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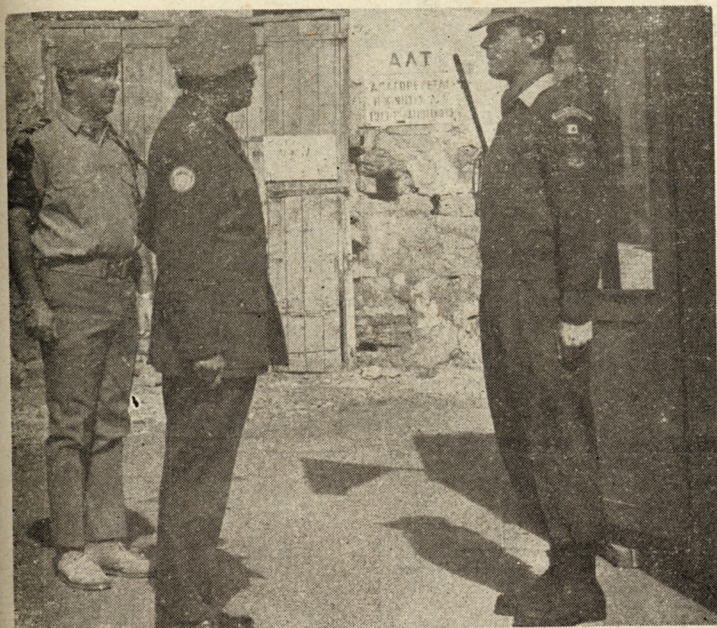
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Corporal Marc Jennis describes his duties at OP Hermes 2 to the Force Commander. Major C. Blais, left, conducted the Force Commander during his recent visit to Cancon to the various City Company posts, which are situated along the Green Line in Nicosia.

CASEVAC EXERCISE

Practice makes perfect.... The Austrian Field Hospital Flying Ambulance team are great believers in the saying. Last week they carried out a casevac exercise in co-operation with the Whirlwind helicopters of 84 Squadron UNFICYP Detachment.



CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD....

how they grow; ther do they spin: you, that even So-
they toil not, nei- And yet I say unto lomon in all his



glory was not arrayed like one of these. (Mathew Ch 6 verses 28 & 29).

Amongst the most numerous of the flowers of Spring in Cyprus are the Anemones which are taken to be the flowers referred to in the Bible text above. Cyprus is famous for its spring flowers and no observer on an UNFICYP post can avoid seeing them all around him. Even the sentry box at the main gate at HQ UNFICYP is surrounded by flowers. There are several reasonably priced flower books available for those who might be interested. Looking for and identifying these flowers is an excellent form of observer training and a most absorbing pastime. Many of the flowers, leaves and roots are used by Cypriots in salads and for medicinal purposes.

COST OF PEACE - KEEPING

The United States of America has stated that it is prepared to contribute \$2.4 million towards the cost of maintaining UNFICYP for the present mandate.

The government however reserves the right to "make such adjustments in the level of its payments against this pledge as it may deem appropriate dependant upon confirmation of the Secretary-General's cost estimates and on an adequate level of contributions being made by other governments towards the cost of the operation". Ambassador Bennett in a recent statement at the Security Council said that the United States is presently consulting with other interested governments in an effort to work out a joint approach which would eliminate the

UNFICYP deficit and place future UNFICYP financing on a sound and sustainable basis. He felt that some progress was being made in these negotiations and thanked the Secretary-General for his continued efforts in this regard

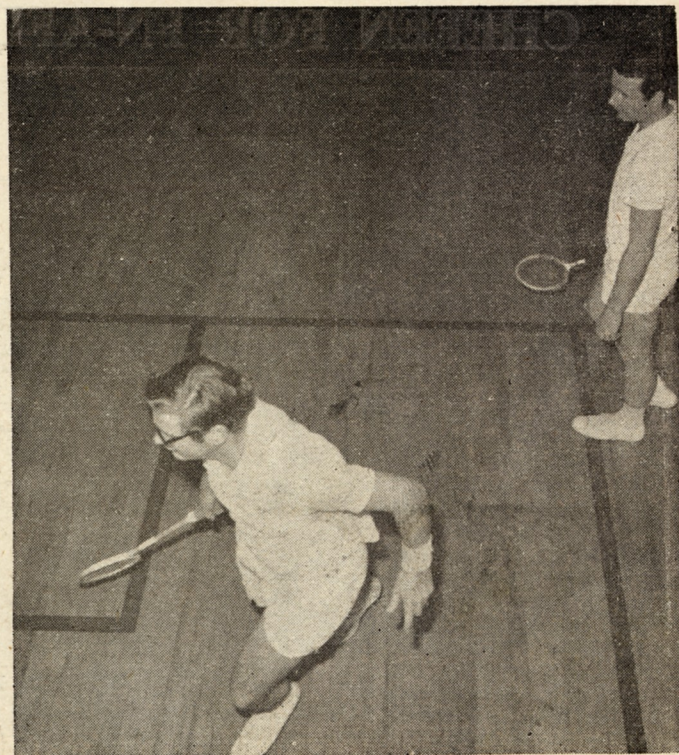
HQ UNFICYP

WIN MAJOR

SQUASH

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week the British Army held the annual Cyprus Squash Championships. There were three entries from HQ UNFICYP — Major K.G. Cain in the Veterans, Major K.G.W. Hicks and Corporal Allison in the Open. All three figured prominently at the prize giving as Corporal Allison won the Open final after a fairly hard, tough "no quarter asked or given" game against Major Hicks, whilst Major Cain took the Veterans prize very comfortably. Corporal Allison and Major Hicks are likely to be playing for the British Army team against Royal Air Force (Cyprus) on 16th March.



"DE GAMLE KAN ENDNU"

Helikoptertræning i Limnitis ved LT Wrang: Med lid tmer uddannelse så er det helt perfekt. Man bemærker dog det veltilfredse smil, der blev større for hvert tag, der blev taget. Moder jord nærmede sig. OL V.J. Ubbe på vej mod fast grund under fødderne.

DANCON NYT

SVAR PÅ TILTALE

Redaktionen har modtaget et læserbrev, som svar på tiltale fra "Telefonvagtens hjertesuk".

Hvorfor skal De altid lyde så kvik om morgenen, inden andre har fået øjne?

Hvorfor skal De altid kalde mig for STABEL, når jeg hedder noget andet?

Hvorfor står jeg altid bagest i telefonkøen, når der er travlt? Hvorfor bryder De altid ind i min råbeforbindelse til Farmagusta, med et "tales her"?

Venlig hilsen PH

BORDTENNIS

Der har været UNFICYP bordtennis-turnering. Dancon havde to deltagere. OS B. Mikkelsen blev nr. 5 og KS C.O. Sandholt blev nr. 12. Turneringen afsluttedes hos Swedcon, som blev sikker vinder såvel i double som i single.

CHEFEN FOR FN-AFDELINGEN HOS DANCON



CH for FN-afdelingen i Jægerspris, OL Skern, og dennes AD, MAJ Vennits, besøgte i forrige uge Dancon XVI. Her ses de besøgende på OP-besøg. MAJ K.A. Nielsen, CH/LKMP, samt KS F.T. Flemming og KS A.C.B. Jensen fortæller her om forholdene på



DANCON BLEV NR. 2 I VOLLEYBALL

Den Inter-Contingentale volleyball turnering hos Cancon afholdt den 26 FEB 1972 blev en ovenud stor dag for Dancon, idet vi hjembragte 2. pladsen.

Her ses holdet med de fine medaljer for den udviste dåd. Fra venstre: KS T. Balle KS F.G.L. Larsen KS F.Dyrbye KS K.B. Andersen KS C.O. Sandholt KS J.P. Jensen KS L.K.R. Nielsen Desuden deltog KS T.A.B. Andersen.



OP LOUTROS.

OL Skern havde desværre også mulighed for at bese resultatet af DANCON XVI's 2. færdsselsk. Postmesteren var desværre så uheldig at vælte med S.D.S-jee-ven på vej til Nicosia. Årsagen til ulykken var, at vinduesviskeren

ikke kunne tage regnen, og sergent Arvid Petersen ville derfor tørre ruden af under kørslen. Herunder mistede han herredømmet. Det indskræmpes derfor endnu en gang: KØR FORSIGTIGT, husk på KROG's hjerte "GIV DIG TID"



ÖVERLÄGSEN SVENSK SEGER

Det var lite av riktig svensk folkfest då det Swedcon-arrangerade Town Race avverkades lördagen den 4 mars. Vädret var också precis som det brukar vara i Sverige vid dylika festligheter. Det regnade ordentligt strax före loppet men höll sedan upp och även om solen inte precis sken starkt så kändes den varm.

Självfallet var det den stora svenska segern som också värmdes i varje blå-gult hjärta. Nog hade väl många på förhand gått och hoppats på en hyfsad svensk insats men att vi skulle leda loppet från början till slut och segra med 38 sekunder före andra laget hade nog ingen drömt om.

Så blev det nu i alla fall och även om det känns lite ofint att arrangören tar hem segern så var det ju en härlig seger. Sveriges andra lag kunde däremot inte hänga med riktigt i mitten av loppet men kämpade sig på slutet upp till en femte-plats-två minuter efter det segrande laget.

En hel del publik hade mött upp utmed gatorna inne i Famagusta och ute på campen väntade en stor grupp vid mål-snöret. De som stod på campen hade också stor glädje av Lt Lars Herrstedts förträffliga refererande av loppet. Hans egen hejarklack för de svenska löparna gick också hem hos publiken - i synnerhet den svenska. "Go on, go on" höjades den glade skåne på en jämna mellanrum.

Efter fullföljt lopp fick deltagarna varm dryck och den militärmusikkår som 1. Irish Rangers ställde upp med spelade avspänd promenadmusik. Ja det hela var rörande idylliskt. Så följde prisutdelning som förrättades av kontingentchefen Ingemar Bondeson. De tre bästa lagen mottog priserna uppställda på HF-plannen och publiken applåderade livligt. (Resultat och övrigt tävlingsreferat finns på sista sidan.)

BILDERNA: Överst är deltagarna samlade till start. Major Runo Gäard i "korvgubberock" har startpistolen klar. I mitten syns kontingentchefen Ingemar Bondeson övertäcka segerpokalen till svenska lagledaren Sune Palm.



Och nederst på sidan hela det svenska laget samlat i gemensam glädje efter prisutdelningen.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

ÄVEN ANDRA FRAMGÅNGAR

Swedcon har utöver TownRace också haft andra stora sportsliga framgångar. Vid UNFICYP-mästerskapen i bordtennis som spelades i Nicosia 1 mars tog vi nästan hem allt. Det blev dubbelt svensk i såväl singeltävlingen som i dubbel. I singel segrade Stefan Filipson med Lars-Erik Björnlund på andra plats och i dubbel segrade Sven Elhtin-Jan Croner med Ulf Eriksson - Christer Einarsson på andra plats.

Semifinalen i UNFICYP-mästerskapen i fotboll spelades den 2 mars och där mötte Swedcon ett lag från HQ UNFICYP. Även här blev det svensk seger och siffrorna 3-1. De svenska målen gjordes av Per-Ake Bohman, Jan Paulsson och Lars Erikson.

I finalen som spelas i Larnaca på lördag den 11 mars möter Swedcon det engelska laget.



"ODDS AND SODS"

They call themselves "The UNFICYP Odds and Sods" and, as the name suggests, the team is made up of personnel of several nationalities from various small departments at HQ UNFICYP, which cannot themselves field a football team. They play in the Nicosia Sunday League and are currently in second place behind the Force Reserve.

These pictures were taken during a match against RAF Nicosia in which "Odds and Sods" won 3 — 2. RAF Nicosia took the lead in the first minute and, in spite of "Odds and Sods" pressure, increased their lead to 2 — 0 midway through the first half. "Odds and Sods" pulled one back just before half time with a well taken goal by Corporal

Lambert. Shortly after the re-start "Odds and Sods" equalised through Lambert again and a few minutes later Staff Sergeant Andreasen made it 3 — 2 with a goal scored direct from a corner. Although RAF Nicosia missed some fine chances this was a well deserved win for "The UNFICYP Odds and Sods".



● From Left to right, (back row): CQMS Cooper (Ircon), Sgt Jones (Britcon), Pte Train (Britcon), Tpr Charles (Britcon), Cpl Lambert (Britcon), Ssgt Andreasen (Dancon), CSM Devereux (Ircon). (Front row): Rgr Cuneen (Britcon), Pte Becton (Ircon), WO2 Durrans (Britcon), Sgt Pollard (Britcon), Sgt Redmond (Britcon).

SPARE TIME ACTIVITY



While on a recent spell of duty at Town OP in Limassol Lieutenant W.S.D. Burke and his platoon built this model village to help pass away the time.

As can be seen it has been made very realistic and has become a most useful training aid. Here Lieutenant Burke and Ranger Mc Dowell are seen putting the finishing touches to it.

BRITCON NEWS

THE SECOND GREATEST

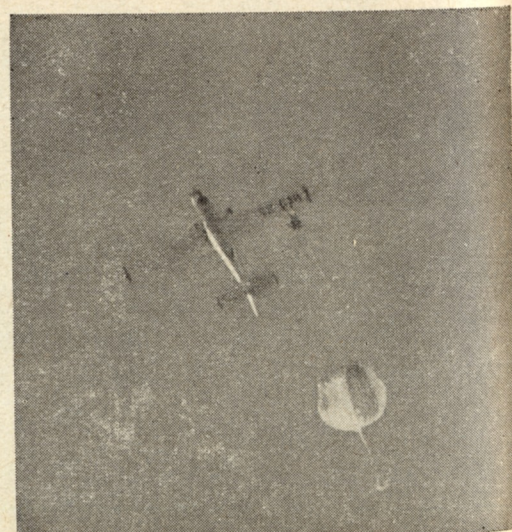


At least that is what the experts say, anyhow some members of the Force Reserve have been finding out for themselves on a parachute course at Dhekelia.

● Trooper Leaky waits to climb aboard the plane, prior to jumping, as the Parachute Jumping Instructor shows Trooper Barton where to sit.



● Look Mum No Hands....! Lance Corporal Newall (believe it, or not) on his way down to mother earth.



IRISH TV VISITS LARNACA SECTOR

On Thursday 2nd March, the Irish Television Team "SEVEN DAYS" visited Larnaca Sector. Their work consisted of producing a news feature which would illustrate for Irish Television viewers, the nature of the United Nations Peace-Keeping mission in Cyprus and Ireland's part in it. The team visited Wolfe Tone Camp and OP Custom House, where they interviewed the soldiers and filmed them at work.



● Mr. Cathal O'Shannon, head of the "Seven Days" team, interviews Ircon's Operations Officer, Captain Gerry McMahon, on Ireland's role with the UN in Cyprus.



● Seen through the ruins of an abandoned house are the dauntless Ferrets of the Force Reserve. Whether they are "Shinners" or "Cherrypickers" we can't make out at this distance, but none the less they are living up to their motto of "Ich Dien" high in the hills above Larnaca town.

IRCON'S PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



This week we feature the Commanding Officer's driver, Corporal Christy Rainbow. Like his father before him, he is a driving instructor at the Depot Supply and Transport, Curragh Camp.

Six years in the Army, Corporal Rainbow is married with two children. He is on his second trip to Cyprus.



● Ircon's Observer at OP Custom House had no difficulty in persuading the cameraman to record the scenic view of the Hala Sultan Tekke/Mosque, with the flamingoes on the Salt Lake to let the folks back home share that little piece of historic Cyprus with him. The mosque can be seen just above the head of the TV camera tripod, it is the third most holy place in the world to Moslems after the Kabba in Mecca and the Shrine of Mohammed in Meddina. The mosque marks the spot where Mohammed's Foster-mother was buried in 649 AD.

VISIT OF FORCE RESERVE



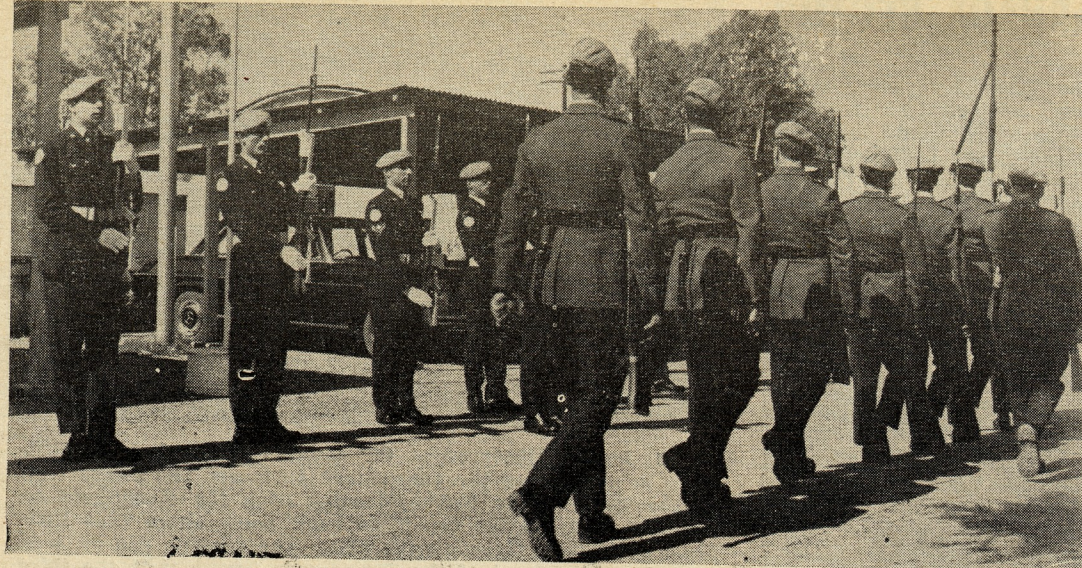
● Thursday 2nd March was a busy day at Wolfe Tone Camp for, along with the television team, we also had a visit from the Force Reserve. Our picture shows Lieutenant John Micklem briefing his crewmen before setting out on a patrol of the Larnaca Sector.

LAST GOAL OF THE SEASON



Lieutenant Owen O'Sullivan scores a penalty and brings Ircon's soccer season to a close, when they were defeated 2:1 by the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers at Episkopi on 29th February.

IRCON NEWS



POUR LA DERNIERE FOIS

Les membres du peloton 10 de la compagnie D mettent

le point final à leur tour de garde au Camp Béret Bleu alors qu'ils ont remplacé les "Irish Rangers" depuis décembre. Le peloton a complété cinq tours de garde depuis son arrivée à Chypre.

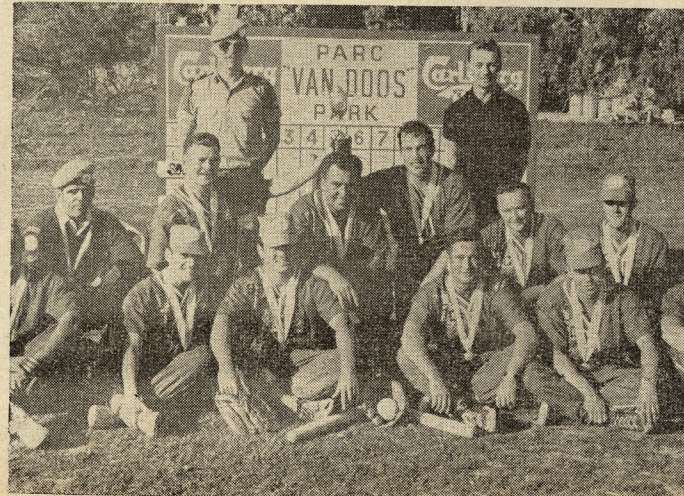


• "Le contingent canadien fut l'hôte du tournoi de ballon volant intercontingents du 26 fév 72. Il n'y avait aucun doute dans l'esprit de tous que les deux meilleures équipes étaient de beaucoup celles des contingents finlandais et canadien. Les canadiens et les finlandais se débarrassèrent facilement de toute opposition

et se mesurèrent en demi-finales. Notre équipe se montra complètement à la hauteur de la situation mais ne put vaincre les finlandais qui après avoir été maintes fois dans des situations difficiles parvinrent à l'emporter contre notre équipe. Les finlandais ensuite l'emportèrent facilement contre les danois pour conserver leur championnat de ballon volant intercontingents".

LES VAINQUEURS DU CAMP BERET BLEU

La fin du tournoi de balle pour le Contingent Canadien a vu l'équipe du Camp Béret Bleu remporter une brillante victoire sous l'égide de son animateur, le Cpl Latulipe. La victoire finale s'est fait attendre jusqu'à la dernière manche alors que le pointage était 4-4. Quatre retraits par l'équipe du Camp Béret Bleu, durant les dernières minutes de jeu ont permis à cette dernière de remporter la coupe de la victoire.



LA VALSE DES CIBLES

Un autre championnat pour le contingent alors que les franc-tireurs canadiens décrochent les honneurs durant la compétition "Falling Plate". Les participants devaient entre autres choses, courir de 300 à 200 verges, assumer la position de tir et attendre les cibles de métal en des temps record de 24, 26 23.0 et 23.7 secondes. G à dr: agenouillés les caporaux C. Potvin, L. Delarosbil, L. Mercier, C. Hamel. Debout: Le capitaine de l'équipe, le Lt R. Scantland et le Lt Col GHJ Lessard, commandant du 2ième bataillon.



ARRIVÉE DE LA MUSIQUE



La musique du Royal 22ième Régiment est arrivée en Chypre mercredi dernier pour une visite de deux semaines. Celle-ci donnera quatre concerts dont deux à Nicosie et une représentation à Kyrenia et Larnaca respectivement. Les deux concerts données à Nicosie seront réservés à ceux qui recevront une invitation. La musique fut accueillie à son arrivée par l'équivalent chypriote de Bâtisse, la mascotte du "Vingt Deux".

CANCON NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

Rauhanturvaajien marssi

(kirj. K Lauttamus
säv. E Reimaa)

Lumihaudet ja kesämme vehreys, on vaihtunut auringon lämpöön. Viha taistelo meidän nyt tänne toimin rauhaa vartioin. Esi-isämme taistelivat, heidän poikansa turvaavat, että rauha, oikeus järjestyksen palais mielihin ihmisten. : : : Veli-veikkonen seisot sä rinnallain meillä tehtävä yhteinen on. Meillä

työhön yhteiseen oikeaan on uskonne horjumaton : : :

Luojan mahtavaa kättä me toivomme, täällä auttavaa työtämme ohjaamaan. Että vihdoinkin vuosien jälkehen, rauha voitaisi ihmisen. Siksi vankkoina seisomme vartioitsemme, turvaamme. Meidän pelkoa tuntee auta ei, meitä maailma katselee. : : : Veli-veikkonen seisot jne. : : :

Tämä marssi on tehty Yhdistyneiden Kansakuntien Suomen Pataljoonan marssiksi. Aika näytetään saako se oman paikkansa meidän rauhanturvaajien mielissä.

KUVASATOA VIIME SUNNUNTAIN OPINTOMATKALTA

Huomattavin Kypoksen muinaismuistialue on Khrokitiassa Limassolin tien varrella. Se on myöhäiskivikautinen asutuskeskus, joka on rakennettu n.7500-8000 v sitten. Rakennuskaava ja kuvan oikeassa kulmassa näkyvä päätien kivetykset kertovat vaikuttavaa kieltä ihmiskunnan uuden kehitysvaiheen, pysyvän asutuksen ja maanviljelyksen, inhimillisen sivistyksen perustekijöiden olemassaolosta. (kuva vasemmalla)

Limassolin seudun hedelmäviljelmien läpi ajettiin kilometrejä pitkää sypressikuja pitkin. Tässä levennetyllä tieosuudella aurinkokin pilkisti tielle niin paljon, että innokkaimmat kuvaajat sattoivat ikuistaa tämän ainutlaatuisen kokemuksen. (kuva alhaalla vasemmalla)

Kun saaren omistus oli kolmannen ristiretken jälkeen v.1192 siirtynyt frankkilaisruhtinain omistukseen, nämä rakensivat myöhemmin Limassolin aluelle komean linnan, Kolossin, jonka mahtavia muotoja retkeläiset tällä kertaa katselivat vain ulkopuolisesti. Linnan tustutetaan sisältäpäin 19.3. Paphoksen tehtävän retken yhteydessä. Kolossin jälkeen viimesunnuntain opintomatka suuntautui 800 v. liin rakennettuun Apollon tempe-



Ilmeistä päätellen marssiailun runoilija Kari Lauttamus hyväksyy sanojensa sävelasun, jonka sotilaspastori toimistossaan hänelle esittelee.

FINCON NEWS



SWEDCON DID IT AGAIN

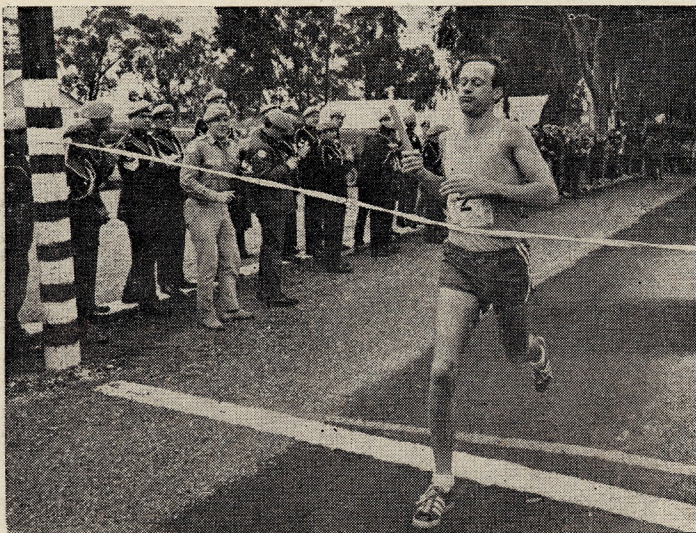
The Famagusta Town Race held last Saturday was again a great success for the Swedish Contingent. The Swedes not only sponsored the very well-organized event, they were also winners of the 10.200 metres long relay race.

Swedcon's winning time was 26.33.4 minutes, second came The Royal Irish Rangers in 27.11.0.

The fight between the following two teams was very dramatic. Uncivpol was in the lead on the last of the 11 stages, and nobody doubted that they would be third. But only 20 metres from the end Uncivpol's man, Le Page, Austcivpol, fell, and was overtaken by Cancon.



● The race has just started. It rained before the race commenced, but during the event the weather was nice and dry.



● Swedcon's victory is a fact. MP Corporal Kjell Aake Gustafsson was the last man in the team, and is seen passing the winning post.

A large crowd of spectators watched the race, most of them placed at the final stage at Carl Gustav Camp. After the race the Commanding Officer Swedcon, Lieutenant Colonel I. Bondeson, presented the prizes to the winning teams and thanked all the competitors for their participation in the race.

The final results were:

Swedcon A-team 26.33.4
Royal Irish Rangers 27.11.00
Cancon 28.09.9
Uncivpol 28.17.0
Fincon 28.27.4
Swedcon B-team 28.32.0
Camp UNFICYP 29.07.1
Force Reserve 29.21.3

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS —

UNFICYP

Week Ending

3 March 72 — 5

Same Period

Last Year — 5

Total This Year

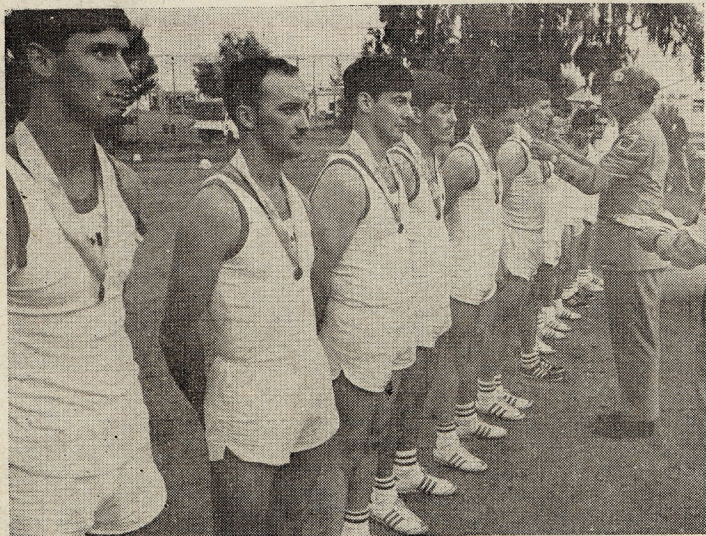
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Same Period

Last Year — 49

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION



● Lieutenant Colonel I. Bondeson, Commanding Officer Swedcon, presents the prizes to number three, Cancon.

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- Your Regiment, Contingent and address.
- Where you are stationed in Cyprus.
- Your home town in your own country.
- Your age.
- A little account of your life and where you have served.

Conditions of Entry.

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- Only for members of UNFICYP.

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