The year 1972, now drawing to a close, has been eventful and encouraging for UNFICYP, in many ways. The Secretary-General's visit to us in June was a memorable landmark with a most welcome impetus on events in Cyprus, which assisted us greatly in carrying out our role. The reactivation of the intercommunal talks has also been an important development of the year, as emphasized in the Secretary-General's Report for the mandate just concluded. The conscientious and sustained efforts of the members of the Force, both civilian and military, and the admirable devotion to duty displayed by each one of you has ensured that no major incidents occurred in spite of tension and sensitivity from time to time. Further, one of the most encouraging aspects has been the fully integrated manner in which members from so many nationalities have continued to work together towards achieving the aims of the United Nations in Cyprus. I cannot thank you enough for the splendid manner in which you have participated in the Team, and I do so with the firm conviction that you will continue to give your best towards serving the noble cause of international peace and security. To have this opportunity of making a personal and direct contribution to the service of peace is for us a unique privilege and an honour indeed. Let us do so with the hope and the prayer that the mandate which has just commenced will bring lasting peace and prosperity for Cyprus.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

The Principal Information Officer with UNFICYP, Mr. Jean Bock has left after more than three years of service in Cyprus. At the same time, Mr. Bock is retiring from the service of the United Nations having served here since the 27th March 1946. Over the years, Mr. Jean Bock has seen service in UN HQ, New York, Greece, Indonesia, the former Belgian Congo, Austria, Geneva, Turkey, Israel and Brazil. Mr. Bock is now going to settle down in Geneva. Those who know the PIO will known that he will find ways to enable UN to benefit further from his experiences, gained during more than 26 years in the International service.

The end of the year provides an appropriate opportunity for a review of past endeavours and for rededication to the tasks that lie ahead. The year that is drawing to a close, although not an easy one, has seen interesting developments. New initiatives have been taken to find a solution to the Cyprus problem and the first meeting of the reactivated intercommunal talks was held in Nicosia on 8 June 1972 in the presence of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. These talks are still in progress and we continue to hope that through them a solution to the Cyprus problem will be found. As the Secretary-General has pointed out in his recent report to the Security Council on the United Nations operation in Cyprus, UNFICYP has a special responsibility to assist in finding peaceful solutions to the problems that may affect intercommunal relationships while these talks are continuing. This is a task which, I am sure, the Force will willingly accept and discharge in the same manner as it has carried out its other responsibilities. In this connexion, I should like to associate myself with the remarks made by the Secretary-General in his report to the Security Council when he paid tribute to the exemplary efficiency and the devotion with which the members of the Force have carried out the important task assigned to them under the Security Council resolutions.

In conveying to you my heartfelt congratulations for your devoted services in the cause of peace in Cyprus during 1972, may I extend to you and your families my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, in 1973.
ALLE SKIFFER!
Det er jo kun et par av observa-
tionsposterne, der ligger ved ve-
jkantene.
Til Ny Selmanni kan man køre.
Men så går toget heller ikke lenger.
Alle skiffer.
Til edel eller gåben. Og andet
klarer nok turen bedt, selv om
den har mens at slebe på.
På billetter ser man endestasjonen
på linien Limnita — Selmanni.
Overkommand 5.0. København spill-
er auxilierer.
Overseargent C.H. Nielsen og korpsal
H.E.K. Rasmussen er vist degradert til portræter.
Når man er medlem af Drivers Club, ser det til, at man har
vise forudsætninger for at ligne en
stationstjener.

FORGE COMMANDER PÅ BESØG
Tidligere den 12. dec. afholdt Forge Commander Majorgeneral
Ronald Chan, sit første besøg hos Danish 13.
Generallen ankom pr. helikopter
til observatiosposten Kokkina West, sammen med sin svenske adjut-
ant og sin danske O-officer, major Jørgens Christensen.
På Kokkina West blev generellen modtaget af Chef-Dancom og Chen-
en For Le Kompagni og Delen-
føreren for Kokkina Camp.
Efter en kort høring gik turen videre til Loutros og derfra til
Limnita-leiren.
Fra Limnita gik turen til Xeros,
hvor Chef-Dancom og kontingentets
O-officer gav en rejseafgivelse for
situationen i Le Ka Distrakt.
Efter denne var generalen tilv.
ved en forfriskning i officeremessen
hvor han hanikte det repre-
senterende for officerere og sorgeri.
Ved aftækkningen overvakte oberstløj-
nen Maatreglernaehandels
med valgprøvet: "Hveren dammrigt eller frygtomt.
Generallen uttrykte sine tilfred-
sned med den gennemførte, renlig-
hed og orden, han havde bemærket
overalt, ligesom han under besøget
var blevet overvæltet over, at næsten
alle kontorstolte og befladnings-
mænd uden en måde havde stået
med en engelde, når han havde
set sig.

Råder om at være en eller
anden, der sigter sig til sig selv: "Godt

MILITÆRPOLITISTATIONEN I XEROS
Forsynede vi informeret
med det dagligvævet for en observ-
ationspost hertil, sådan at vi
stod, at det er et af dålige ting, der
skal være fare for, at selvfølgelig
situationen kan blive kiler.
Men vi håber allerede at få brug for

det.
Det samme kunne man kalde
militærpolitistationen i den samme
bygning.
Vi kan hverken undgå den eller
undvære den. Men vi skulle ikke
ret gerne have meget at bruge den til.
Stationen har blandet mandskab,
en finn, en�ndere og to danskere

det er et meget roligt sted at
være, siger militærpoliti.
Man skal for eksempel tage sig
de halve folke mede i byen. Det er
e et problem i Norden og alle er/eles
byerne ved kysten, men ikke her.

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Major-General Press Chan bl
er på vagten på Kokkina West
kommend物质 Martin Mixal
Katten Parson er ligegyldig med de
finne spørgsmål.
Det ikke var mig, han talte til—så
gar vi spørger om, på at det er
ort, at sigt til de er og i mange til

faldes den bedste syg i mellem-
folkelig samarbejde.
Denne gang tillod programmeret
nu ikke, men næste gang Force
Commander kommer på besøg,
vil han komme rundt i samme
måder.

AAB MOD HOKALT HOLD
Den 13. december kl. 14.30 var
vi cirka 70 mand fra Danish til
fodbold i Famagusta, hvor det
dansk hold Aab spillede mod et lokalt
professionelt hold.
Seksem fiendte vores fremste
kamp, som blev opgivet førstesættet. de
forenede danske klubber

SITAT: "Hilbert Anne Bo Olsen, Johan Scandinavia, i populært bladet "Ore". Hendes pause blev taget af fotograferne.

Genfugt lucifirande hos Swedcon
Sita Hilbert Anne Bo Olsen, Johan Scandinavia, i populært bladet "Ore". Hendes pause blev taget af fotograferne.

Viktet angusten vakttor! Bo Hilbert Anne Bo Olsen kæmpes for en ny etalage i "Ore". Hendes pause blev taget af fotograferne.

NY MARKA
Från och med 1845/2020 kommer man på försök att servera sprit på privatmännen. Men att genomföra en så revolutionerande nyordning kräver vissa förändringar av nu-
varande månaden. Därför har man
exempelvis stängt bygga en ny marka! Just nu pågår avena och ngbrygget för fullt. Man startade i tidsåd och räknar med att vara kla-
a till lagom till detta. Nu som in-
ses kommer att ligga i emedel-
bar anslutning till privatmännen och den genseri skall förandras till
baru. På båda jobbar grabarnas med bottenplattan. Låg märk-
st av den att det är tids som jobbar. Dick Callenby och Lasse Åker-
mans, alla övriga tillhör ledighet-
skommitten.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos
SPORTS NEWS

We have taken a great interest in sport and have played a variety of sports augmenting ourselves with a variety of sports activities. On the field of play, some of the highlights of these are given below:

CRICKET

Having arrived during the middle of the Cricket season we were too late to enter any league. As a result, we played a variety of games against friends twice a week. We had a young side and numerous injuries, most notable of which being the loss of the team captain, Sgtn Mal Breen. We entered in the ESBA Minor League and are currently in the middle of the table of the Cricket League. Despite our ranking, it is hoped that the time we have played the game, we will move up the table.

VOLLEYBALL

As the team was only formed in our initial game in Sydney, we have never played the game together before. As a result, all the players have learnt to play and enjoy the game. We went about playing friendly against teams from the city. An unexpected highlight was for the first time in a Volleyball match, we managed to obtain a 3-2 defeat against the local team.

FOOTBALL

On the Football field, we have done fairly well, considering that we have a young side and numerous injuries, most notable of which being the loss of the team captain, Sgtn Mal Breen. We have attempted to improve the side with the addition of new players.

ATHLETICS

The Squadron have not done much on the Athletics field, we have continued to improve by taking part in the UN-Cup. The team that took part in the UN-Cup.

6TH SQUADRON ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT

36 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport

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Squadron Sergeant ‘Snoopy’ Barry Edwards

Squadron Sergeant ‘Dodgey’ Green and

Captain Bill Watts.

The day of departure is drawing closer, as the Advance Party leaves on 28 December and the Main Body on 5 January. We are now to be relieved by 38 Squadron RCT which join us in the UK. Probably now is the time to reflect on the last six months.

We have had a most interesting, fruitful and worthwhile tour. To the force, we have had a new experience with the men we shall all treasure.

The task of running the transport has been satisfying and made considerably easier by the cooperation of all our men. The friendship shown to us has been very welcome.

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It remains for me only to wish all our men and those with whom we dealt a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We know you can count on us to give 38 Squadron the same support and understanding over the next 6 months.

Corporal Brian Kay, Mr Andreas Papageorgiou (known as all “Chamati”) and Staff Sergeant Doug Koil.

Our own Squadron Club “The Wheel-End Inn” has been a great success and has been a focal point of much of our entertainment. To this club we have been happy to welcome the guest from the 13th Battalion the Parachute Regiment and the 3rd Battalion the Gurkha Rifles when based in Camp UNIFCYP. We have had them with many from the contingents and some nights with SBA Units resulting in reciprocation being offered.

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Wednesday 20th December

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The catering staff at Wolfe Tone Camp.

POSTMAN

At all times the unit postman is an important man but when a unit is moving overseas and personnel are separated from their families the importance is immense.

Corporal John McEvoy our postman is even busier than usual just now with Christmas approaching as the tradition of changing Christmas cards and presents with families and friends is a strong one. I hope it is as it is.

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**THE POPPY FAMILY**

Even a violent thunderstorm, which forced festivities indoors, did not dampen the spirit of international friendship prevailing throughout the entire day.

Susan and Terry Jacks — better known as The Poppy Family — will be singing their latest hit records at the Municipal Theatre, Niagara on 5 January 1973. Two concerts, an afternoon matinee and an evening performance, will be held.

Terry Jacks has just released his version of an old Buddy Holly hit "Jim Gonna Love You Too" which looks destined to be as big a hit as his first solo record "Concrete Sea". Susan Jacks will be releasing her first solo album within the next few weeks. Members of the Canadian Contingent will be among the first to see the live performance of these new numbers by one of Canada's most successful international recording groups.

"We appreciate that at this particular time of year members of the Armed Forces, who are serving overseas, feel a need for ties with home," said Robert H. Howkins, Q.C. President of Royal Canadian Air Force Association of Niagara Falls. "We thought it would be a good idea once again to give them a touch of Canada and the heat in entertainment at the same time."

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**TERVEISIÄ BEETLEHEMISTÄ**


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**FINCONE NEWS**

**AMPUJAT VARMOINA**

Fincote on hyökkäytä mielenkiintoista, kuten pystytteistä ampu- mataloista. Niemandensä minimitapauksessa, on tehty marssin. Niemandensä minimistä vastaa ollut kiinnostava, joten ne liikkovat kylän porille. Niemandensä minimistä vastaa joka käydään, joka käydään. -- Vastaan tulos mielellä...

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**FINCONIN YLIVOIMAA LENTOPALLOTURNAUUKSESSA**

Viikkona Fincote on toiminut suurella ylivoimalla lentopalttoalalla. Ne ovat ollut hyvin terveet, vaikka olivatkin aiemmilla vaaran sellaiset. Samaa aikaa liittyneet pelot ovat kuitenkin kovia, kunnes joulukohde meni kokemukseen.

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**GANCONE NEWS**

**CORRECTION**

In the last issue of The Blue Beret we wrote that the former Force Commander, Martello, was a Major General. His correct title is Lieutenant General.
HOHER BESUCH IN PAPHOS


Aufwart des Botschafterbesuches bei Auscon war die Teilnahme an einer Feierstunde im Austrian Field Hospital am 8. 12. 72, anlässlich der Selbung einer Marienstatue und eines Schmiedeisen Kapellenkreuzes.


Frau Edith Koller (rechts), die charmante Gattin des österreichischen Botschafters.

ANERKENNUNG

Blue Boret benutzte die Gelegenheit an Botschafter Dr. Koller einige Fragen zu stellen: "Wie denken Sie als hoher österreichischer Diplomat und Kenner der Lage im Mittelmeerraum über die UN-Mission der österreichischen Soldaten im Rahmen der UNFICYP?

"Die österreichischen Kontingente übernehmen ihre Aufgaben, indem sie den konkreten Auftrag ausführen. Welcher Eindruck haben Sie, die österreichischen Truppen, nachdem Sie Gelegenheit hatten, unsere Soldaten auf ihren Einsatzorten zu beobachten?

"Ich schätze mich glücklich, feststellen zu können, dass die in hohem Grade anerkennende Auserwählung der österreichischen Soldaten in der Kontingente, mit meinen persönlichen Erfahrungen und Eindrücken voll und ganz übereinstimmen. Die österreichischen Offiziere, Unteroffiziere, Soldaten und Polizisten leisten hier eine Arbeit, die bedeutungsvolle Arbeit ausmacht, wenn überhaupt, so leider oft nicht die richtige Vorstellung hat."

EINFACH ZUM NACHDENKEN

Liebe Freunde!


Zu diesem Sinn frohe Weihnachten

Euer Kaplan

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