Secretary-General Comments on Cyprus

The following is an excerpt on Cyprus from the Secretary-General's introduction to his annual report:

"I am also deeply concerned over the situation in Cyprus. When the two communities on the island agreed three years ago to enter into talks in an attempt to bridge their differences, expectations were high that the talks would eventually lead to a peaceful and agreed settlement of the Cyprus problem. After some initial progress, the talks slowed down considerably and, on 10 August 1971, President Makarios stated publicly they had reached a deadlock.

While the intercommunal talks drifted towards an impasse, ominous signs of growing frustration and tension appeared on the island. The attitudes of the leaders on both sides hardened perceptibly, and each side made statements that the other found provocative or at least incompatible with the search for an agreed solution. The possibility of a collapse of the local talks seemed all the more dangerous as it might encourage irresponsible elements in both communities to make an intervention from outside.

So far, however, the quiet has been maintained, thanks in substantial measure to the efforts of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force. My Special Representative in Cyprus, the Commander of the Force, and their staff have been watching developments on the island with the utmost vigilance, attempting to reconcile the difficulties between the two communities wherever they arose, keeping any minor clashes from escalating, and ceaselessly urging restraint upon the Government and the Turkish Cypriot leadership. As a result of these endeavours, the trend of negotiations to confrontation has for the time being been slowed down. If, however, the situation were to become more unstable, intercommunal relations in general, as well as the chances of a negotiated settlement would be adversely affected.

It is no longer possible, however, to ignore the evidence that the parties' willingness or ability to make the necessary mutual concessions has not so far been sufficient to lead them to an agreement, and that such collective responsibility of the United Nations, which must be shared by all its members. There is also a practical reason which has taken on even greater weight with the passing of time. Initially the Security Council established the Force for a period of three months. The cost involved was therefore relatively modest and could easily be covered by voluntary contributions. For reasons beyond its control, the Force has had to be repeatedly extended, and more than seven years of continued operation has resulted in a very substantial expenditure. While the cost of the Force grew, the number of donors and the amount of new contributions steadily decreased. The result has been an increase in deficit, which has now reached a critical level. The problem of financing should be an important factor in the Security Council's review of the general problem of the United Nations commitment in Cyprus in the light of the present situation on the Island."

**FINNISH DEFENCE MINISTER IN CYPRUS**

The Finnish Minister of Defence, His Excellency Kristian Gestrin, last week paid a visit to Cyprus to meet members of the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force, and he also had the opportunity to call on high ranking officials at HQ UNFICYP. The Minister was accompanied by Major General V. Salmela, Lieuten-ant Colonel R. Ahonen and Major K. Pennanen. He is here seen visiting one of the Finnish OPs on the Kyrenia Range. Far right is Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta, Commanding Officer Pincon.

KYRENGIA ROAD

The Commander of the United Nations Force in Cyprus announces that with effect from 1 October 1971 the departure time of convoys on the Kyrenia Road will be as follows:

From Nicosia Racecourse Check Point: 0600 hours & 1400 hours.
From Kyrenia Check Point: 0715 hours & 1600 hours.

- The Force Commander says good-bys to Mr. Osorio-Tafall who left Nicosia for United Nations Headquarters last Saturday.

At the very time when it seems more necessary than ever to continue the presence of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, the Force is undergoing a crisis of its own. When the Security Council established the Force in March 1964, it stipulated that the operation was to be financed by voluntary contributions. As I have stated repeatedly to the Council, I have deep misgivings about this method of financing. My objection in this regard is, first of all, based on a question of principle, as I strongly feel that maintenance of international peace and security is a will exert every effort to maintain peace in Cyprus.
DEN NY LEJR FÆRDIG 1 DEC

Ja, saa gar det endelig fremad med den nye høj i Kemi. Det ene hus efter det andet dukker frem, og man paager at være helt færdig med lijen den 01 DEC 1971

VELKOMMEN OG FARVEL

Kongen minder her fraet nev kom pagtighed i LKMP, Limnés. Pa billedet ser man den afigmat, chef for LKMP, MAJ A. Jørgensen, (til venstre) byde den nye chef, MAJ K. A. Nielsen, (til højre) velkommen til Limnés.

STAVROMENI

Det er ikke let at finde en groma, der kan passe, naar man orienter stavet med det ene ben endog et diafjat i SCACYPus og med alvorlige chancer for ikke at vende tilbage til oen. Det er dog lykkedes Dancon XVs populære deportover, premiærmønsteret K. Varsted, at mane det kendte snal frem. Vi vil sørge for en smitterig humor, hun hane og hans poetiske valg. Vi baarbejde at hura hurtigt max staar op, tager sin sang og gas, saa vi sitter kan sevel med endnu engang ved Dancon XV.

OG det varre hermed gjort for han er allerede kommet tilbage!

ORIENTERINGS-
BESØG HOS DANCON

DANCON XV har i øjeblikket besøg af COND Dancon UNIF
CYP XVI, OL, V. Ubbe, samt MAJ K. A. Nielsen, SIR MAJ L.E. Larsen, KAR, og PRLT N.L. Madsen, JTRG.

De beundringsværdige har ved ofi
orstrumening, Viking Camp, Xoras.

HEMMAVINST BLEV DET!

Den svenska sidan i Blue Beret tenderer allt mer att bli en sportida. Vi levde i första numret att kommentera några av prestationerna. Första

dock ett litet "vänliga"! Det gäller några deltagare som fått flt titel i resultatslistan. Det faller inte på redaktionen att skriva resultatslistorna men

några svenskar hade de vita fredsvördarna. Det var det enda som skades.

Möjligt kan vi beklaga att samta åtbörda tydlig inte börde alla resultat via vårt eget högtal-

system. Att byta det fasta systemet på stadion visade sig också komma skrävande.

Vi ser nu fram mot Fatmasta Town Race.

HEMMAVINST BLEV DET!

Tisdagen den 12 oktober drar vi igang igen. Några omfattande Swedish-arrangemang på sport-
kampt: Fatmasta Town Race med allt det innebär i frågan om nya stinger, nya nereimsnåt-
broit för S Gunnari, och en ny dag när större delen av oss svenskar är engagerade någon-
stans efter den dyrt 10.000 meter längs hamnen.

Ett självklart ställande organi-
sationsprogram finns att tilläg-

som komplement till vårt blå-
gula program som kom att an-
väsnad redan vid UNIFCYP-
mesterskapen.

En del betydande ändringar har skett sedan vi tryckte program-
men. Blant annat är rutan Rune Carlsson detmerad som chef för lemodulen. Där går nu intäl-
let i Fv Håg.

FAMAGUSTA

Kapten Holmquist haver ju lämnat Cypern varför hans ersätt-
tare som mercurificare, kapten Hans Eklund går in som sportträn-
ner. Åven nya ständigkommande får
jobbar: Lt Lars Alholmmar, känt
från radion.

Hittills anmällda till tävlingen är 9 lag. Till och med DANCON kommer hit med ett segringslag. De två lag som just nu härdränns av ambitiösa nereimosnåret Hurig.

Denna tävling blir sannolikt den stora finalen för högvakt Berg Gunnari som omedelbart efter avslutat tävling åkte till Sverige för att skrämma upp nästa final-
jon. Han kommer dock nu en kort period i slutet av oktober för att övervaka varje hennes.

Ty några av våra löpere till stadionmässan.

TOWN RACE

FAMAGUSTA

VÄLKOMMEN TILL CGC

I första numret av Blue Beret skrev vi Goodbye chefen till övri Carl-Gösta Nording. I detta nummer säger vi välkommen till övri Ingmar Bondeson med moka som flyttar till Fama-

gusta för att överta ansvaret inte

bara för restaurerande period utan också huvudchef för visningshastigheten som anländes större. Som vi tidigare berättat kommer vår ny

chef från UNIFCYP-I i Nicos-

ia så detta med FN-tjanst är ingenting nytt.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos
HULLO!  
HULLO!  
ARE YOU THERE?

One of the recent tasks taken on by the Force Reserve is that of being an escort unit for the Turkish Occupation.  

Last Wednesday, the Scout Car of ‘A’ Squadron, The Royal Hussars, were busy escorting the Turkish convoy between Nicosia and Famagusta which resulted in the Squadron being spread over a considerable distance.  
Good communications were of paramount importance in this operation and required considerable planning and reconstruction before the actual day.  

This was the concern of the Squadron Comdr Troop, who were deployed along the route to ensure that communications between troops and the various controls never failed.

Staff Sergeant Wimmer discusses frequencies with Sergeant Shaw of 444 Signals Troop.

25 METRE RANGE PRACTICE

Making use of the 25 Metre range in Polisnicha Camp are members of 1 Gordon's Signal Platoon. In the foreground is Private Chalmers. The Signal Platoon are kept busy enough manning the radio room and telephone exchange, but when there is a chance they spend half an hour on the range usually once a week. The Sub Machine Gun is the personal weapon of a signaler. They say practice makes perfect.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

Private Paddy Mooney of the Spyi Operations Room staff must have been a little apprehensive when his fine morning recently Sergeant Humiham and Captain Fordey “marched him in” before the Operations Officers. It all ended well however, when Comdt. Martin Babbie and Captain Frank Colclough presented him with a framed and mounted copy of a recent “Blue Beret” photo showing Paddy receiving his medal from the Force Commander. The two Sergeants had dropped the hint that it was his 25th birthday, so as a token for all the cups of coffee, cool drinks, general chow and innumerable pannings and good humour, this memento of UNPFCYP service was presented.

PRONTOS GALORE

The best “conventioners” in UNPFCYP would appear to be Signals types. They hold a convention almost every month, at which they discuss all sorts of problems, including, rumour has it, some concern with Signals!! It was Ircon’s turn in September, so horde of Signals people of varying rank and nationality, converged on Spyi Camp where the Convention was held.

Lieutenant Jim Roche, Signals Officer 590 Infantry Group had arranged a visit to the British Broadcasting Corporation’s installation at Spyi. This gave the opportunity for a knowledgeable tour of the premises, and the innovation contributed greatly to what was generally regarded by all the participants as a most useful and enjoyable get-together.

IRCON NEWS
BUSY GROUP

One of the busiest groups at Blue Beret Camp certainly has to be the Transport Servicing Team. The team, which includes Corporal Pete (Gazali), the NCO/RG Servicing Team (left), Corporal W. S. Potteker (right), Private F. R. Zinck (second from left) and Private R. J. Kirby service all vehicles in the Canadian Contingent. And this is no mean number as there are 178 vehicles in all from jeeps to forklifts. During the six-month tour of the team they must put every one of the 178 through an inspection twice. Also, each vehicle must have its normal lubrication service. As one can readily see it is a busy garage.

**Donation to Red Cross**
Captain Don Hill, Second-in-Command of City Company, and Corporal A. J. Lalonde present a cheque to Miss Hilda Burton, matron of the Red Cross Home for sick Children in Kyrenia. The donation was raised from proceeds from the Sergeant’s Mess “money Jugs” and from the Battalion raffle for an early homing in.

PREPARES NEXT WEEK’S MANIFEST

- Sergeant R. Donaldson, of the Movements Section, appears to be getting lots of help from other members of the staff as he prepares next week’s manifest. Helping him is Corporal D. S. Rainville (left), Corporal S. R. Wotton and the Transport Officer Captain M. A. Doucet.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL VISITS CANADIANS

- Brigadier-General C. A. Hamilton, Commander of 1 Combat Group CFB Calgary, was seen off at the airport last week by the 1 PCCCL Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Hewson. General Hamilton was in for a week to visit the Canadian troops.

CANGON NEWS

**Canadian Forces Photos**

- Baggage from the first group of members of the Princess Patricia’s to go home is loaded aboard the Boeing 707 bound for CFB Calgary. The Patricia’s are being replaced home this week and are being replaced in Cyprus by the 3rd Battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment.

KUVAI


PASTORIN VIRKISTYS-MATKA


FINCON NEWS
HELIICOPTER SAFETY

Of course everyone has had that sort of a morning when everything seems to go wrong. The editor was having just one of those mornings, the other day, when Sergeant Cooper, the Force Photographer, put in front of him a series of photographs taken of 230 Squadron RAF, to illustrate a SAFETY point about helicopters. The editor looked at them with a jaundiced eye and immediately saw a photographic sequence depicting "one of those mornings!" Which we present here with apologies to 230 Squadron RAF who are attached to UNFICYP. Of course there is not a word of truth about the pictures, the Squadron has a very high standard of flight reliability.

BEWARE. The safety point which we really want to illustrated to all members of UNFICYP, was that they should NOT approach a helicopter until an affirmative signal has been given by the pilot. The picture on the right gives the reason why. We could not show a blade in actual motion at this level. However, even though to the human eye it may seem that the rotor blades are whirling around well above head height, this is in fact not the case. At least not until the pilot has set the rotor blade controls correctly. SO BE WARNED — DO NOT APPROACH A HELICOPTER UNTIL YOU'RE GIVEN THE AFFIRMATIVE SIGNAL FROM THE PILOT!

RELIEF OF TURKISH NATIONAL CONTINGENT

The relief of part of the Turkish National Contingent took place on Wednesday 29th September. Units of UNFICYP were heavily committed throughout the day providing inland transportation, escorts and observers. 43 officers, 24 NCOs and 252 other ranks, together with their personal baggage and Battalion Stores arrived on the Turkish ship T.C.G. ERKIN and were escorted to the Turkish National Contingent area at Orta Keny. The outgoing party consisting of 41 officers, 24 NCOs and 250 other ranks were repatriated on the same ship. UNFICYP observer teams supervised the disembarkation and embarkation operations at Famagusta Docks.