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6 months Extension Recommended

The Secretary-General, U Thant, last week recommended another six months extension of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

U Thant said in his report to the Security Council that the improvement in the situation in Cyprus, which began in December 1967, has continued during the period under review.

Solutions of the basic problems dividing the two communities are, however, still not in sight. The National Guard and the Turkish Cypriot fighters continue to stand in direct confrontation in sensitive areas and to maintain a high degree of military preparedness and vigilance.

"In view of the undoubtedly fact that the solution remains basically unstable and uncertain, I see no reasonable alternative to recommending a further extension of the stationing of the United Nations Force in Cyprus", the Secretary-General said and went on:

"To The Force Commander, Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, who is about to relinquish his command at his own request after three and one-half years of devoted and distinguished service, I would wish to pay a special tribute for the

outstanding contribution which he had made to the United Nations effort in Cyprus".

Big Four Talks

In view of the deteriorating situation in the Middle East, the Secretary-General U Thant welcomes the resumption of the Big Four talks. He very much hopes that they will exert their utmost to contribute to a just and peaceful solution of the Middle East problem in the framework of the Security Council resolution of 22 November 1967.

The Secretary-General is convinced that these talks and the eventual agreement of the Big Four, as Permanent Members of the Security Council, designed as they are to reinforce Ambassador Jarring's Mission, provide the best possible solution to this problem.

Visit of Polish Ambassador

His Excellency Henryk Golanski the Ambassador of the Polish Peoples Republic visited the Headquarters of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, on Monday 8 December 1969.

He had an informal talk with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall.

• His Excellency Henryk Golanski (right) The Polish Ambassador talking with Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall.



Message By Secretary General - Human Rights

On Human Rights Day 1969 we commemorate once again the anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly, on 10 December 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Twenty-one years later, the Universal Declaration appears as a major factor in the growing awareness of humanity of the dignity inherent in each of its members, as a beacon of hope that dignity will one day win full recognition and as a pledge by those responsible that they will secure for the benefit of their peoples the full realization of the lofty principles set forth therein.

The spreading of knowledge of the provisions of the Universal Declaration to all corners of the globe and the dissemination of other solemnly proclaimed international instruments which have found their source and inspiration in the Declaration have greatly helped to alert the conscience of humanity to the need for greater justice, for equality of treatment and for universal respect for the dignity of each human being.

Denials or violations

In this respect, nearly two centuries ago, an eminent philosopher, searching for the essence of man, lucidly observed that whereas things and objects have a price, and can therefore be bought and sold, man has dignity, which is not susceptible of appropriation. Mankind is increasingly impatient at the distance

which continues to separate the proclaimed goals from the existing situations.

Throughout the world we see clear manifestations that world public opinion, and especially youth, is acutely sensitive to instances of denials or violations of human rights. The conscience of men and women is shocked and aroused by such odious practices as racial discrimination and apartheid, the abuses by the remnants of colonialism, the tragic plight of victims of armed conflicts, military occupation or other political turmoils of our agitated times, the maltreatment of minorities, the stifling of fundamental freedoms and, by no means least, the toll exacted by object poverty, economic exploitation, malnutrition, poor health and illiteracy. The persistence of such gross denials or violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms has not, as might be feared, blunted the people.

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St. Barbara's Day Dinner

On the evening of Thursday, 4th December, Gunner Officers from all contingents and the Sovereign Base Areas, gathered in the Headquarters UNFICYP Officers Mess for their annual St. Barbara's Day Dinner.

Thirty-nine officers and their ladies attended this function and, from all reports it was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. An added attraction of the evening was the firing of two cannons which were provided by Swedcon.

Brig. Gen. E.M.D. Leslie, Chief of Staff UNFICYP, together with other Artillery Officers of the Headquarters acted as host for the dinner, cut the decorative gunner cake which was baked by Cpl Wells of the Mess Staff.

Hisa - husa - hejsa - sa !!

- så fik svenskerne "da-da"

DANCON
NYT

Lørdag den 29. november 1969 ooprindet den store dag for DANCIVPOL, idet disse endelig slog SWE-CIVPOL i fodbold. Resultatet blev 3-2 efter 2-1 ved pausen.

Kampen blev spillet på DANCONsbane overfor Ledra Palace, og det blev en fornøjelig kamp med masser af godt spil. DANCIVPOL kom ret hurtigt foran med 1-0, idet en svensk forsvarer brugte hånden til at stoppe bolden med; Ove Spindler scored. Ca. midt i 1. halvleg udlignede svenskerne på grund af en forsvarsfadese. Kort før pausen øgede Bent Bertelsen til 2-1 efter et glimrende opspil. 2. halvleg var ikke ret gammel, før Bent Bertelsen på ny var på rette sted, idet han øgede til 3-1. 10 minutter før tid scorede svenskerne på et for hele det danske forsvar meget overraskende skud. DANCIVPOL tillod sig endog at brænde et straffespark, der blev lavet overfor Ove Spindler. Ingolf Christiansen skød, men desværre ved siden af.



HYGGEN BREDER SIG



Bingo!

Stabskompaniets sergerter har genoptaget deres gamle tradition med at invitere til BINGO-spil i deres hyggelige messe. Som man ser af billedet, blev der spillet med liv og lyst. Her har vi foreviget SG. N. Ørnskov - en politimand og fæltpresten.

Ugens tip:
Lå en bog på velfærdsblioteket.



Og regnen kom

Kl.14,20 begyndte det at regne på strækningen mellem Xeros og Nicosa.

Kl.14,22 så en af vore Land-Roverne sådan ud. Føreren kom alvorligt til skade.

PAS PÅ-ellers er det Dem næste gang.

Forøvrigt:

Husk at holde os underrettet - så vi kan underrette Dem.

Driver's

Corner:

Den motorsagkyndige siger :

— I Jægerspris havde jeg lejlighed til at tale med næsten alle de faste motorvognsførere om trafikforholdene på Cypern. Men der er vel både et og andet, jeg glemte og en hel del, det kan være hensigtsmæssigt af og til at genopfriske. Vi vil derfor i den kommende tid ofte finde denne rubrik her i Blue Beret. Det er vore medmenneskers og vort eget liv, det drejer sig om. DERFOR :

1. Vær på vagt for glatte veje nu i regnperioden.

VÅD VEJ - SPEJGLLAT

2. Pas på "høje" kanter.

Når De er kommet udenfor vejen med det ene hjulpar i rabatten, så sæt farten ned, før De styrer op igen. Der er ellers stor fare for, at De mister hervedet over vognen.

November måned har for DANCON færdselemaaet været rekordtigt god. Lad os alle gøre vort bedste for at fortsætte den gode kørsel.

M. Rye.

HELIKOPTERFLAMMA ORSAK
TILL FÖRSENAT CA-BESÖK

■ (fr.v.) Överste Stenquist, generallöjtnant Almgren, överste Lavén och ambassadör Å.A. Jonsson.

Efter en dags försening p.g.a. strejken vid Nicosias flygplats kom arméchefen, generallöjtnant Carl Erik Almgren, i sällskap med chefen för arméstabens FN-avdelning, överste N. Stenquist, till Cypern från Tel Aviv förra tisdagen. Fel på en helikopter som skulle föra de båda till Larnaca och 3 komp fördördje resan ytterligare en halvtimme.

Gästerna mottogs på flygplatsen av zonchefen, överste Lars Lavén, den svenska Beirut-ambassadören, Åke A. Jonsson, och Sveriges konst i Larnaca, D. Haholiades bl.a.

En kvart efter ankomsten till Nicosia skulle en helikopter föra de två besökarna, zonchefen och statschefen, mif Björn Runberg, till 3 komp. Den ena jetmotorn felstående emellertid gång på gång och stora eldsflammer slog ut ur avgasrören. En andra helikopter rullades fram och efter en dryg halvtimme kunde man lyfta.

På tisdagskvällen höll arméchefen en mottagning för främst olika dignitärer vid UNFICYP. På onsdagen besökte han Carl Gustaf Camp och Goldfish Camp, 2 komp. På onsdagsförmiddagen hann han före avresan till Kairo också besöka Dancon och Fincon.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces PhotosFARBOR SVEN:
Veteran
pa Cypern

■ Sven Jerring, 74-åring i måndags, besöker Swedcon sjätte året i följd. Fram till den 16 dec. ska han samla material för ett par radioprogram, som sedan sänds i Sverige. Naturligtvis kommer barnen vid den svenska bataljonen att höras i farbror Svens "Barnens brevlåda", vars produktionsnummer nu är uppe i 1680.

Tennis-BM

Bataljonsmästerskapen i tennis har spelats fram till finalerna, som spelas på söndag. De som går vidare är.

Single : Schönström, STR, som spelar mot Holmberg, civpol, om första och andra pris. Om tredje spelar Stenberg, civpol, mot Littås, 2 kmp.

Dubbel: Schönström/Lavén, STR mot Holmberg/Stenberg, civpol. Om tredje pris Björkman/Larsson, 3 komp, mot Bagge/Eriksson, civpol.

■ Singlematchen Lavén-Schönström 0-6, 0-6.

IBRA BATALJONSLAG MEN FÅ MÅL

Bataljonslaget fick i sin första match se sig slaget med siffrorna 6 - 2, när man i fredags spelade mot en turkisk kombination av div. I och II lag i Old City. På bilden en verkligt farlig målchans för svenskena där två blågula ser ut att strida lika hårt om bollen, medan den turkiske målvakten är på språng.

I måndags spelade man mot Ircon i Xeros, okänt resultat i skrivögonblicket, och på torsdag mot ett turkiskt div. I lag. Förmatch blir en "Gubmatch".





Rotation Time

NEW ADJUTANT

Captain W.A. Barnes (Bill) arrived in Cyprus on 26 November 1969 from Depot Sqn 11 Signal Regiment to take up the appointment of Adjutant Camp Headquarters UNFICYP from Capt E.A.E. Durey (Ernie) who will be leaving Cyprus for the UK on 10 December 1969.

Capt Barnes will be officiating as Adjt HQ UNFICYP until 20 March 1970 when he goes to Troodos as Camp Commandant and OC Troops.

Our picture left shows Capt Ernie Durey (left) handing over the duties as Adjt to Capt Bill Barnes.

NEW RSM

Regimental Sergeant Major takes over from Regimental Corporal Major. Our picture below shows RCM W. Watorski, BLUES AND ROYALS handing over the duties as Camp RSM to RSM W. Booth, Queen's Royal Irish Hussars who arrived in the Island 3 Dec 69 from Bovington in Dorset.

RCM Watorski left Cyprus on the 4th December to return to Windsor in the UK.



Rock Climbing

In the last week, ten soldiers from the 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment have had the opportunity to learn to rock climb.

Under the guidance of an instructor from RAF AKROTIRI they have had an enjoyable and exhilarating time at JAMIESONS ROCK near PAPHOS.

Our photographs show Pte Alan Bailey and Pte "Alex" Alexander "on the rocks".



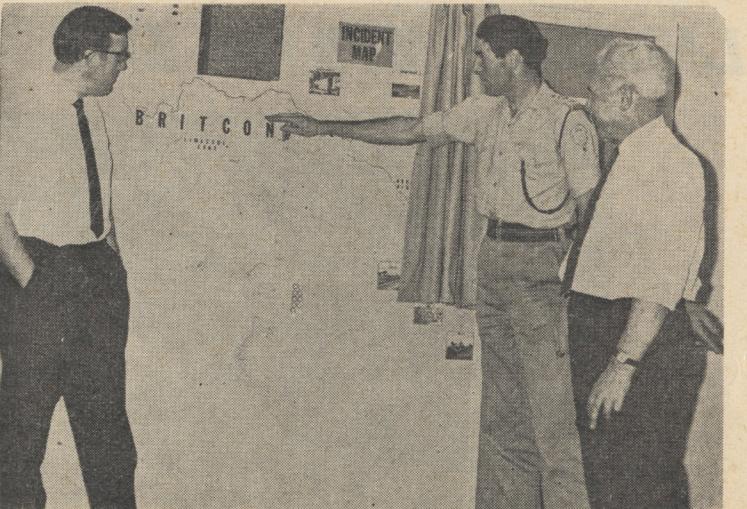
Press Visits

The 'Pompadours'

On Thursday 2 December, Mr Malcolm Greenwood and Mr George Skevington feature editor and photographer from the Bedfordshire County Press arrived in Cyprus to cover the battalions's tour.

During their stay they visited the outposts and base camps throughout Limassol zone.

Our picture right shows Capt Trevor Veitch, the battalions Operations Information Officer explaining the deployment of the bn to Mr Greenwood on the left and Mr Skevington.



CSO's Cup Competition

The Chief Signal's Officer Cup was presented by a previous CSO, to foster good will amongst all ranks of the Nations in UNFICYP by competition in sports between teams from the various Contingents.

It has been decided that the next League game to be played off between November 1969 and April 1970 will be SIX-A-SIDE Football.

The first fixture is Brit-Con v CanCon on Wed. 10 Dec. 69. The league positions will be published in the Blue Beret weekly commencing Wed. 17 Dec. 69.



CRACKSHOTS

Ircion were busy on the Ranges at Dhekelia recently. Rifle practices were fired by A, B, & HQ Cos, and prizes were awarded for the best individual shot each day.

Also last week 'B' Troop of the Armoured Car Group fired their AFV practices.

Individual winner Cpl M. O'Sullivan 'B' Coy being presented with his prize by Lt Col Carroll OC 13th Inf Gp, In the centre is Sgt-Major Joe Cousins. (Picture left).

'B' Troop Armoured Car Group in their Panhard Armoured Cars with the Group I/C Capt Roger McCorley and Troop Commander Lt Fergus O'Connor.

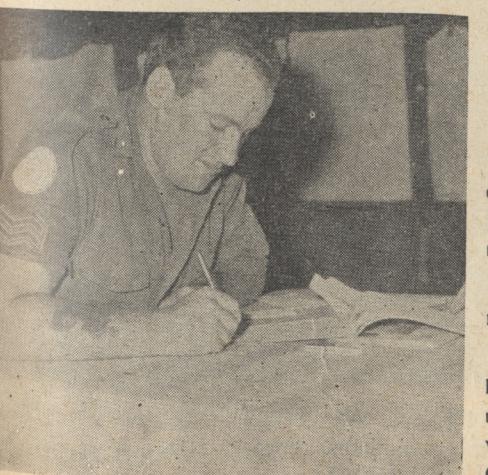
Most of the crews have, like Sqn Sgt Des Nolan and Cpl Tommy O'Connor a wealth of UN service and with experience like this behind them it is understandable that the marksmanship was of the usual high standard expected from these intrepid Cavaliers.



LETTER WRITING

Cpl Tony Morgan seems well organised, his last letter from home, a packet of cigars and almost three pages written and still going strong.

Cpl Morgan is a member of the 13th Inf Gp Pipe Band, and is a native of Skerries Co Dublin. He previously served overseas with the 37th Bn in the Congo and the 40th Bn in Cyprus. His home unit is the 2nd Inf Bn. (Picture below).



IRCON NEWS

Lefka Camp Improvements

You may have noticed a number of improvements to facilities in your Camp in the Lefka District recently.

Here we see one of the men responsible for providing them.

Pte John Lawless (Plumber) Engineer Sec, gets on with the job of preparing pipes to improve the water supplies in the Camp at Lefka. (Picture right).



CHRISTMAS ON THE WAY

Corporal E.H. Linden, Royal Canadian Postal Corps, accepts a homebound Christmas parcel from Corporal Ches Critch, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. During the month of November over 20,000 pounds of parcels were sent back to Canada from the Canadian Contingent. The Camp Maple Leaf post office also sent home over 190 pounds of air letters. At 14 to an ounce, that's a lot of writing.



Along Way Up



Corporal Ernest Rose climbs a rope to reach Observation Post Saddle in Kyrenia District. It's easier to drive in by jeep.

CANCON VISITORS

The Chaplains General of the Canadian Armed Forces paid a two-day visit to Camp Maple Leaf and the Observation Company December 2-4.

(Left to right) Brigadier-General J.P. Davignon, Chaplain General (RC); Brigadier-General Joseph Cardy, Chaplain General (Protestant); and Lieutenant-Colonel W.B. MacLeod, Commander, Kyrenia District.



CANCON NEWS
Canadian Photos Forces



A FEAST AT TRAIL'S END...

For visiting news media representatives from the Maritimes and the United States.

ITSENÄISYYS

Puolustusvoimien oleellisimpien tehtävinä on huolehtia yhteistoiminnassa muiden valvontaviranomaisten kanssa maa- ja merialueiden sekä ilmatilan valvonnasta koko valtakunnan alueella, sekä ryhtyä välittömiin toimenpiteisiin valtakunnan alueellista koskemattomuutta sekä puolueettomuutta vastaan kohdistuvien loukkausten estämiseksi ja puolustaa valtakunnan aluetta sekä estää sen kautta tapahtuvat hyökkäykset niin, että kansan elinmahdollisuudet voidaan turvata ja oma toimintavapaus säilyttää.



Suomen lippu saapuu. Tällä kertaa innettiin paraatissa YK-lipun aseesta Suomen sotalippua. Kotimaan ärejä kantavat yliiluutnantti Majuri ja sotilasmestari Häkkinen.

VIISIKYMMENTAKASI VUOTTA

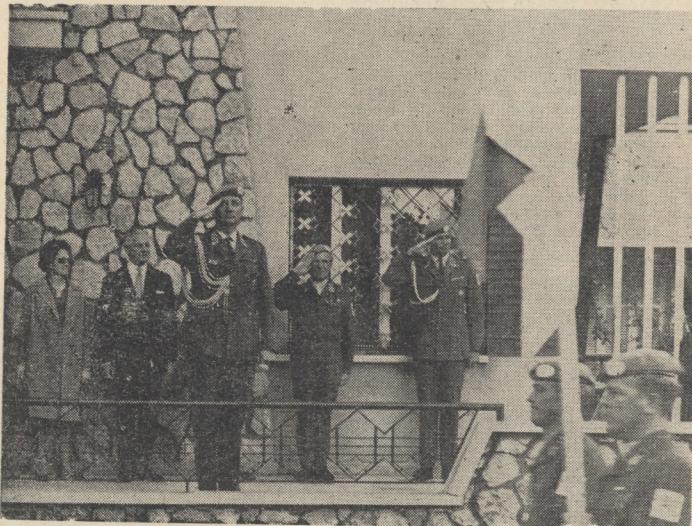
Suomen itsenäisyden 52-vuotispäivää vietettiin Finconissa 6.12.1969

Ulkonaiset puitteet olivat vaatimattomat ja vietettiin ainoastaan oman pataljoonan sisäisenä juhllana. Liekö syynä suomalaisen perusluonne vai mikä, mutta vaati mattomat puitteet vain tuntuivat lisäävän päivän merkitystä ja kunkahvia miainen sekä päivällinen

järjestettiin tavallista näyttävämmiksi puheineen, lippuineen, kynttilöineen ja pienine ohjelmanumeroinen, tuntui juhlamielitä riittävästi ja toisille jakaata. Paraatipäivän pääteeksi oli vielä pataljoonan komentajan vastaanotto pataanoon edustajille, Suomen komiille ja saarella asuville suomalaisytyisille siviilihenkilöille.



Itsenäispäivän päivällisillä koottiin yhteen mahdollisimman suuri joukko yhteiselle aterialle. Kuvamme on näpäty 1 JK:n tilaisuudesta upseerimessissä ja kuva kertoo haavainnillisesti, että ruoka maistuu joka nelielle ja oli nautittavaa niin silmille kuin vatsallekin, -todistaa jääkäri Bäckman. Aterian jälkeen katsoiin EK:n aliupseerimessin kattolla filmi "Näin taisteli isäsi" ja Poliisikoululla annettiin vielä kaksi näytöötä.



Itsenäispäivän ohimarssin vastaanotto.

KUNTORATAKILPAILU



Pataljoonan mestaruuskilpailut pidettiin 3.12.1969 ja samalla katsottiin kuka on kuka kontingenttiin välillä kilpailuja ajatellen.

Tuloksia :

- 1 väärä Koivisto 1 JK
- 2 ylik Vaittinen 3 JK
- 3 väärä Heinonen 1 JK
- 4 ylik Hämäläinen 3 JK
- 5 jääkäri Mäkipere 1 JK
- 6 ylik Passi EK
- 7 jääkäri Savolainen EK
- 8 kers Järvi 1 JK
- 9 jääkäri Kettunen 1 JK
- 10 ylik Majuri HK

Komppaniat :

- 1) 1 JK, 2) 3 JK, 3)
- 2 JK, 4) EK 5) HK



VUORISTOAJOKOULUTUS

...järjestettiin 2.12. Koulutusta johti sot. mest. Parikka ja teknisenä apulaisena toimi sot. mest. Häkkinen. Mukana oli 7 moottori-ajoneuvoa ja 20 uttaa kuljettajaa. Koulutuksen tämänkertainen tarjous oli tutustuttua kuljettajat

oikeaan ajotapaan kapeilla ja mutkaisilla vuoristoteillä. Tiet vuoristossa olivat vielä suhteellisen hyvässä kunnossa johtuen vähäisistä sateista ja näin ollen suuremmilta vaaramomenteilta välttyttiin. Opetustarkoitus saavutettiin.

-Jääkäri Keskinivan tyulinäyte -



FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA

FLYERS STOP OVER

Sgt. Ian Dalrymple of the Australian Element UNCIIV-POL had a surprise last week — his cousin, Keith Megg, dropped in to see him.

Keith was flying to London from Melbourne with two of his friends to enter the British Petroleum London-Sydney Commemorative Air Race with their single-engined Beechcraft Bonanza. There are about ninety entrants for the race which commemorates the first England-Australia flight of 1919 by Ross and Smith.

The flight from London to Sydney they hope to complete in four days of continual flying. This will be carried out by one piloting the aeroplane

while one navigates and the other sleeping.

The three pilots, — Brian Floate, Keith Meggs and Frank O'Brien were all born in Melbourne, Victoria and work as plain-clothes policemen there.

Keith Meggs served in Korea (1950-51) and Malta (1952-53) with the Royal Australian Air Force and it was during his service that he was taught to fly. Whilst in Malta he was sent on detachment to RAF Nicosia for three months.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyc

Week Ending 6 Dec 69: 9
Same Period Last Year: 10
Total This Year: 329
Same Period Last Year: 421
Main Causes of Accidents
This Week: SPEEDING/FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE.

Night driving is different. That seems obvious, but many drivers do not understand how different. When darkness falls, they are driving in another world, yet they still use their daytime habits and attitudes.

What is so dangerous about the early evening hours? It is a known fact that when daylight

fades to twilight and then into darkness drivers fail to adjust to the changing light conditions. They blunder into a twilight trap which occurs when daylight fades and artificial lighting will not emit adequate illumination.

The ability to drive safely at night depends upon several things but the most important is the driver's own vision. Other factors are illumination, vehicle speed and weather.

- 1) Know the visibility range of your headlights.
- 2) Drive so that you can always stop within your visibility range.
- 3) Driving at night demands

- 4) slower speed.
- 5) Reduce speed when facing the glare from approaching headlights and if necessary stop.
- 6) Drive at the reduced speed until your eyes recover from glare.
- 7) Dip your headlights when meeting other vehicles or when following another vehicle.
- 8) If an approaching driver fails to dip, do not fight glare with glare.
- 9) Look at the left hand side of the road when meeting another vehicle and avoid looking directly at the headlights of the oncoming vehicle.
- 10) Never underestimate bad weather conditions.



ANN - Miss Unficyc No. 26

Miss Ann Valentine, the secretary to Mr. B.F. Osorio Tafall, has worked for the United Nations since 1961. She is tri-lingual and can work in Spanish, French and English.

Ann was born in Prestatyn, North Wales, and in 1952 she emigrated to Canada. She settled in Red Deer, Alberta but a year later went south to the United States.

Whilst with the United Nations Ann worked in New York and Geneva before joining the Headquarters UNFICYP. She enjoys life in Cyprus and is able to participate in her many hobbies, which include flying, diving, skiing and hiking.

Ann leaves the UN next March and is going to the Channel Islands to work.

F.C. Visits New York

Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola, Commander UNFICYP, left Nicosia on Wednesday 3rd December, for New York.

While in New York General Martola was

available to the Secretary-General during the course of the Security Council's meetings and discussions on Cyprus and took his farewell of the Secretary-General since he is relinquishing his post as Force Commander on 20th December. He returns to Cyprus today.



Human Rights

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ple's sense of outrage, nor has it rendered them cynical. On the contrary, it has strengthened their determination to demand that effective and concerted action be taken at all levels to combat or mitigate these failings in the conduct of mankind.

Elimination

The ability of the United Nations and the international community to satisfy these demands will be enhanced, we hope, by the entry into force of the very important Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and by the acceleration of the pace of ratifications of the International Covenants on Human Rights and other significant international instruments.

These are, however, not the only means at our disposal, and one can only be encouraged by the recent tendency of the competent United Nations organs to adopt a more imaginative outlook, to study new problems of current concern, and to evolve methods aimed at detecting situations which reveal serious violations or denials of human rights and at contributing to their attenuation.

Urgent and noble

A theme therefore emerges for the celebration of Human Rights Day this year. It is that the peoples of the world, their Governments, and the United Nations, each in their respective spheres of activity, should strive to eliminate or at least to narrow the gap currently existing between the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the evidence of disregard for those principles which has resulted in cruel and inhuman behaviour manifest in various parts of the world today.

The endeavour to make conditions in the world conform to the universally accepted principles and standards of human rights, is both urgent and noble. We should solemnly rededicate ourselves to this task and devote to it the best efforts of which each one of us — individually and collectively — is capable.

Road Safety:

IT TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO GET TO A HOSPITAL BUT A LONG TIME TO COME BACK.