servether in the same unit in UNFICYP. Lcpl Michael Chivers, Kenneth Griffiths, both from Malmesbury, and Lcpl Graham from Oaksey, Farry, Sgt M. Bonnie and Sgt P. O'Flaherty. just five miles away.





Keeping an alert eye on traffic entering the 10 Inf Group HQ at Xeros is Military Police Cpl C. McLoughlin.



Trench digging is part and parcel of soldiering everywhere and here at Xeros, checking on some work in progress are Sgt P.



PRESENTS FOR HOME



Gifts being assembled and mutually admired by Pte Patrick Fitzgerald and Pte Brendan O'Dwyer prior to their departure for







At HQ in Xeros, CQMS Ned Harrigan (right) is busily engaged Carrying out a vital service on a Sioux her in the hangar checking in Welfare stores, ably assisted by members of the Heavy of the UNFICYP Flight, AAC, are Corporals Herschell (left), from Hounslow, Middlesex, and Peter Crowe Exeter, Devon.

Suomen YK-pataljoonan esikunnan työpäivä alkaa päivittäisellä

briefingillä klo 8.00, jolloin esikunnan kaikki upseerit ovat koolla. Kuvas-

samme pataljoonan komentaja, eversti Jussi Jyrhämä on antamassa ohjeita

tulevaa päivää varten. Hän käsittelee myös edellisen päivän tapahtumat.

Briefingin jälkeen komentajan työpäivä jatkuu tavallisesti tarkastuskäyn-

neillä pataljoonan alueella eri yksiköissä ja vartiopaikoilla.

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ESIKUNNAN PAIVA



Kuvassa pataljoonan Ops A, majuri Hannu Sinivuori pitämässä tilanneselvitystä esikunnan upseeristolle. Kaikki pataljoonan alueella vuorokauden aikana sattuneet merkittävät yhtä hyvin kuin pienemmätkin tapahtumat, joilla saattaa olla merkitystä, käydään joka-aamuisessa briefingissä yksityiskohtaisen tarkasti läpi sekä yhdessä pohditaan, millaisiin toimenpiteisiin on aiheellista ryhtyä missäkin tilanteessa. Myös tiedustelu-upseeri, ylil S Edelman esittää briefingissä katsauksen tiedustelurintamalta. -Päivittäin pidettävän briefingin lisäksi on joka lauantai vielä ns. viikkobriefing, jolloin useilla eri sektoreilla työskentelevät upseerit luovat katsauksen kuluneen viikon tapahtumiin.



Huoltopäällikkö, majuri V Pajunen syventyneenä työpöydälle kertyneeseen paperiruuhkaan. Huollon järjestäminen on jo yksin kotimaassa tärkeä tehtävä, mutta erityisesti tällä saarella se monine erikoiskysymyksineen vaatii erityisen suurta tehtäviin paneutumista.

FINCON NEWS



Yön pitkät tunnit kuluvat hitaasti. Aika matelee. Kuvamme on pataljoonan hermokeskuksesta, operatiivisesta toimistosta, jossa tilannepäivystäjänä tällä kertaa on ylil S Karttunen. Vuorossa olevan tilannepäivystäjän tehtävänä on pitää pataljoonan johto jatkuvasti tapahtumien tasalla.

Vasemmalla näemme kiireisen herran. Hän on pataljoonan lomaupseeri, ylil Rauno Kirjavainen, jonka ihme kyllä satuimme tavoittamaan erään matkatoimiston edestä. Lomatoimistolla ja viihdytyspuolella yleensäkin on hyvin paljon työtä, ja tehtävien laatu on sellainen, ettei se tottele virka-aikoja.

CANCON VOLLEYBALL 'CHAMPS'



The Fort Garry Horse Recce Squadron won the Volleyball championship last week.

Front row, left to right: Sgts, Brian Baker, Pete Hagen and Amos Barclay; Back row, left to right: Sgt, Bill Williamson, Master Warrant Officer Bob Staney, Sgts, Bill Murray and Don Storms. Missing: Sgts Chuck Murdoch and Chuck Tutty.

MEDAL PRESENTATION



Captain P. (Pat) Austin receives the Cyprus United Nations medal from the Commander, Canadian Contingent, Colonel H. C. F. Elliot at a brief ceremony held this week. Captain Austin is Staff Captain "A" Administration for the Canadian Contingent.

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(Canadian Forces Photos)

A DEDICATED ARTIST



Corporal A.T. (Albert) Marr attached to the Quarter Master, Camp Maple Leaf received the award for the best individual project in the camp beautification programme held during the last few weeks. The programme provided CML personnel with a chance to display initiative and skills to make the Camp a little more eyeappealing and was very well received by the troops who spared no efort to outdo each other. The prize, ten pounds, was presented by the Officer Commanding Camp Maple Leaf, Major G.F. (George) Tibhetts

Corporal J. T. (John) McIntyre of the Pioneer Detachment (Maintenance and Construction) Camp Maple Leaf tries his hand at a "new piece of equipment" near the outskirts of Nicosia. This camel is the only one, or one of the very few camels left on the island and according to the Corporal it is doutbful if it will ever replace the jeeps or landrovers.

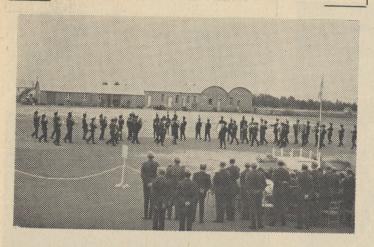


Cfn Pat Aylward, Victoria, B.C., carries out an inspection on a jeep at Camp Maple Leaf. Pat is attached to RCEME and is currently serving his second six-month tour in Cyprus.

THE DYING BREED



SOUNDING RETREAT



Last Wednesday the band, including Bugle Section, of the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, by kind permission of the CO, Lt Col F. E. Kitson, OBE, MC, sounded Retreat at HQ UN-

The ceremony which included a brilliant display of countermarching by the two sections was performed before a large appreciative crowd of the Headquarters staff and their guests who had braved the sudden cold spell.

Lt Gen A. E. Martola and Brigadier M. N. Harbottle, took the salute at the conclusion of the display.

SPORT BRIEFS

Walkabout Competition

Hearty congratulations to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets team of Captain Tim Taylor, Corporal John (Paddy) Sands and Rifleman Colin Gray, who were second to the RAF out of fifty-eight teams in the Walk-about Competition. Their time for the 48 mile course was 15 hours 38 minutes which was better than the record time set up by last year's winners.

As stated last week, this is an orienteering competition and comprised a walk from Episkopi to Troodos on Friday and the return walk on Saturday.

That only twelve teams finished is some indication of the stamina required, and the fact that the team from 'B' Squadron, 4th/ 7th Royal Dragoon Guards under Lt Simon Hicks finished tenth was no mean achievement.

Pte Boris Carlsson of the Swe-

dish Battalion now serving with

UNFICYP is a racing cyclist of

some renown in Sweden. Pte Carlsson has competed for Swe-

den in several international races

in Europe and Africa, his best

achievement being first place in the Grand Prix of the Benelux

mitted to exceed the baggage allowance on the aircraft. fore Pte Carlsson took his bicycle apart and managed to squeeze a wheel here and a handle-bar

When Pte Carlsson joined the army to serve in Cyprus he naturally had to bring his racingbicycle, which had to be shipped in parts to Cyprus. This was due to the fact that no member of the Swedish battalion was per-

was per-

Rugby 7's

Countries.

At Akrotiri on Saturday, 'B' Sqn 4/7 DG reached the final round of the competition; were beaten by 1 Kings Own Border Regiment 18 points to 3.

HQ UNFICYP also entered a team but were eliminated in the semi-final by the eventual winners of the tournament.

there into the kits of his colleagues.

In three weeks time Pte Carlsson is to rotate with the rest of the Swedish Battalion. The racing bicykle on which he has kept up his form while in Cyprus has to be dismantled again, unless he finds someone who would like to buy it.



SWEDOON MIC

A II the Signals sections of the different military forces in Cyprus have just completed a soccer tournament, competing for a silver cup set up a few years ago by Lt Col A. R. Wythe, Chief Signals Officer.

The Swedish team won the tournament by scoring a 2-1victory in the final match against the Austrian team. The Swedes played eight matches altogether and won seven, one ending in a draw. The team scored 30 goals and only four balls got behind

the Swedish goalkeeper Lennart Öhgren.

Photograph below shows Mrs Wythe presenting the cup to the captain of the winning Swedish team, Pte Anders Sjöstand. In the centre is 1/Lt Lars-Gunnar Holmquist. Signals Officer of the Swedish Battalion.



NICOSIA AIRPORT OPENED

RULES FOR NIGHT DRIVING

1) Dip your headlights when driv-

ing in built up areas. 2) Dip your headlights when

meeting other vehicles or when following another vehicle.

3) If an approaching driver fails to dip, do not fight glare with glare.

4) Look at the left hand side of the road when meeting another vehicle and avoid looking directly at the headlight of the oncoming vehicle.

5) Never understimate bad weather conditions.

Nicosia International Airport's new building was officially opened by His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios on Wednesday

Just a few yards along the road from HQ UNFICYP, the residents of the Headquarters now have a grandstand view of the arriving and departing aircraft which are having the effect of rousing the inmates at odd times in the night.

Shortly before the opening, a Sioux of the UNFICYP Flight AAC, flew over the new building for a preview.

