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AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS



OLD FRIENDS MEET. Photograph above was taken at UN Headquarters in New York last month: At left, Mr. Jose Rolz-Bennett, Under Secretary-General, and Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus.

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER VISITS UN, CONFERS WITH U THANT

The Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Levi Eshkol, visited United Nations Headquarters in New York last Friday, conferring with Secretary-General, U Thant, for some 40 minutes, attending a luncheon given in his honour and being escorted on a brief tour of Headquarters buildings.

A UN spokesman said that the Prime Minister and the Secretary-General had exchanged views on the Middle East and Viet-Nam in a cordial atmosphere.

The Prime Minister also renewed his invitation to the Secretary-General to visit Israel, and U Thant has accepted in principle.

In a statement issued to newsmen following the meeting and the luncheon, Mr. Eshkol referred to the current mission of Ambassador Gunnar Jarring who, as the Secretary-General's special peace envoy, has been contacting the Governments involved in the June 1967 war under the terms of the UN Security Council resolution of 14 June, last. He said it was his hope and that of all the people of Israel, that diplomatic talks now in progress would lead to direct negotiations between the parties with the direct object of bringing about peace and security in the Middle East.

"Surely," said Premier Eshkol, "after twenty years of hostility, time has come for all the coun-

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CYPRUS QUESTION

SECRETARY-GENERAL SUBMITS SPECIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week expressed misgivings about the decision of the Turkish Cypriot leadership to set up a "Provisional Cyprus Turkish Administration".

While welcoming assurances from the Turkish side that the move was of a practical nature and not related to the final solution of the Cyprus question, U Thant said he could not conceal his misgivings "as to the decision itself, its timing, the way in which it was announced and the publicity given to it by the Turkish Cypriot leadership."

In a special report to the United Nations Security Council on recent developments regarding Cyprus, the Secretary-General pointed out that the new development came only a week after the Council's latest resolution on Cyprus (See **BLUE BERET**, 27 September 1967, P. 6) and precisely at a time at which he was about to embark on discussions with the parties. It also came, he said, at a time when the Cyprus Government had announced it was on the point of extending initial normalization measures pro-

ctically to the entire island.

It seemed to him, said the Secretary-General, in view of the strong reactions of the Cyprus and the Greek Governments, that this development might well have a damaging effect both on the use of his good offices and on further steps towards normalization in Cyprus.

U Thant emphasized his hope, however, that, as called upon by the Security Council, all parties would show utmost moderation and restraint and refrain from any further act which might aggravate the situation in Cyprus. Thus, he said, a new and determined effort advocated by the Council might be undertaken with a view to keeping peace and arriving at a permanent settlement of the Cyprus problem.

UN STAMP HONOURS SECRETARIAT



NEW UN STAMP. Two new stamps will be issued by the United Nations Postal Administration on 16 January. The stamps have been designed to commemorate the UN Secretariat and will be in two denominations: six cents (see photo, above), and 13 cents. Stamps can be obtained at UNFICYP Headquarters (main hangar).

S-G REAFFIRMS CALL TO END N. VIET-NAM BOMBINGS

Last week, at UN Headquarters in New York, UN Secretary-General U Thant reiterated his long-held conviction that cessation of United States bombing of North Viet-Nam "is the first essential step which alone can lead to meaningful discussions and negotiations" to stop the Viet-Nam war.

Answering newsmen's requests for comment, U Thant added that a statement of the Foreign Minister of North Viet-Nam, carried by "Radio Hanoi" on 1st January, "reinforces this conviction". In his statement, the Foreign Minister said that "after the United States has ended unconditionally the bombing and all other acts of war, (North Viet-Nam) will hold talks..."



At fortære en pils nytårsaften kan ofte udvikle sig til en kamp med papnæse, vatskæg og hue- men koger fra Charlie mestrede dog kunsten!

FORNEMT BESØG



Torsdag d. 4. JAN havde DANCON besøg af den danske ambassadør i Ankara. Ambassadør Tojberg-Frantzen og frue var med Kommanderen rundt og se, hvorledes DANCON arbejder.

DANCON - NYT

Tænk at have rindende vand på kvarteret - det er lykke! Men hvad mener De så om malerens forslag om rindende whisky - det var måske værd at overveje!

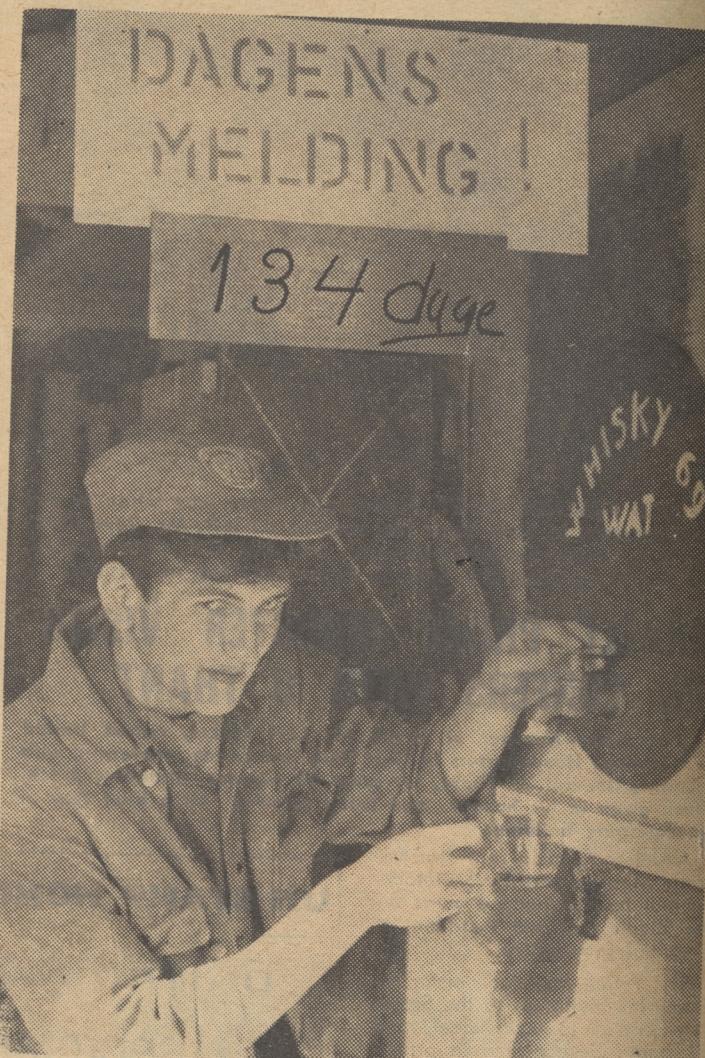


HAR DE SET...? SALAMIS

Salamis var omkring år 400 før vor tidsregning Cyperns hovedstad. Sagnet fortæller, at byen blev grundlagt ca 1180 før Kristi fødsel. Gennem tiderne har Salamis haft vekslende størrelse og indflydelse, men jordskælv, angreb og plyndringer lagde efterhånden byen øde, indtil den reduceredes til at være "stenbrud" for udbygningen af Famagusta. De afdækkede ruiner, man i dag kan se, stammer for storstedelen fra romersk tid, og de vigtigste er teatret (i græsk stil) og det såkaldte gymnasium, hvorfra billede er taget.



I fortsættelse af BT's "næsespøg" bringes her billede af en DANCON-person, som vi vil bede vores læsere hjælpe os med at identificere. For at stimulere lysten udlovere DANCON's pressetjeneste en amerikansk skrivemaskine til den først udtrukne rigtige løsning.



GLADA MINER PÅ 1 KOMP



Glada miner i cyperntjänsten demonstreras på bilden här ovan av en liten skara förstakompanister. Fr.v. ses uppradade kring KP-bilen "Tuffa Viktors" bistert krigiska yttré FN-soldat G.E. Nilsson, Gnosjö, korpral Kjell Andersson, Falkenberg och FN-soldaterna Mats-Olof Lagerstedt, Skillingaryd och Tommy Axelsson, Kristianstad.

Jodå! Visst vet vi att 1 kompaniet inte har något slags monopol på trivsamheten och den glada uppsynen. Så småningom hoppas Blue Berets redaktör att kunna publicera lika trevliga bilder från de övriga kompanierna.

SWEDCON NEWS



HJULAFTON PÅ CYPERN

Egentligen borde vi väl be om ursäkt för att vi fortfarande tjatar om det här med julen, men den här bilden var ju ändå lite extra, eller hur? Tystberga-sonen Kjell Svensson, från "rep- och drivmedel" på STR, firar julaftron på ett hjul vid Famagusta-beachen.

Fotokursen jagar motiv i Salamis

Under stabsfotograf "Putte" Sandbergs ledning har en del fotokurser startats runt om i Swedcon.

Här på bilden t.h. har en av fotogrupperna förlagt ett studiebesök till det antika och motivrika Salamis.

Fotograferna är fr.v. Lars Söderqvist, Stockholm, Jan Johansson, Stockholm, Bo Söderström, Gävle, Bo Landén, Jönköping, Bertil Jeppsson, Osby och kn Sverre Hofgaard, Botilsäter.



History of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoons

The 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards was formed from the amalgamation of two of Great Britain's oldest regiments, the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards and the 7th Princess Royal's Dragoon Guards, which themselves were formed within three years of each other for rather different reasons, the basis of which was religion.

The 4th Dragoon Guards was formed in 1685 as the result of an order from King James II, a Catholic, to the Earl of Arran, and were thus known as Arran's Horse. The King was frightened for his throne in a predominantly Protestant country and decided to increase his Army. As a result he survived the Monmouth rebellion of the same year. The troops in the regiment were paid the then princely sum of two shillings and sixpence per day and had to provide their own horses!

In 1688, King James fled the country and William of Orange became king. As a reward for help he had given the new King, the Duke of Devonshire was authorised to form his own regiment which became the 7th Princess Royal's Dragoon Guards. It was the first to see action at the Battle of Boyne in Ireland where James made a last attempt to regain the throne.

Both regiments served under William III in the campaign in Holland and Belgium, returning to Britain in 1698. Arran's Horse then remained in Ireland for almost a century whilst the 7th fought under the Duke of Marlborough in the victorious battles of Blenheim, Ramilles, Oudenarde and Malplaquet. The 7th returned to Ireland in 1714.

Arran's Horse changed its title to the 1st Irish Horse and was known as the Blue Horse from the colour of their coat facings.

On one occasion in 1736 the 4th marched out of Philipstown (now Daingean, Co. Offaly) and the Dublin Daily Advertiser of 12 December remarked that "they left us in the extraordinary circumstances — they owed no money. The night before they left, they drank 40 bowls of punch."

In 1743 the regiment fought against the French and at the battle of Dettingen captured two kettle drums, one of which is now in the Regimental Museum at Halifax. Here the standard bearer, a Cornet Richardson, who received 37 sabre cuts and bullet wounds, remarked to the Colonel, later Earl Ligonier, "If the wood of the Standard Pike had not been made of iron, the Standard would have been lost". It is now in the National Army Museum at Sandhurst.

In 1746, the Regiment returned to Ireland and was ranked as the 4th Irish Horse, known as the Black Horse, but in 1788 both Regiments changed again for the last time, reverting to their original titles.

The 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards moved to England in 1854.

Both regiments were heavily committed to mounted troops in trench warfare. Battles added to their standards were won at Mons, Le Cateau, Marne, Ypres, Sadowa, Cambrai. Amongst many heroes was Captain John Carton de Wiart who won the VC and later rose to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

As if to honour even, the 4th started the war, capturing 1,500 prisoners and the bridge over the river Dendre at Mons in Belgium only twenty minutes before the armistice.

The amalgamation of the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards took place in 1922 and in 1936, the Royal was re-granted. Two years later the regiment was mechanised after 250 years of mounted service. In November 1939 it arrived in France soon after the outbreak of the Second World War. Nearly five years later, especially waterproofed tanks, the first to 'wade' in Normandy, on D Day, 6 June 1944. Later they led the column to Arnhem and were the first to link up with the American Forces in May 1945. On 4 May, 1945, they were the last British troops to action alongside the 51st Highland Division. The assessment in the Telegraph soon after VE Day that the regiment would be the future tank men as the 'Last Regiment' had foundations.

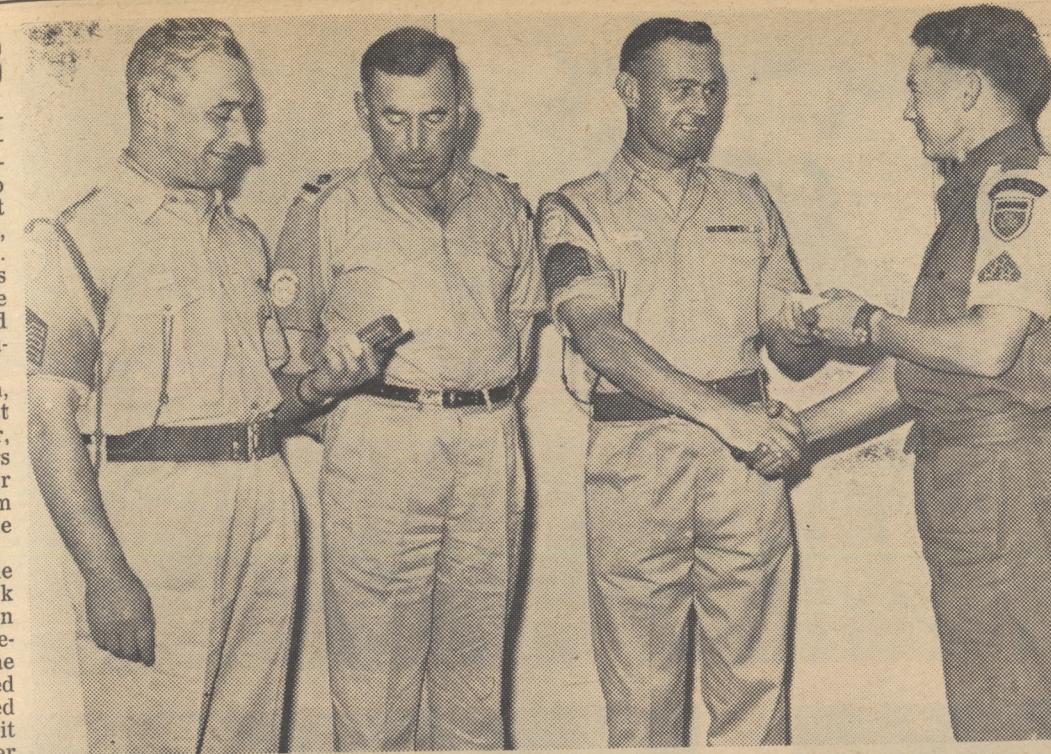
Since 1945 the regiment has served in Palestine, North Africa, and Northern Germany where early 1955 the squadron converted tanks to armoured cars. The Regiment has also been in England and Northern Ireland where in Omagh, the remaining three squadrons currently located in Northern Ireland, are currently located whilst the 4th Squadron is at Aldershot.



BRITCON NEWS

The 7th was also in the Boer War in South Africa from 1900 to 1902. Later it went to India where it was in 1914. The Regiment was immediately recalled to England for service in France, arriving there in October.

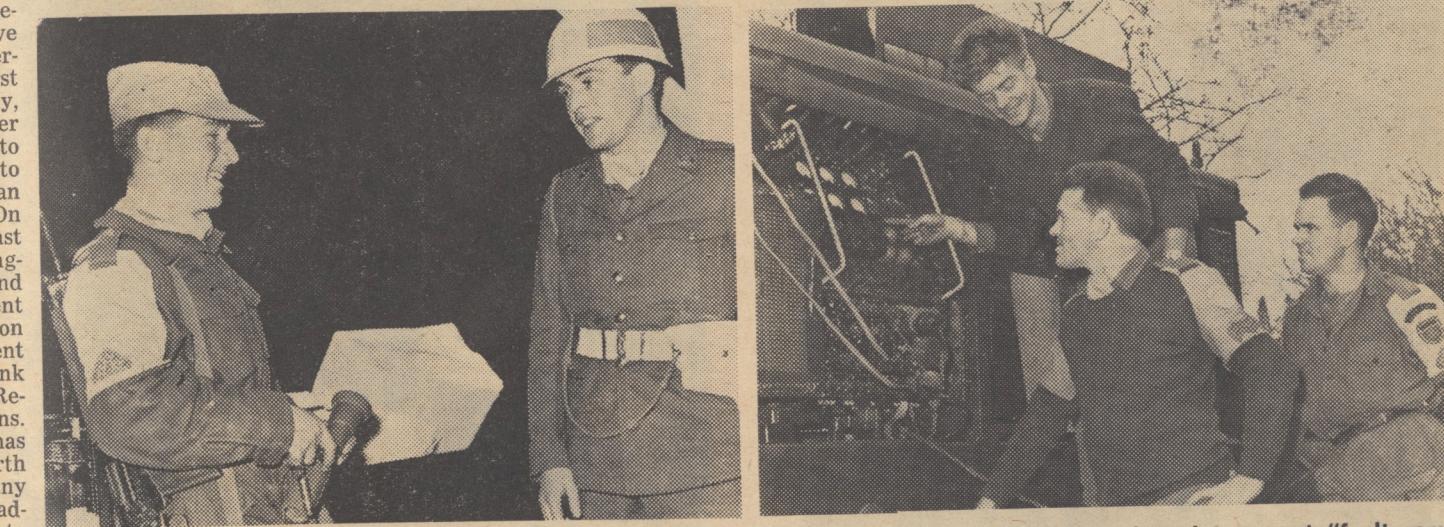
At the outbreak of World War I the 4th was in England but arrived in France twelve days later. After only a further six days an officer of the regiment drew the first blood by sword of the subsequent four years flood of gore and a corporal fired the first of millions of shots.



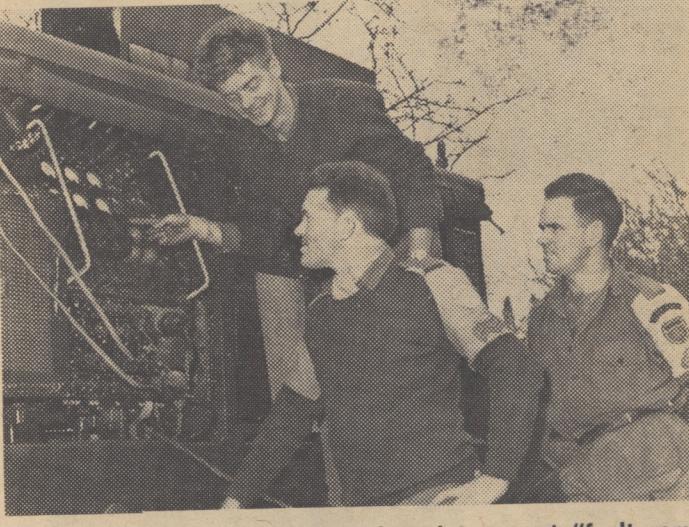
21 YEARS SERVICE REWARDED

Recently the two senior NCOs of C Coy completed 21 years Army service and to mark the occasion the members of the company made a presentation to them. (L to R) CQMS Albert Daly, Comdt W. Doheny O/C Company, C/S Michael McCarthy and Pte Oliver O'Connor who made the presentation on behalf of the Company.

IRCON NEWS



"All is well". The sentry on duty visiting the Military Policeman at the main gate at Xeros camp. (L to R) Gnr William Barry and Cpl Willie Roche.



Pte Joseph O'Leary (top) pleased to report "fault remedied" in the camp generator to Cpl John Harman and Pte Paddy Quirke at Limnitis Camp. All three serve in the Curragh Training Camp, Co. Kildare.



Members of 9 Inf Gp returning to Xeros after a reconnaissance flight over the IRCON District. (L to R) Capt D. Flood, Lieut P. Brunkard, Capt M. Shannon, Capt J. Parker, Capt. T. Dunne, Capt J. Hall, Capt. T. Murphy, Comdt W. O. Callaghan (2 i/c 9 Inf Gp).



In 'B' Sqn 4/7 DG, are the Ferrey brothers, Mick and Bob, from Shipley, Yorks. Mick is a storeman in the unit and Bob is a driver operator.



Spending his twenty-first birthday last Friday in Zyyi was Tpr Chris Raby, from Elland, Yorks, who, at least during the day, celebrated his coming-of-age by being 'on set' in the Comcen at 'B' Sqn, 4/7 DG.



When the camera popped in to the Comcen at HQ UNFICYP to keep up to date, it found Sig Bob Mairs from Bradford, Yorks, busy carrying out a radio check of the network with its numerous stations.



Dvr Charles (Chas) Kay is kept busy in the office of 65 Squadron RCT, preparing umpteen nominal rolls and answering inevitable enquiries from men with a gleam in their eye. Why? Because the Sqn is soon to return to their UK location at Deepcut, Surrey. The camp is only a short distance away from Dry Kay's present home at Farnborough, Hants. He is seen here rattling out a merry tune on the office piano — something about leave, perhaps?

141 UUTTA

FINCON NEWS



Saarelle saatiin kotisuomesta yhteensä 141 uutta rauhanturvaajaa. Lähes yhtä monta matkusti kotimaaan useita kokemuksia rikkaampana palveltuaan rauhanturvaajissa vähintään puoli vuotta.

Uusia miehiä laskeutumassa lentokoneesta ja hetkeä myöhemmin komentajan puhuttelussa. Jännityneitä ilmeitä, odottavia kateja. Ollaan vieraan maan kamaralla, monet ensimmäistä kertaa elämässään.

Kuvassa keskellä oikealla jääläkit P Koistinen ja A Pellinen varustamassa pataljoonan uutta pappia, sotilaspastori M Toivasta.

Vieressä jääläkit I Nevala seuraat tarkkana uuden rauhanturvaajan edesottamuksia varusteiden jakotilaisuudessa.



RECCE PATROL — Sgt. Tom Urbanowsky and Cpl. James Bruce pause beside their Ferret scout car to check their position as they carry out a reconnaissance patrol in Kyrenia District. Both are members of the reconnaissance squadron of the Fort Garry Horse.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



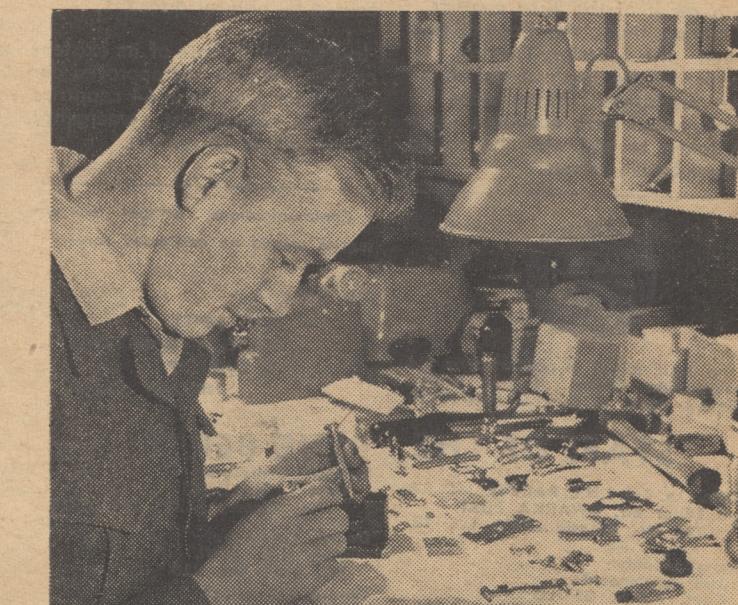
HAPPY BIRTHDAY — With two mess mates standing by with fire extinguishers, S/Sgt. Bill Holman (seated) was presented with a birthday cake with 43 candles in the sergeants mess at Camp Maple Leaf. With this birthday, S/Sgt. Holman will retire from the army after 25 years service. Serving the cake is Sgt. Chuck Murdoch while Sgt. Tom Urbanowsky (standing, left) and Sgt. Amos Barkley (right) hold the extinguishers. All four are members of the recce squadron of the Fort Garry Horse.



RECCE PLATOON — The reconnaissance platoon of the Black Watch on patrol in Kyrenia District. In the first jeep standing Cpl. Blair Singer with Pte. Robert McLean driving. In the second jeep is Cpl. Wilford Savoie standing and Pte. Terry Seaver driving. The recce platoon works closely with the recce squadron to patrol the villages and rural areas.



FAREWELL TO DOC — Squadron Leader Gordon Haworth, senior medical officer for CANCON, returns to Canada later this month and was presented with a plaque by Sgt. Ray Deschenes on behalf of the medical staff. Also shown are (left to right) Pte. Don Ferguson, Pte. Carl Faulkner and Cpl. Dave Landry.



ELECTRONIC TECH — S/Sgt. Roger Moreau repairs a movie projector in the electrical workshop at Camp Maple Leaf. S/Sgt. Moreau is a member of the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers. His repair service ensures the 13 projectors in the CANCON area are ready for daily use.

UN Assembly Ends Session



Last month, the UN General Assembly concluded its 22nd session. Above, Assembly President, Mr. Cornelius Manescu, is shown presiding over closing meeting.

JORDAN DENOUNCES ISRAEL ATTACK ON REFUGEE CAMP

In a letter to UN Secretary-General, U Thant, Jordan last week complained that Israeli forces on the West Bank had shelled the Wadi El-Yabis refugee camp on the East Bank on 1st January, causing the death of three civilians and serious injuries to six others, including a child.

Ambassador Muhammad El-Farra said in his letter that this was one of a series of unprovoked attacks carried out by Israel in spite of the 14 June resolution of the UN Security Council which asked, Israel to insure the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of war-torn areas, and to facilitate the return of those who had fled as a result of the June conflict.

Noting that the Council had asked the Secretary-General to check on the implementation of that resolution, Ambassador El-Farra asked that adequate steps be taken to end what he called "these Israeli crimes".



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200 MILLION DOLLARS SOUGHT FOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

The third pledging conference of the World Food Program was scheduled to take place at UN Headquarters in New York on 8 January.

The UN General Assembly — formed by the 123 Member States of the United Nations and which recently held its 22nd regular session in New York — and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization have set a target of 200 million dollars for 1969-70.

Pledges may be in the form of commodities, cash and services such as shipping.

The World Food Program was set up primarily to assist countries in carrying out economic and social development projects, but also to aid victims of emergencies caused by natural disasters.

In the first 5 years of its existence, the Program has approved development projects in 64 countries and has carried out emergency operations in 42 nations.

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TWENTY YEARS

1968, INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

This year, 1968, will be observed throughout the world as International Year for Human Rights marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948.

In a message issued by the President of the UN General Assembly, Mr Cornelius Manescu of Romania, to usher in this commemorative year, he urges all States and all international organisations to dedicate themselves "with renewed vigour", to the task of securing for people the world over the full enjoyment of their human rights.

In the two decades which have passed since the adoption of the Universal Declaration, states Mr Manescu, it has never ceased to grow in timeliness and importance. In this respect, he adds, of great significance have been the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly which recognize the sovereign right of peoples to decide their own future and to manage their wealth and natural resources.

The progress achieved since the adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights in the implementation of those rights and of fundamental freedoms cannot, however, blind the world to the fact that the provisions of the Declaration are still disregarded in various parts of the globe where human beings are being subjected to injustices which are incompatible with the civilization of our time, Mr Manescu says.

The International Year for Human Rights emphasizes all the more "the great responsibility we all bear" in the matter of the complete implementation, by combined efforts, of the provisions of the Universal Declaration, so as to ensure respect for human dignity and equal and inalienable rights for all, states the Assembly President.

Force Commander Returns to Nicosia

The Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, returned to Cyprus last Wednesday from a private visit to his native country, Finland.

General Martola, who had left on his brief holiday on 19 December, was met at the Nicosia airport by Brig. M. N. Harbottle, OBE, Force Chief-of-Staff who had been acting as Officiating Commander during Gen Martola's absence, and other UNFICYP officials.

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS TO EXTEND UNFICYP MANDATE

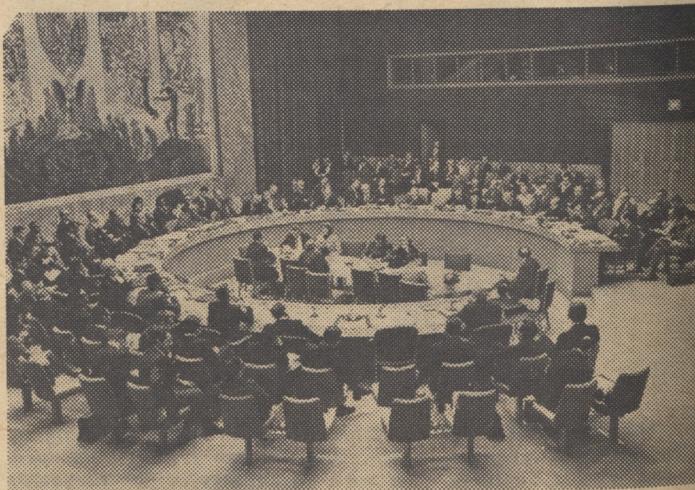


PHOTO ABOVE was taken when UN Security Council met at UN Headquarters in New York to consider the Secretary-General's latest report on the UN Operation in Cyprus and later extended the Force's mandate for another three months.