ROAD SAFETY WEEK SET FOR 17-24 JUNE

AN UNFICYP ROAD SAFETY WEEK INVOLVING ALL FORCE VEHICLES will be held island-wide from 1200 hours 17 June to 1200 hours 24 June. This important event, aimed at reducing traffic accidents and driving offences within UNFICYP, has been organised by the UNFICYP Road Safety Committee.

Defensive driving on the part of every UNFICYP driver is the main theme of the Road Safety Week. In this connection, the Committee has informed the BLUE BERET that there will be intensive UN speed traps and observations carried out during this period. Consequently, drivers are cautioned to drive according to the CYPRUS Highway Code, with particular attention to speed limits in and out of built up areas.—with special care taken concerning the right of way of pedestrians.

Remember, it takes two to make an accident, don’t be one of them!

FINCON Observes Finnish Defence Forces Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of the Finnish Defence Forces was celebrated yesterday with solemn military ceremonies organised by the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The main body of the Finnish UNFICYP Battalion lined up in front of HQ Nicosia East District in the eastern part of Nicosia at 9.00 sharp. The Force Commander, Lt Gen A.S. Martola, inspected the troops together with the Battalion OC, Col J.A. Jyrhämä.

The Force Commander then spoke to the troops, in Finnish. In his address, General Martola surveyed the fifty-year history of the Finnish Defence Forces and emphasized the new and valuable task they have been called to undertake—peacekeeping within the framework of United Nations operations.

Following the Commander’s address, FINCON troops performed a march past which was reviewed by the Force Commander and Col. Jyrhämä from a reviewing position on Lytra Street. The parade force consisted of 36 officers, 76 NCO’s and 220 other ranks. The ‘parade music’ was provided by the 1st Durham Light Infantry Band.

Among other ceremonies organised for this occasion, was a reception offered by the Commander of the Finnish (Continued on p. 8)

S-G’s Special Representative, Force Commander Leav For N.Y.

The Special Representative in Cyprus of the Secretary General, Mr. B. F. Oorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.A. Martola, leave Nicosia today for a visit to UN Headquarters in New York in connection with the preparation of the report which the Secretary-General will submit to the Security Council before it meets later this month to consider the extension of UNFICYP’s mandate. Both UN officials are expected to return to Cyprus at an early date, although it is probable that Mr. Osorio-Tafall will remain in New York until the Security Council meets.

Last week the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery celebrated its 113th birthday. To mark the occasion, a special birthday party, with cake of course, was held at the Coeur de Lion Officers’ Mess in Kyrenia. The guest of honour and charged with the cutting of the cake was His Excellency T. Wainman-Wood, Canadian High Commissioner (right). With him are Lt Col R.P. Bourne, senior member of the Regiment on the Island (left) and Col H.C.F. Elliot, Commander Canadian Contingent. (Story and picture page 7)
PAULUS I PAPHOS

Apostolen Paulus, som nådde brev og reiser, var født i Tarsus i Lillehien, ligg mer for spissen av halvøen Karpazi i den nordøstlige ende av Cypern. Han var fødd i fædre og onskfødde kjelvedende med Jesus. Det siges at han var udtalt som trømmerm, men noen tyder på at han var av sosialt familie, så han behavde nok ikke å leve av si handelsverk.

Men så ruler Paulus sig ud og sommeren, det er det jord: "Det prøver jeg, fuld av flup og fokus, fjende av alt, hvad der er ret! Herrens hånd skal komme over dig, og du skal blive blind!". Omsider skvla, omgivelsene kastes over blinde og fjendere for å få vinden til å sette sig ind. Men da skulderen så denne, troede han, slået af forordning over Herrens lære.


Blandt blikks mange bevisninger om omvendelse er dette den første, hvor de drager sig som en hjælpeforståelighed, og Cypern bliver allerede det første land i verden med en kristen skulder.

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I en spørsmål skriver en fra Kalmar i en brev til Paulus: "Hvordan kan man få barn og reise i Cypern?". Da Paulus har nådd brev og reiser, er det en nødvendig tilbagetracé for en ledende på Cypern.

Seks regimentskamrater fra B-kompaniet stod ressvert ved konstabel Giselse høre. Efter højtidsfulden har de samme seks kostet til den rentende landrover.

TV harnast?

BATALJONEN PÅ SCEN OG I RADIO

Det er vokalden i dag at bataljonen på scen og i radio.

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I veckodagen fikk bataljonen 40 C tilfelle å vise sine framføtter under undervisning underholdning, og trots at det låt som om at ikke en "allmenn mobilisering" av forsvaret, så hidør det godt for framtidens. De finansieringen som draadtil Carl Gustaf Camp på borgskålen var glad og oppslaget. Glada og oppsluppet var også de avsats av civilpoletterne, som bør finansiere sig til Cypern radio for inspilning av radioprogrammet som sedd på søndag kveld.

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Nedat: Det blev ganske paquet fremsatt mikrofonen i studioen på Cyperns radio, når politikere samtalde og börjede med sitt program.
PIEBAND BROTHERS

Sixteen years ago, a young man presented himself for the enlistment in Cork. He was accepted and accepted and trained, and in due course of time was posted to 4 Inf Bn in that City. Half of the old Cork City Pipe Band, the compelling wall of the battalion pipes was a familiar sound and now, after being applied for admission and soon was one of its outstanding members.

Such was the enthusiasm of a Nigerian Brass and Reed Band in a once-in-a-lifetime rendering of the "Ting Mints".

Another incident that still tickles Bill's fancy occurred on the occasion of a trip by the band from Goma to Leopoldville. The members of the Band in buses, taxis and water transport, black handymen had a routine deploring at Stanleyville but when the natives there, took at the best of times were the peculiarly clad military arriving they developed an "invasion" complex and only the almost inexpressible "hurry up on the hastily grabbed pipes saved the band from being mobbed. Ironically the tune played on that occasion was -- "The Dawning of the Day".

Danny has his memories of the Congo too and the one he is not likely to ever forget had nothing to do with pipe-playing. During the fighting in Elisabethville, while playing a supporting role in the infantry, he, with two other bandsmen, were captured and taken to Jadotville where for 6 long and tension-filled weeks they were hidden with many others were held prisoner and he wasn't even allowed his drum with him for company.

But there is another honour which Bill O'Sullivan can claim -- he is amongst the first group of recipients to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, five others of whom are serving with the 10 Inf Bn. and whom more shall be heard presently.

IRCON NEWS

One glance at his orderly well-kept documentation is sufficient to indicate that "COMS, Billy King has not had an ill-spent youth of which, according to the old maxim, proficiency with the cue is proof positive. How proficient he is, COMS King proved lately when he won both the bidders and snooker titles in those monthly events run by the members of the WO's and Sgt's Mess at HQ UNFYCP, Vicela.

DESSERT RATS...?

What a Way to Go!

Widening the symbolic sex of the craftsmen -- so it is understood! -- was Sergeant Brian ('Pop') Manners from Todmorden, Yorks, who left for home last week and whose departure gave a further chance of live to UNFYCP Workshop. He was 'towed' out by some of his merry men who were so sorry to see him go that they gave him the soft ride in the bath-chair which Workshops always put into working condition for deserving cases.
KOIRAMAISTA

Tänään on turaa sokarikirjaistä vihannelistä koirasta. Koirat ovat ollut huomattavasti runsaasti tärkeitä eri aikoina, lähes jokaisella kulttuurilla ja monilla muilla mailla. Niitä on käytetty ympäri maailmaa erilaisissa taidoissa ja harjoituksissa.

Sokarikirjestöt valmistavat kaikenlaisia kirjoja koirista, joista joissakin kirjoissa on myös nähtävää asianmukaisia kuvia. Kirjat ovat olleet myös tärkeitä monilla eri asioilla, kuten terveydessä, tutkimuksessa ja poliittisessa yhteiskunnassa.

FINCON NEWS

VARMAA VIHAISTA

Kuvateltu sisältö kaanuksen

Kaikki koirat pitävät huonon huoltotarkoituksen. Tässä on esimerkki koirasta, joka on hyvin hoitava ja siitä tulee hyvä vihain.

Jää Jutunen, kaupunginvaltuutettu.
The photograph above was taken during the inter-denominational Pentecost service held at Salamis on Monday last. In it, the Reverend Mathews (RC of IRCOP) is seen reading a lesson. Behind him are grouped the padres of the other contingents.

UNIFICYP Contingents Join Pentecost Prayers

Following the success of UNIFICYP’s interdenominational Carol Service at Christmas last year it was decided to hold a similar Service in the amphitheatre at Salamis on the Day of Pentecost, Monday 3 June. The Service which began at 1900 hours was attended by the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, U Thant’s Special Representative in Cyprus.

Mr B.F. Osario Tafall and detachments from each major contingent, the Austrian Field Hospital, UNICYP and family members, totalling about 800. Music was provided by the Band of the 1st Battalion the Durham Light Infantry. The Service opened and closed with verses of the hymn “Onward Christian Soldiers” sung in English by the entire congregation. An address by the Force Commander was followed by hymns sung by each contingent in turn with lessons read by their padres. The service presented a most moving and colourful spectacle and as the evening light faded spot lights around the amphitheatre reinforced the soft light of the afterglow.

A recording of the entire service was made by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation and excerpts will be rebroadcast on the United Nations Programme on Sunday next (See Box).

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(Continued from page 1) The battalion in his official residence, which was attended by high UNIFICYP officials and military attaches of the foreign embassies in Nicosia who also viewed the anniversary parade.

At 12.00 hours, the joint festiva luncheon for all FINCON ranks was held in the dining hall of 1—Coy, FINCON. In the afternoon, a Finnish film — The Unknown Soldier — was screened at the Mimosa Cinema for members of the Finnish Battalion and their guests.

In the evening, Col Jyrhämä was host at a two-part reception — first for the NCO’s and later for the Officers of the Battalion.

Photographs of the festivities will be published in next week’s issue of BLUE BERET.

LIMASSOL MOTOR CLUB RALLY

Picture before the start of the rally — Lcpl Geoff Reynolds (left) from Dover and Cpl Ken (Toff) Dyer from Westcross, Swansea.

UNIFICYP Team Almost-------

The Limassol Motor Club in conjunction with the RAC, Cyprus AA and the British Army Motoring Association, recently held their Tiger Rally.

The rally was run over a distance of some 300 miles starting at 1830 hours from Limassol and scheduled to finish at Dhekelia in the early hours of next morning. The course from Limassol ran through the foothills of the Troodos mountains, south through Ktima, thence north, which took them back into the Troodos range, and to Nicosia and finally to Dhekelia.

There were twenty-four starters which included several types of civilian cars, Services staff cars and quarter-ton Landrovers from the Sovereign Base Areas — all except one from UNIFICYP which was driven by Lance-corporal Reynolds (UNIFICYP Workshop, REME), with Corporal Dyer (8 Squadron, RCT) as navigator. In such rallies, the navigation has to be very accurate as one mistake can add minutes to the all-important running-time.

Corporal Dyer told ‘Blue Beret’ that the roads were mostly more tracks leading up to Troodos and although murderous for small cars, their Landrover coped well. ‘Travelling along a winding track at about 40 mph, with a drop of 200 feet to one side can be quite breath-taking’, he said; a view shared by all drivers in Cyprus.

Unfortunately, the two NCO’s had to withdraw at the half-way stage due to an electrical fault in the dynamo, but they managed to nurse their way back to the Head quarters and were thoroughly worn out when they reached there!

Being keen, they went to Dhekelia next day to hear the results of the competition; they found in their chaplain that the organiser had cancelled the second half of the rally. Had they submitted their road card to the marshall at the end of the first half they would have topped the Landrover Class. (There must be a moral there!).

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