LACK OF FORESIGHT.....

UNIFICYP ORGANIZES SECOND ROAD SAFETY WEEK

An UNIFICYP Road Safety Week involving all vehicles of the Force will be held from 1200 hrs, 13 November to 1200 hrs, 20 November.

This important event follows soon after the Safety Week of September last in an effort to improve upon its success and to impress upon new members of the Contingents the paramount importance of safe driving in Cyprus.

When you realise that during the past 31 years only one UN Soldier has been killed directly in the course of peacekeeping operations yet 31 have been killed and 775 injured in traffic accidents the moral is clear. You are careful enough in handling your weapons, why not your vehicle also, it can be equally as lethal.

The motto for the last safety week was "Defensive Driving" for this one it will be "Foresight". It is the duty of every road user to read the road ahead, to judge its speed, the position of his vehicle in relation to other, and to indicate his intentions early so that there is plenty of time and space to cope with any emergency.

The UN Road Safety Committee has informed the Blue Beret that special checks will be carried out to monitor speed, courtesy and driving techniques during the week.

KING OF NEPAL ADDRESSES UN BODY

In an address to the UN General Assembly last Monday afternoon, King Mahendra of Nepal said that his country's faith in the United Nations remained unshaken despite its failure to do all that small countries wished it would. He felt that the UN had been able to develop a world consensus against evils such as colonialism, imperialism and racism. These had not been eliminated, but mankind's moral judgement was against them.

ASSEMBLY HOLDS OFF ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

The President of the UN General Assembly, Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu (Romania), said at a luncheon press conference in New York last week that the Assembly was not yet in a position to resume its deliberations on the Middle East since efforts to find a solution acceptable to all parties were still going on.

Mr. Manescu said consultations of the past three weeks had been generally useful, but that the problem was still difficult and a solution had not been found.

In answer to a question, the Assembly President said a resolution acceptable to all parties should take into account the right of every State in the region to existence and development, the region's security, renunciation of territorial gains acquired by force, and the need for a climate in which the problems of 20 years standing, could be solved.
BILDE: N. Sandberg
Villevågskredsløbet - Tommy Nordin, Sollefteå.
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF VISITS IRCON

On Tuesday 30th October Col H.C.F. Elliot (CANCOM, Deputy Chief of Staff UNIFICTP) and Lt Col I.P.F. Bruden-Petersen (DAMCON, Chief Operations Officer UNIFICTP) visited 9 Inf Gp. On arrival at Group Headquarters at Xerias, the visitors were welcomed by Lt Col M.J. Murphy and the Group staff.

In the forenoon the party visited the Officer Mess, the Map Room, the Operations Section, the Intelligence Section and the Observation Post and visited the Observation Post at Limnaria. After lunch in the officers’ Mess at Xerias, the tour continued with a visit to the Kokkina area, where Kukukina and many of the Observation Posts were visited.

At the conclusion of the tour the visitors were entertained in the Officers’ Mess at Xerias, the officers mess at Xerias Camp.

BRITCON NEWS

THE GREENJACKETS SETTLE IN: DUKES BOW OUT

A 10540 hours on Saturday, 13th November, the last batch of officers and men of the 1st BN The Royal Greenjackets touched down at Akrotiri. Within a few hours they had dispersed to positions in the Limassol area where the battalion had been settling in since Tuesday last.

The last of the Dukes left the same night at 2310 hours on board for Okinoshima in the British Army of the Rhine area. There they will be reunited with their families, who remained there during the battalion’s stay in Cyprus and who are expected to arrive in time to join their units. The photography show a few aspects of the Greenjackets settling in also a glimpse of the outgoing Dukes.

IRCON NEWS

Col H.C.F. Elliot, Deputy Chief of Staff UNIFICTP, went on an official visit to IRCON, by Lt Col I.P.F. Murphy, OQG 9 Inf Gp. Included left to right Lt Col I.P.F. Bruden-Petersen, Chief Operations Officer HQ UNIFICTP and Comdt W. Doherty, OC ‘C’ Coy, 9 Inf Gp.

Preparing the hams brocks for Halloween at Xerias Camp, (L to R) Cpl Eddie Hearn, Cpl Joseph Maguire and Pte Jerry Kelly.

Work on the wintertisation programme progressed at the Number of the Engineer Section. (9 Inf Gp.) (L to R) Sgt Sam Richardson, Pte Sam Pepper, Pte John Marum, Pte William Finn and Pte Don McGrother.

Whilst the Greenjackets complete debussing, men of the Dukes look expectantly at the transport that will take them from Kiphanos back to base. A few hours later they had left Cyprus in the Chester aircraft for the impending bittersweet winter of Western Germany.

The advance party of the Greenjackets patrol at Kiphanos return to the compound and display interest at the ‘Dukes’ sign showing that they have not quite changed over.

SOCCER

Finding four reserves, HQ UNIFICTP were beaten 6-1 by RAF Argonauts at RAF Akrotiri on Wednesday 1 November. Argonauts were soon on the attack, using the long ball, and were struggling throughout the game, scoring goals in the first half and did well to keep the score down to 3-0.

The same pattern emerged in the second half, with HQ UNIFICTP getting a consolation goal scored by Curran. With a very limited number of players to select a team from, HQ UNIFICTP are finding this League Cup too strong for them.

WANTED: An appeal in this edition for books to be distributed to men in Cyprus occupied by the newly-arrived battalion. Please hand any books to either Padre Vokes or the MPH’s office, who will arrange distribution.
MIINALLE KAIVELTAA PAIKKAA OIKEIN KORKEEHKELLI. ATLAS COPERN
KABRINON JÄÄL. JOKAISIN JÄÄK LEPPÖÖN AVUSTAMAN.

MINNA RYHKYYTÄN VEAHASTA SISÄLTÖSTÄ. ATLAS COPERN
KABRINON JÄÄL. JOKAISIIN JÄÄK LEPPÖÖN AVUSTAMAN.

KATSELE EETEINPÄIN

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ta, ajoneuvolahkuin ja koksihimmellä
tavullista tarkemmin, sillä rauho-
turvajoukon kaikkia ajoneuvoja
koekaan liikenne- ja lierrutusliit- 
vikoja vahvistaa liikkujia. 20-20 tältä

Viikon tarpeellisesta on tar-
peettä hyvää esimerkkijoelmassa:
koko kiljaa ja puoliveteraani
rahaa, aikuisuudenvaihdon

FINCON NEWS

A YOUNG FRIEND — Sgt John MacQueen, a member of
the Royal Platoon of HQ Company, of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch,
passes to make friends with a youngster of the Red Cross childrens
hospital in Kyrenia. Canadian soldiers are frequent visitors at the
hospital and support its operations with cash donations raised in
CANCON.

OTTAWA SOLDIERS — Two soldiers from Canada’s capital
recently met at an outpost in Kyrenia district. Col Coia Bower
(left), a member of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch, shakes hands at
interest to Tsg Chuck Mills, a member of the reconnaissance squa-
tron, Fort Garry Horse. The families of both men live in Ottawa.

OLIVE BRANCHES — Pre Jim Walsh inspects ripening olives
on trees near his outlook near Tumbull village in Kyrenia district.
The olive is an important crop throughout the island and UN
patrols often accompany pickers taking part in the harvest.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

His Excellency Bishop Fran-
cis J. Spence, Auxiliary Bishop
(RC) Canadian Forces, and Air
Commander J.P. Davidson, Chal-
lege General (RC), arrived in Ni-
tria on Monday for a two-day visit
with CANCON personnel.

They were met at the airport by
Col H.C.F. Elliott, commander of
CANCON, Lt Col W.J. Newlands,
commander of Kyrenia District,
Major Roger Strawbridge, DAA
and Y Tub, and Major J.N.M.

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Bishop Spence and Air Com-
mander Davidson called on His Ex-
cellency T. Watson-Wood, Cap-
adian High Commissioner in Cy-
pus, and Lt Gen A.G. Martin, the
UN Force Commander. They also
visited Canadian UN outposts and
served at Camp Maple Leaf with
donations from other UN contin-
iments.
HQ. UNIFICYP DOWNS RAF GLADIATORS

HQ UNIFICYP's rugby team gained an easy victory in winning by five tries, one drop goal and one conversion to no reply against Gladiators, Episkopi of RAF Nicosia on Saturday 4 November.

Mobility and wholehearted endeavour worried the Gladiators into making many errors. HQ UNIFICYP opened their account with a try by Burditt in the fifth minute after a good run by Tamato. From difficulty angle Evers failed to convert.

HQ UNIFICYP kept the Gladiators on the defensive for 95% of the game with Tamato a constant headache to the Gladiators with many a fine run that split the Gladiators defence wide open. Tamato increased HQ UNIFICYP's lead with a try that appeared to have been knocked on, but the referee allowed the try to stand.

HQ UNIFICYP in the first half lost too many heels against the head but no doubt with more match play together they will rectify this fault. HQ's Captain, Soulsby exhorted his pack to further deeds and they responded with a try by Fennell.

Half time score 9-0.

HQ UNIFICYP kept up the pressure in the second half and increased their lead further still with an excellent drop goal by Fennell. Tamato was again prominent with his runs and HQ UNIFICYP scored again when Tamato broke through some clumsy attempts at cover and caught the Gladiators defence flat-footed by cross-kicking to the left for Hemcock to score an easy try.

McClusky completed the Gladiators tale of woe with a try in the last minute. Fennell converted.

Although it is early days, HQ UNIFICYP appear to have a compact and able XV. Apart from losing too many heels against the head they sorely need a player able to convert. The defence is solid and it will take a very good team to beat them.

Wanted: Second row forwards. Contact Maj Soulsby, RCT.

AUSTRALIA, DENMARK CONTRIBUTE TO UNIFICYP OPERATIONS COSTS

Australians and Danes have made further voluntary contributions to help meet the operations costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

In a note sent to the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, by the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, Australia said that it was making a voluntary cash contribution of 100,000 US dollars to help meet UNIFICYP expenses for the six-month period ending 26 June 1967.

Denmark, in a letter sent to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, Mr Otto Borch, said it had decided to make a further contribution of 120,000 dollars to help meet UNIFICYP costs for the period ending 26 December 1967. The amount is to be placed with a bank account in Denmark "as offset against expenses paid by the Danish authorities in connection with the Danish contingent to UNIFICYP", the letter says. Mr Borch further notes that his Government "has taken this decision without prejudice to its attitude on the principle of collective financial responsibility for United Nations Operations of this nature".

UNCIVPOL CLUB TOASTED

THE Prince of the Netherlands was awarded last week the Nansen Medal for outstanding services rendered to the cause of refugees, in recognition of his leadership of the European Refugee Camp Council, which raised 18 million dollars for refugees in Africa and Asia.

In accepting the medal at a ceremony at the Palais des Nations attended by Swiss authorities, the diplomatic corps, senior international officials, representatives of voluntary agencies active in refugee work and representatives of committees which organised the twenty-country drive last year, the Prince made the first public disclosure of the proceeds of the campaign.

The drive, campaign began on United Nations Day, 24 October 1966, which had been dedicated to the cause of refugees by the General Assembly of the United Nations. Seventeen European countries - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Leichtenstein, Luxembourgh, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia acted simultaneously, to get the money raised in Australia and New Zealand. Sweden held its drive in the spring of this year.

The Nansen Medal is named after Fridtjof Nansen, the first League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who won refugee and famine relief work in Europe in the period following the First World War.

CONGO URGES ACTION ON "MERCENARIES"

The Democratic Republic of the Congo urges that foreign mercenaries have entered into the southern part of her territory from Portuguese-controlled Angola and appealed to the UN Security Council to meet in order to deal with this incursion.

UN MOVES TO INCREASE ITS WORK ON OUTER SPACE USES

The United Nations General Assembly now meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, last week unanimously approved recommendations by its Main Political Committee for growing international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

One resolution calls for continuance of existing programs and enquiries, and launching of new ones, in fields such as weather forecasting, communications, and navigation aids with the help of satellites.

The resolution urges the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work on an international agreement on liability for damage caused by outer space vehicles, and another on aid to be furnished to astronauts in distress. It also asks the Committee to press ahead with efforts to define just where space begins, and to study the technical feasibility of communications by direct broadcasts from satellites.

Another resolution urges the widest participation in next year's International Conference in Vienna on the exploration and the peaceful uses of outer space - particularly on the part of under-developed countries.