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AT AIRPORT — Photograph above shows Ambassador Gunnar Jarring (second from left) on arrival at Nicosia airport. He was greeted by Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola. Also shown, Mr. George Pellaghas, Director of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Jarring Arrives To Set Up UNMEM HQ.

Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, Special Representative and head of the United Nations Middle East Mission, arrived on Sunday evening in Nicosia where he will establish the headquarters for his mission.

On his arrival, he was met by Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus; Lt Gen A.E. Martola, Commander of the UN Force in Cyprus, and other UN officials in Cyprus.

On Tuesday, Ambassador Jarring left for Beirut, Lebanon, to begin a series of visits to Middle East capitals to make initial contacts with Governments in the area.

His task, as designated by the UN Security Council, is to contact Israel and her Arab neighbours to promote agreement between them and to assist in efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement of both the immediate consequences of the hostilities of last June and the longstanding disputes which have sustained tension in the area over the past 20 years.

In deciding to dispatch a UN representative to the Middle-East, the Security Council outlined the framework within which he should conduct his mission. This included withdrawal of Israeli forces from Arab Territories occupied

in June coupled with an end to all claims or states of belligerency; acknowledgement of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area — and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries, free from threats or acts of force.

The Council also affirmed the need for guarantees of freedom of navigation through international waterways, achievement of a just settlement of the 20-year-old Palestine refugee problem, and the ensuring of the inviolability and independence of every State through such measures as the establishment of demilitarized zones.

UNRWA Head Describes Refugee Plight as 'Acute'

The UN General Assembly's special political Committee last week heard Mr. Laurence Michelmore, Commissioner-General of the UN's Palestine refugee agency (UNRWA), describe as "acute" the situation facing more than a million

SECRETARY-GENERAL REPORTS ON UNFICYP

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, in a 66-page report to the Security Council on the last six months of operation of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, has urged all concerned to seize the opportunity emerging from the recent crisis on the island to resolve the long-standing and complex Cyprus question. (See full text of the Secretary-General's OBSERVATIONS contained in his report, P. 8).

To this end, he has proposed "as a first obvious step" that the Council renew for a further three to six months, the existing mandate of the UN Force, which is due to expire on 26th December.

He also envisages, should the Council wish to take necessary action, the enlargement of the mandate of the Force to include such functions as supervision of the disarmament of opposing forces and devising of "practical arrangements" to safeguard the internal security embracing the safety of all the people of Cyprus.

The Secretary-General recalls that the three appeals he made to the parties concerned during the recent crisis, included a plea to Greece and Turkey to carry out a speedy withdrawal of their forces on the island in excess of those established under international

agreement at the time of Cyprus' independence — 950 Greeks and 650 Turks, respectively. He added that such reductions could envisage the ultimate withdrawal of all non-Cypriot forces other than those of the United Nations, making possible a positive demilitarization of Cyprus.

The Secretary-General says the responses of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus to these appeals were encouraging and, he believes, provide the basis for the parties and the Security Council to consider further positive steps in the search for a durable solution.

Throughout the recent crisis, he declares, the world witnessed a chain of events that seemed to be leading inexorably to an armed conflagration. While it was possible at the eleventh hour to stem the tide, he expresses the view that it is now of "utmost urgency" to act with speed and determination to find a lasting solution. He reiterates that his good offices continue to be available to this end to the parties and to the Security Council.

It is expected that the Security Council will meet towards the end of the current week to consider the Secretary-General's report.

OSORIO-TAFALL LEAVES FOR N.Y.

Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, leaves Nicosia today for New York to confer with the Secretary-General and other United Nations officials at UN Headquarters in New York.

ASSEMBLY BACKS NON-NUCLEAR LATIN AMERICA

THE 122-nation UN General Assembly, meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, last week approved a resolution urging the world's nuclear powers to support a new treaty excluding atomic weapons from Latin America, and to promise not to use them against the signatories of the pact.





DANCON - KURÉREN!



Vi har hermed den glæde at kunne være blandt de første til at bringe anmeldelse af det danske kontingents daglige avis: "DANCON - KURÉREN!" Idéen med avisen er at bringe de sidste nyheder fra Danmark kort fortalt, således at man har en forudanelse om, hvad de hjemlige aviser bringer af nyt dagen efter. Endvidere bringes også nyheder her fra øen, i det omfang, det er nødvendigt.

DANCON - KURÉREN's arbejdsgang er som følger: Den danske radioavis kl. 1330 B bliver af "Gnisten" OS P.B. Kvist optaget på bånd fra Gnistens RACAL-modtager, og bliver herefter aflevet til DANCON's pressejtemeste. Her bliver radioavisen i uddrag skrevet ned på stencils. Disse bliver derpå dupliceret på DANCON HQ, og herfra bliver "DANCON - KURÉREN" fordelt til de forskellige enheder, hvor enhver så har lejlighed til at læse den, idet der bliver lagt nogle eksemplarer i messer og kantiner. Det er pressejtemestens tanke, at "DANCON - KURÉREN" skal være fremme hos læseren inden aftenspisningen.

DANCON - NYT

FINCON afholdt reception på "LEDRA PALACE" onsdag d. 6. DEC på grund af 50 års-dagen for Finlands uafhængighed. President Makarios var specielt indbudt. Her modtages præsidenten af general A. Martola.



HAR DE SET...? APHRODITE FRA CYPERN

Kysten ved Paphos er Aphrodites traditionelle fødested, og Cypern var gennem århundreder skønhedens og kærlighedens ø - vogtet af denne ældgammle frugtbarhedsgudinde. Hun står på Cyperns NATIONAL-MUSEUM i Nicosia sammen med en lang række skatte fra Cyperns historie gennem de sidste 7000 år. Museets adresse er: Museum Avenue. Åbningstiderne er: 0830-1300 og 1430-1600. Det koste 50 mils at komme ind - OG DET ER DET VÆRD!!!!

BJERGGEDER?

NEJ, DET ER BLOT CHARLIE PA MARCHTUR

Efter at der er blevet "ro i lejren", er kompagnierne begyndt på den daglige tjeneste og ud dannelsen. DANCON fotografen traf C-KMP i Kyrenia-bjergene, hvor der blev tilbagelagt en strækning på 15 km. Den medbragte madpakke blev forteret ved "Femfingerbjerget"!

Äntligen har det hänt . . .

HÄLSNINGSBILD I BLUE BERET

Svenska bataljonen har inte riktigt kunnat hävda sig i Blue Berets spalter med alla dess handskakningar och överlämningar.

Men nu är lyckan fullkomlig, vi har lyckats få med både handskakning och överlämning. Bataljonschefen, överste Per Wallin, ställde en vacker morgon upp STR-kompaniet och hela staben för att major Helge Gard, chef för STR, under övliga former skulle mottaga en kommandostav i egenskap av kommandant på Carl Gustaf Camp.



Major Helge Gard visar lycklig upp sin magiska trollstav. Ingen behöver i fortsättningen tveka om vem som är kommandant.

och sluttjatat om mustaschen

Det stora ögonblicket för marktentaren på bataljonsstaben Hans-Göran Wiklund har också kommit. Hans hustru har nedkommit med en flicka och löfte är löfta, pappas mustasch måste falla. Det var ett stort ögonblick som hade lockat en intresserad publik, som både ville gratulera till faderskapet och se den yviga ansiktsprydningen falla till golvet.

SWEDCON NEWS



Saxförare när Hans-Görans mustasch föll var fanjunkare K-E Dahlgren. Till vardags klipper fanjunkaren mest upp postsäckar på fältpostkontoret.



Bataljonschefen, överste Per Wallin, har just överlämnat kommandostaven till kommandanten på Carl Gustaf Camp, major Helge Gard.

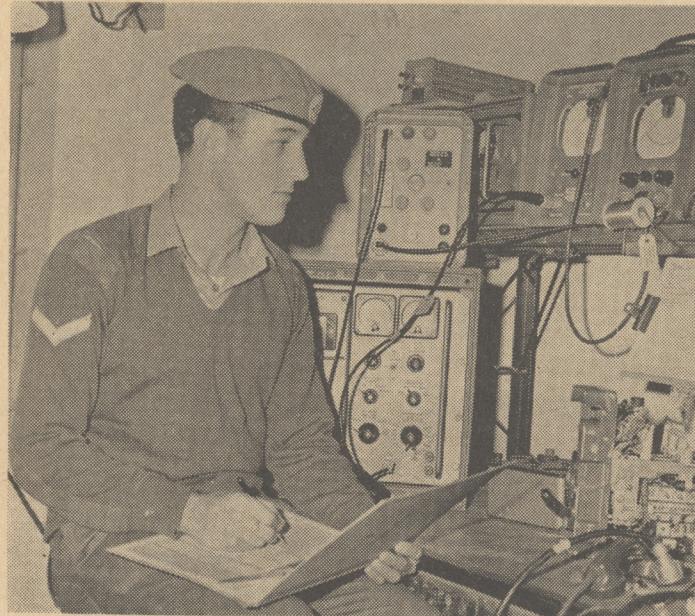


ONE OF BRITCON'S LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS DEPARTS

Captain Patrick Brooking left Cyprus this week with the remainder of 'A' Sqn of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

During the recent troubles, the British contingent having been with UNFICYP since 10 January 1966. On returning to UK, he is to command the squadron when the present OC, Major A.T.P. Millen departs for a course at the Joint Service Staff College at Zyyi.

Capt Brooking was one of the longest-serving members of the Latymer, Bucks.



Lance-Corporal John Norman of the REME Workshops HQ UNFICYP is seen recording some vital readings whilst checking over some equipment.



One of Capt Brooking's more pleasant duties to departure was the leave payment totalling around £7,000. Members of the squadron, 'Lovely lolly' is seen passing from Tpr Roy Holland from Fareham, Hants, who had witnessed the whole procedure in accordance with the good book of regulations.

BRITCON NEWS



Some of Troop 3 of Field Squadron RE attached to the Greenjackets proudly displaying their UNFICYP medals which had just been presented by Lt Col F.E. Kitson, MBE, MC, CO of the 1st Battalion The Royal Greenjackets. Two hours later the Sappers had left Polymedhia camp en route for Tidworth. Left to Right — Lcpl David Spicer from Luton, Spr Leon Wicek from Falkirk, Lt John A. Crow, troop commander, Spr David Williams from Holyhead and Spr Terry Allen from Halifax.



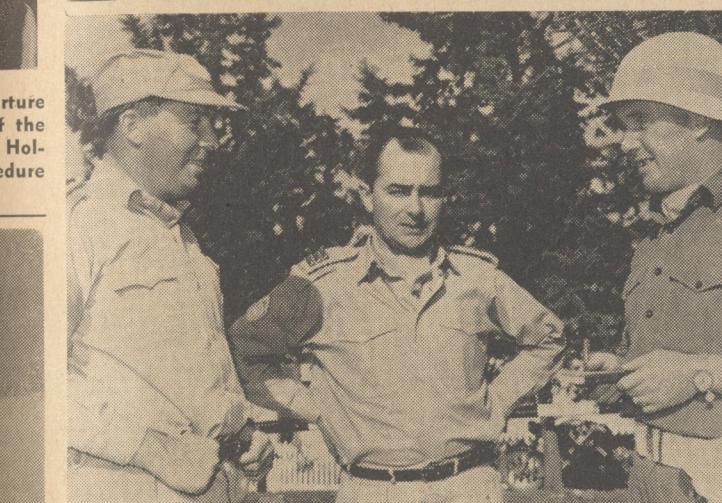
The Chief Clerk of the Greenjackets, Colour-Sergeant David Owen from Wilmot, Cheshire; his family is seen here reading through one of the items from the 'bumph' which he is responsible for processing.



A Policeman's lot at Xeros seems to be a happy one. (L to R) 1st Constable Rod Paddon-Jones Australian Police, Inspector Mick Raw Australian Police, Inspector Theodore Koualis, Cyprus Police, Sgt Mick Doyle MP IRCON, 1st Constable Andrew Kyprianou Cyprus Police.



IRCON NEWS



Someone in trouble? Capt Brendan Farrell (centre) Adjutant 9 Inf Gp with Capt Martin O'Donnell (L) Police Officer and Sgt Andrew Shean MP Section in serious mood.



Sgt Bob Terms of the Australian Police Contingent serving with UNFICYP keeping in practice during a 'session' with members of 9 Inf Gp Pipe Band at Xeros. Sgt Terms is a native of Glasgow, Scotland. (L to R) Cpl John Kelly, Sgt Nicholas Davis, Sgt Bob Terms and Cpl Michael Naone.



Completing modifications on the water tank at Lefka Camp are (L to R) Pte Raymond Dempsey, Sgt Paddy Conroy and Cpl Charlie McCabe.



"The postman cometh". Members of the Camp Staff at Xeros wait hopefully during the distribution of mail. (L to R) Pte Colm McDonagh, Pte David Mangan, Cpl Nicholas Codd, Sgt James McGuire, Sgt John Fenney, Pte John Flood, Cpl Frank Mullins, Pte David Walsh, Cpl Dermot McCormack and Cpl Diarmuid Buckley.



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ITSENAISYYSJUHLAT KYPROSELLA



Maamme viidettäkymmenettä itseäisyyspäivää vietettiin tavoinmaista juhlavammin myös täällä saarellamme. Juhlallisuudet aloitettiin Esikunnan kentällä pataljoonan katselmuksella ja sitä seuranneella joukkojen ohimarsilla. Pilvisen, tosin väillä sateiseksikin yltyneen sään vallitessa otti paraatin vastaan rauhanturvaajoukkojen suomalaiskomentaja kenraali A. E. Martola suomalaispataljoonan komentajan ev. V. Rusasen seuraamaan. Tilaisuudessa kuultiin myös sotpast V. Muilun sekä kenraali Martolan puheet. Evl. N. Palménin komentamaa katselmusta ja paraatia seurasivat kontingentti komentajien lisäksi joukko eri maiden sotilasjäseniä.

Paraatin jälkeen nautittiin yhdessä juhhalounas Myllyllä. Tässä tilaisuudessa puhui ev. Rusanen. Tätäkin tilaisuutta muuten juhlisti erityisesti englantilaisten rauhanturvaajien 'Greenjacket'ien mainio soittokunta, joka osallistui suomalaissävelin myös itse paraatiin.

Ilta-päivällä käytiin vielä katso- massa 'Tuntematonta' ja illan joutuessa jatkettiin jo omassa piirissä oman ohjelman Juhlavastaanoton lisäksi.

FINCON NEWS



CYPRUS VISITOR — Lt-Col D.A. Nicholson, Commanding Officer of the Fort Garry Horse, (right) and Major Ian Galbraith, (left) Commanding Officer of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Fort Garry Horse now on duty with the United Nations in Cyprus are briefed by Cpl John Taylor, during a visit to Martin's Mound outpost. Lt Col Nicholson was in Cyprus to inspect the operations of his Squadron and see the operations of the Canadian force.

CANCON HOLD DRIVERS 'RODEO'

Lt Col W.J. Newlands, Commander of Kyrenia District, has presented prize money worth more than \$50 to winners of the CANCON drivers "rodeo" and certificates to five drivers who have completed 2,500 accident-free miles in Cyprus.

The rodeo, which was sponsored by the Transport Platoon of the CANCON administrative support group at Camp Maple Leaf, was designed to test the ability of the drivers and to encourage safe driving.

The events began with obstacle driving for jeeps with trailers in which Cpl Vince Jeffers of B Company and Pte John O'Callaghan of the Transport Platoon tied. This was followed by obstacle driving for 3/4-ton trucks in which Cpl Bob Bray and Cpl Stu Avery of the Fort Garry Horse and Cpl Roy Lalonde of the Transport Platoon each scored 97 points out of 100.

Pte Jim Young of the Transport Platoon won first prize in a jeep "grand prix" — a cross-country race over natural and artificial barriers. Pte John O'Callaghan was placed second.

In the heavy vehicle section, which included Canadian 2 1/2-ton and British three-ton trucks, Cpl Vince Jeffers took an early lead with 92 points which other drivers failed to beat. The final winner was Cpl Jack Wayman of the Transport Platoon who guided a three-tonner through the course for a near-perfect score of 95, much to the chagrin of B company.

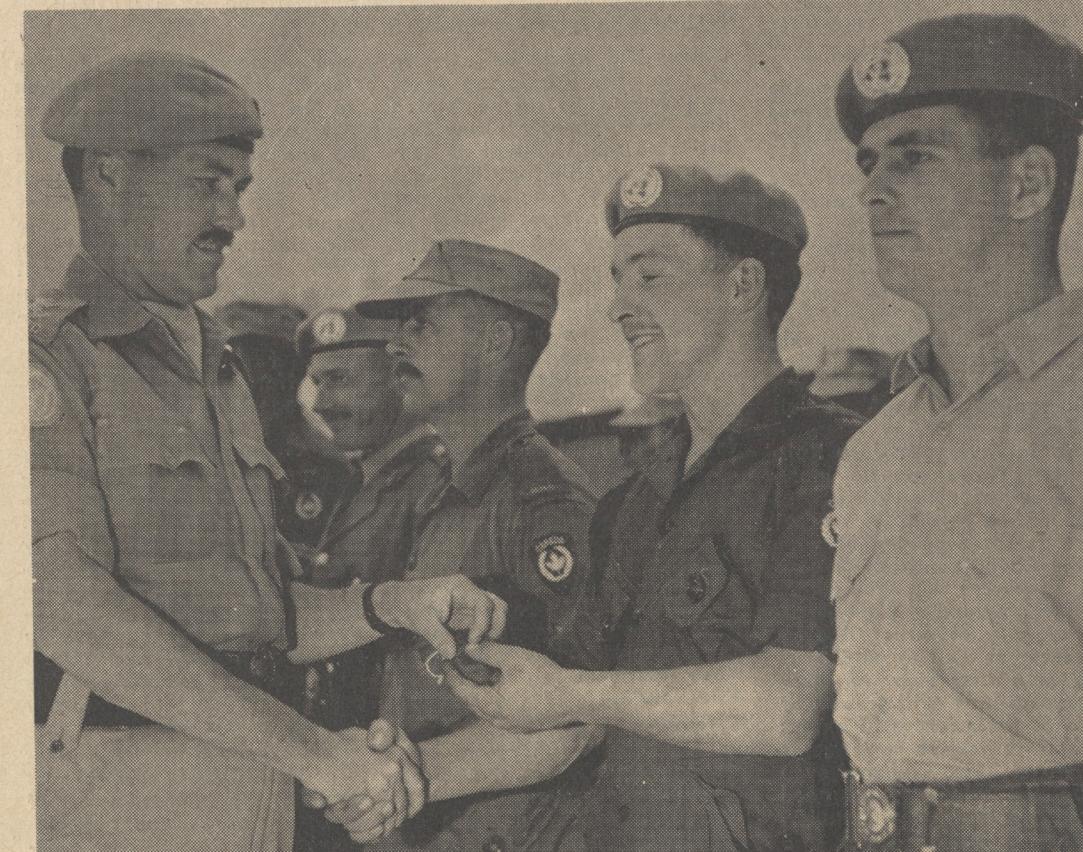
In all, 60 drivers competed for the prize money.

Certificates for 2,500 accident-free miles of driving were presented to Pte Henry McKay, Pte Ron Stenger, Pte Jim Young, Pte John O'Callaghan and Pte Albert Hird, all of the Transport Platoon.

CANCON NEWS (Canadian Forces Photos)



Pte Denis Turbide, pauses against sandbags as he keeps a watch on the countryside surrounding his United Nations outpost. Pte Turbide, one of six soldiers who man "Saddle" outpost in the Kyrenia Mountain, is a member of 1 Battalion, The Black Watch.



Lt Col W.J. Newlands, Commander of Kyrenia District, presents a prize to Pte John O'Callaghan following a CANCON drivers "Rodeo". Pte James Young is on the right.



AT THE LEDRA. The Force Commander greets H.B. Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus, on his arrival at the reception held at the Ledra Palace on the occasion of Finland's Independence Day. At centre, Mr Zenon Severis, Finnish Consul-General in Cyprus.

TEXT OF SECRETARY - GENERAL'S 'OBSERVATIONS'

Following is the full text of the Chapter, headed **OBSERVATIONS** contained in the report of the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus from 13 June to 8 December 1967, which was circulated at UN Headquarters in New York on 11 December 1967, as Document S/8286:

OBSERVATIONS

The recent events in the island and their very serious repercussions have shown how precarious the situation regarding Cyprus remains and how easily and rapidly, in spite of the best efforts of UNFICYP, relatively small incidents can develop into an imminent threat to international peace.

I have already reported to the Council the three appeals which I made to the parties during the recent crisis and their replies to them, as well as the efforts of my Personal Representative, Mr Jose Rolz-Bennett. These appeals included a call to avoid all acts of force or the threats of recourse to force; a particular plea to the Governments of Greece and Turkey to take immediate measures to end any threat to the security of either one by the other as well as of Cyprus and, as a first step, to carry an expeditious withdrawal of those of their forces in excess of their respective contingents in Cyprus. I also said that such reductions, which would need to be in stages, should envisage the ultimate withdrawal from the island of all non-Cypriot armed forces, other than those of the United Nations. This would make possible the positive demilitarization of

Cyprus and would be a decisive step toward securing peace on the island. I further stated that, with regard to any further role that it might be considered desirable for UNFICYP to undertake, I gathered that this could involve, subject to the necessary action by the Security Council, enlarging the mandate of the force so as to give it broader functions in regard to the realization of quiet and peace in Cyprus, including supervision of disarmament and the devising of practical arrangements to safeguard internal security, embracing the safety of all the people of Cyprus. The response of the parties to these appeals was encouraging and does, I believe, provide a basis for the parties and the Security Council to consider the various issues involved, leading toward further positive steps in the search for a durable solution of the Cyprus question.

Throughout the recent crisis regarding Cyprus, the world lived through very anxious days, witnessing a chain of events that seemed to be leading inexorably to an armed conflagration. It was possible, at the eleventh hour, to stem the tide but it is of the utmost urgency now to act with speed

FINCON OBSERVES FINLAND'S 50TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 50th anniversary of Finland's Independence Day was observed in Cyprus with colourful ceremonies organized by the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

festivities began with a parade of units of the 8th Finnish Battalion near HQ FINCON. The Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, took the salute of the Battalion which was commanded by Lt Col N. Palmen. Commanding officers of the different contingents serving with UNFICYP were also present, as well as military attaches serving with diplomatic missions in Cyprus. The Force Commander and the Rev V. Muili addressed the members forming the FINCON parade column.

Later in the day, available members of FINCON had lunch with the 1st Coy acting as hosts. During the lunch, the FINCON CO, Col Veiko Rusanen, addressed the group.

In the evening, a reception was held at the Ledra Palace with the Finnish Consul-General in Cyprus, Mr Zenon Severis, General Martola and Col Rusanen acting as co-hosts. Following the reception, officers, NCO's and other ranks attend-

ed privately-organized dinners throughout the FINCON area of responsibility.

The closing event was another reception hosted by General Martola and Col Rusanen and held in the Saray Hotel the following afternoon.

RAF EPISKOPI TROUNCES HQ UNFICYP ELEVEN, 8-1

HQ UNFICYP spent a frustrating afternoon trying to pierce the strong defence of RAF Episkopi at RAF Nicosia on Wednesday 6 December.

RAF opened their account after ten minutes with a great goal. Four minutes later they increased their lead with a goal that was a replica of the first.

The pace throughout the game was terrific, leaving many HQ players gasping. Strong scored for HQ close to half time, after a defensive error by the RAF keeper.

Half time: HQ UNFICYP 1 RAF Episkopi 2.

RAF continued to press HQ's defence with fast attacking football. After the shellacking they got in the first half, HQ's defence cracked, and RAF scored five goals in the space of eleven minutes.

After this spate of goals, the game developed into a grim struggle between the tired defence of HQ and the still strong and eager forwards of RAF.

Tiley was outstanding in HQ's defence. Although he lacked support, he marshalled the few players able to stand the pace, well.

HQ's forwards must learn to go looking for the ball when they are being starved out of the game. Baker gave a good example of this, being first in defence and next trying to get the attack going.

Final score: HQ UNFICYP 1 RAF Episkopi 8.

consultation with the parties is, of course, for the Council itself to determine.

I would conclude this report by drawing attention once again to the continuing precariousness of the situation regarding Cyprus and by expressing the hope that the parties and the Council will proceed with urgency to intensive consideration of ways and means of preventing a recurrence of conflict and of finding a basis for the settlement of the Cyprus problem".