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U.S. PRESIDENT AFTER ASIAN TOUR:

World Yearns For Peace

“The message that comes from all over Asia and Easter Europe is that the people of the world want peace”, President Richard Nixon said on arriving in Britain on Sunday last on his way back to U.S. from a recent far-ranging visit to Asia.

The tour took the President through six Asian nations and also East-European Rumania, where he met with Communist President Nicolae Ceausescu.

In his statement made at the short stop over in Britain, President Nixon declared, that “it is the responsibility of leaders... to develop those policies that will reflect the deep yearning of people who want to be together rather than apart, to communicate rather than be denied an opportunity to know each other... It is this great goal to which we are dedicated”, President Nixon stressed.

Iceland and Norway Contribute To Unficyp

The Secretary-General, U Thant, in a communication to the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, makes it known that the Government of Iceland has decided to make a contribution of $3,000 in response to U Thant's later appeal for further voluntary contributions for the financing of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

The Secretary-General, U Thant, in a communication to the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, Edvard Hambo, has expressed his appreciation for the contribution of $120,406.02 made by the Government of Norway on 15th July towards the expenses of Unficyp.

Carnegie Seminar In Cyprus

The end of course seminar for International Peace has been during the week.

The students who come from Asia, were addressed by President Makarios, Mr Osorio-Tafall and leaders of both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

This has been the second time that the seminar took place in Cyprus the previous occasion being in 1966.

The course was held in two parts, one in the French language and the other in English.

The French course is held in Geneva at the Institute of High International Affairs and the students attend meetings at the UN Office in that city.

The English course is held at Columbia University in New York, where the students have the opportunity of attending a meeting of the UN at their Headquarters in the city.

The students who come from Africa, the Caribbean and Spain, were addressed by President Makarios, Mr Osorio-Tafall and leaders of both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

Sea Rescue By Cancoon Soldier

Cpl Russel Matthews (42) of Camp Maple Leaf, rescued a Greek Cypriot, Charalambos Neophytou (52) of Kato Deftera, from drowning at 51 Mile Beach in Kyrenia, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr Neophytou who was given artificial respiration by a doctor and admitted to hospital is expected to be discharged, fully recovered, on Wednesday.

RALPH BUNCHE TO VISIT UNIFICYP

Dr Ralph J. Bunche. Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs of the United Nations will pay a visit to UNIFICYP from 12 to 14 August.

During his stay he will meet with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Force Commander and also call on the authorities of the Republic.

Dr Bunche, who will be accompanied by his wife and daughter will arrive from Beirut on Tuesday 12 August and leave for Athens on 14 August.

Memorial Service For Sergeant L. J. Thomas

A memorial service was held on Wednesday 30 August at Australian Unficyp Sergeant L.J. Thomas of New South Wales. Sgt Thomas was killed in a traffic accident in Cyprus on 26 July.

The Worcestershire Regt Padre, The Rev. Peter Clewett conducted the service at St. George's Church at Berengaria. The ceremony was attended by the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola and the Police Adviser, Chief Supt G. Davidson as well as by members from all the Unficyp elements among others.

A Unficyp Unied soldier march up at Berengaria in honour of their lost comrades. (Pic. above).

Correction

The Blue Beret of 30th July included an article on UNTSO in the Middle East. This named various countries which provided observers to the Truce Supervision Organisation.

It is interesting to note that several of the nations that provide forces for UNIFICYP also provide observers for UNTSO. They are: Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Sweden.
HVA' LAVER SPEJDERNE?


DRIVERS CORNER


DANCON-personene tifte og glemte framtidssikkerheten til atthold sig over gatene og flyttet inn i kassen, så det var det som ble det. Startene ble reist i en rekke, men noen av dem fikk det noye i øyet. (Billedet ovenn.)

DAGS FØR FOTBOLLEFINAL

Famagusta - basar i dagarna tre

Første Kriges Gjelderhytten finner bolde det og det meddele aktører besøkte på jordens i Famagusta i flotte veckan. Også det gjorde hans kamerater også, når de besøkte den festivall som oppnådde den 1 august og pågikk i dagarna tre med parader, minnesmale og markeringer. (Billedet ovenn.)

SOL OCH BAD

för FN-soldatens fritidstimmar


Hans Gitz håller radiokontakt med C.G. Camp, medan kamraterna ur första vakgruppen utarv i Medelhavets väg. (Bild.)

SUNDAGS RADIO

för Cypern-svenskar

Ett nytt svenska FO-magneten sändes på söndag över Cypern Radio (CRB), nårmere bestämt kl. 1330 - 1337. Innehållet är i skrivande stund inte färdiglagt, men det kan veta FN-svensk ställa information över om genom att på söndagmidnatt "ratta" in på m. 600 t. På eterhamnda!

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

Med de flesta minska skatter en lag快速 led en svensk FN-soldat i Lesantens högar. (Mitten.)

Dagen F närmar sig, F som i fotboll, F som i final. På fredag spelar den i Famagusta. Unckyp-fotbollens seriella mellan Dancon och Swedcon. Så var det också. Informal har svenska laget avancerat till andra plats i tabellen genom förra veckans vinst över Queen's Own Hussars med belopp 7-2. Men ändå till det nu till en verklig svensk nödning. Dancon har nämligen inte bara två poäng förlorat utan också en kraftig översikt av mål när starrtagan gick för förmlångs." (Bildet form.)

Startetens - KS K.B. Kendus

En viktig träff i den avancerande staden, meden Dancon och Swedcon i en viktig serie. Och det gjorde hans kamerater också, når de besøkte den festivall som oppnådde den 1 august og pågikk i dagarna tre med parader, minnesmale og markeringer. (Billedet ovenn.)
Unficyp Falling Plate and Tug of War Competition

The codeword 'LIMERICK AVENGED' sent over the radio link to their base in Lefka District was a clear indication of the jubilation of the Unficyp spectators on their teams fine win in the Falling Plate competition. This was organised by 1 Wore R and took place on the Pilemedha Range. Teams from Britcon, Ircan, Cancon, Fincor, Dancor, Swedencor and HQ Unficyp participated and competition was fierce.

An indication of the high standard of shooting was given when, in the first round Ircan beat Dancor in the very fast time of 26.9 seconds, their first volley accounting for no less than six plated. In another first round match Cancon who fired well in practice were surprisingly beaten by Fincor who eventually emerged as Bronze Medal winners. A very commendable performance by them.

At the first round ended it was obvious that the two teams that were Ircan and 1 Wore R. Although the Wore R spectators had not recorded a very fast time they were some 8 seconds faster than their opponents in the second round. HQ Unficyp. This round almost spells doom for the "Paddies" when that dread of all Falling Plate teams "a Side-on plate occurred. However, hardly had the grounds of their supporters subsided when it was confidently dispelled. It did however slow down their shot and they recorded a time of 38.5 seconds. In their next round 1 Wore R cut their previous time of 21.4 seconds by over a second. So the scene was set for a final between 1 Wore R and Ircan.

Wine Tasting Evening at HQ Unficyp Sergeants Club

The atmosphere was electric as the preliminaries were carried out and from the drooping of the starters flag it was obvious that it was Ircan who got the first round away. Both first volleys were poor and accounted for little, but in their second volley Ircan almost cleared the shelf and it was to give them victory by a margin of only one plate. A fitting climax to a very well organised competition. In the final of the losers competition Cancon beat QOS to salvage some of their reputation albeit in the rather slow time of 41.2 seconds.

TOP LEFT: 1 Wore R 88 Stone team. Going. Going...

RIGHT: Door Saymou, 1 Wore R receives his Tug of War medal from Lt Col R.E.A. Leman.

Ircon Win Unficyp Falling Plate

At Pilemedha, 29 July 1969 Ircon's Rifle Team, pictured shortly after winning the Inter Contingent Rifle Shooting competition by defeating Dancon in the first round, gaining a narrow but well deserved win over Fincor in the Semi-Final and beating 1st Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment (British Army Major Unit Champions for the last two years) in the Final. Ircon had the two fastest times in the competition. 26.9 seconds in the first round and 27.0 seconds in the Final.

Commandant Ted Russell who trained the Ircon team has been associated with shooting teams for the past 28 years. When asked to comment, he stated, "This was the competition we wanted to win, the competition of the Soldier-SHOOTING".

Congratulations to the Groups' Rifle Team. Winners of the 'Falling Plate' Competition.

MEDAL PRESENTATION TO 12 INF GROUP

A Ceremonial Parade was held recently in Xeros at which UN Service Medals were presented to members of Ircon who had completed the required three months service on the Island. Approximately 45% of the members of 12 Inf Group were eligible for medals the remainder having already had at least one previous tour of duty in Cyprus.

The parade is formed up to await the arrival of the Force Commander Lieut Gen A E Martello.

Accompanied by the parade Commander Comdt D. Quinn, Gen Martello inspects the troops on parade. During the inspection the Pipe Band played a selection of Irish music.

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"THE OPS EMPIRE"

The United Nations mission in the Kyrenia District of Cyprus is the responsibility of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles in Beil in, and his 2a Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment of the Citizens in Quebec City. The patrol and observation activities of the French-speaking unit are controlled from the Command Post, located at Camp Maple Leaf.

Operated on a 24-hour schedule, the CP staff co-ordinates and records the movements of the battalion’s Observation Company, the Reconnaissance Platoon, Reserve Company and the operational function of the Austrian Civil Police organization. The Command Post provides regular briefings for staff officers of the Canadian Contingent, and special ones for new arrivals from Canada and military and civilian volunteers. It’s staff also prepares written reports for UNFICYP Headquarters. It can be regarded as the nerve-centre of the Canadian Contingent, Colonel Beilie commended, ‘it’s staffed by experts in the field of Infantry operations and planning’.

PREPARING FOR A BRIEFING. (L to R) Captain Greff Meyer, Warrant Officer Normande Lacoste and Captain Chris Caniff. Verbal reports are supported by a detailed map and cloth model of Kyrenia District.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. (Left to right) Corporal J.I. N. Charest, Sergeant J.K. Bradley and Corporal P. St. Louis.

Clean Sweep at Polemedhia

The light and heavy tug-of-war teams of the 2a Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment captured first places in two competitions held at Polemedhia July 25.

The light team defeated the British Contingent to establish their win, while the heavy team out-pulled the British and headquarters UNFICYP.

CP DUTY OFFICERS. (Left) Lieutenant Ronald Gagnon and Captain Claude Arnaud.

WELCOME ABOARD

WELCOME ABOARD. Sergeant Ed Ihn, navigator, naval photographer from Canada’s West Coast, arrives in Cyprus as a replacement for Sergeant Rolle Mabeux (right), who has been the Canadian Contingent Photographer for the past six months. The Piper (his first experience at such thing) is Sergeant Clarence Eaves of the Canadian Postal Corps.

Viimeisin kertaa YK:n "viileillä". Miehiä ihmeillen ja kantamiseen eivät päästä.

Missä on pallo?

Cancon Tug of War Winners

POLEMEDHIA EVENTS
Summary of Results:
FALLING PLATE
1. IRCON 27.9 Secs
2. 1 WORC R 28.1 Secs
3. FINCON
1ST ROUND LOSERS
1. CANCON
2. 1 WORC R
3. FINCON
1ST TUG OF WAR
100 Stone Match
1. CANCON
2. HQ UNIFICYP
3. 1 WORC R
88 Stone Match
1. CANCON
2. 1 WORC R
A GOOD PULL, BUT NO! The 1 WORC R 100 stone team made a good match in the Tug of War competition but still finished third after Cancon and HQ Unifyp. (Below).

Historic Irish Hurling Meet
On Wednesday 30 July a hurling team from Ircon met a team from 1 Battalion Irish Guards in a historic match at Dhekelia. This was in fact, the very first time that The Irish Guards met a team from the Irish Army in a sports event!
The 1 Rn Irish Guards, who come from Northern Ireland, are presently on a training tour to Dhekelia.

Our picture (right) shows a situation from the historic match, which the Irish Guards (striped shirts) lost to Ircon. Results were: Ircon 3 goals and 8 pts; Irish Guards 1 goal and 3 pts. — Photo by Georges der Partoghi, UPI.

Unificyp Football Final Follows This Week
The Unificyp Football League is coming close to its end. Most contingent teams have only one more match to play. And Dancon is still in the lead! The latest soccer results (see below) give a hint that the Danish Contingent players may be the "Champs" again.
The Unificyp final, between Dancon and Swedcon, will occur on Saturday 9 August in the Old City of Famagusta. Let's go and cheer!

First goal for Queen's Own Hussars in their latest match versus Swedcon on Friday last. However, Swedcon won the football match with 7 goals to 3. (Below).

Mrs Sylvette Fissentzides, picture below has recently joined the Unificyp Office of Public Information at Wolseley Barracks in Nicosia. Mrs Fissentzides was born in Paris and has now her home in Cyprus.

UNIFICYP SOCCER LEAGUE
(Results as at 4th August 1969)

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