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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FINLAND VOTED AS NEW MEMBER

The General Assembly, on the 1st November, 1968, elected Colombia, Finland, Nepal, Spain and Zambia, on the first ballot, as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year period beginning 1 January 1969.

The five new members of the Security Council replace Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Ethiopia and India, whose terms expire at the end of this year. As of 1 January, the Security Council will therefore consist of the five permanent members (China, France, Soviet Union, United Kingdom and United States) and the following 10 non-permanent members: Algeria, Colombia, Finland, Hungary, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Senegal, Spain and Zambia.

TEXT OF STATEMENT BY
SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT,
ON 1 NOVEMBER

Along with so many who believe in peace, I am happy and gratified at the announcement by President Johnson last night, 31 October, of his Government's decision to cease all air, naval and artillery bombardment of North Vietnam, effective this morning, 1 November. This is a first and essential step toward peace which I and many others have been urging for nearly three years in the conviction that it could lead to further steps towards achievement of a just and peaceful settlement of the prolonged and increasingly tragic and dangerous war in Viet-Nam. The reported agreement on the participation in the Paris peace talks of representatives of both the Government of South Viet-Nam and of the National Liberation Front, together with those of North Viet-Nam and the United States, is also a most welcome and practical development, since peace talks can be most effective only when all of those engaged in the fighting are enabled to participate. In the light of these encouraging developments, it seems to me that the prospects for peace in Viet-Nam are brighter today than at any time in the past three years. I would appeal with great earnestness to all of the parties in the Viet-Nam war to approach this new phase in the talks

UNFICYP CONTRIBUTION

The Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the sum of \$11,667 has been forwarded as Ghana Government's contribution to the UNFICYP account for the period 27 March 1964 to 15 December 1968.

'COMBRITCON' RECEIVES MEDAL



Thursday 7 Nov., was a significant day in the corridors of power at HQ UNFICYP. Lt Gen A.E. Martola, presented Brig Gen E.M.D. Leslie COS, and Col D.B. Riddell-Webster DCOS, with their Medals in completion of three months. The occasion was suitably toasted in champagne and caviar, (See page 4!).

PRESIDENT RECEIVES PIO



Last week, His Beatitude, Archbishop Makarios, received the Principle Information Officer, Jean Back, on a courtesy visit. The PIO returned to Athens shortly afterwards, where he is based, and expects to visit Cyprus in the New Year.

with a determination to exert their utmost effort to avoid any action likely to impede progress towards an early peaceful settlement of the war.

TEXT OF STATEMENT BY
EMILIO ARENARES, PRESIDENT OF
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON 1 NOV.

The decision of President Johnson to halt all the bombing of North Viet-Nam is a very important step

towards peace in South-East Asia, which will be welcomed by all of us who are devoted to the cause of world peace. It is also gratifying to learn that the parties directly engaged in the fighting in Viet-Nam are to participate in the Paris talks. I sincerely hope that the cessation of the bombing will open the door to meaningful discussions toward the peaceful settlement of this long war which has taken such a heavy toll in death, destruction and unhappiness.

HEAD CHAPLAIN'S VISIT



Paying his first visit to Cyprus is Rev. Father Duffy, Head Chaplain to the Irish Forces. He is seen here being greeted on arrival at Nicosia Airport by Lt Col D. O'Brien CO 11 Inf Group.



To Dancon-X-folk iklædes her ved stabsskompaniet. Til venstre ses overfenrik S.E. Nielsen, der skal være garagemester, og til højre den nye T-mek, fenrik N.H. Bjerre.

DANCON
NYT

DANCIVPOL LUKKER I KYRENIA

På billedet til venstre ses commander A. Vesterbirk fra DANCIVPOL, der sammen med inspector K.E. Skovfoged, commander for DANCIVPOL/Detachement Kyrenia, fortage den strygning af UN-Flaget, der markerer nedlæggelsen af Detachementet. Overstående begivenhed fandt sted 4. november 1968 kl. 1500. Detachementet har virket i tilslutning til DANCIVPOL konvojstyrke siden foråret 1964.

På billedet til højre låser inspector K.E. Skovfoged døren til stationen, hvorefter nedlæggelsen af stationen var en realitet. Detachementets personel indgår nu HQ - DANCIVPOL i Nicosia.



B-COY HJEM

DANCON-fotografen var med da Bravo-kompaniet gik over i Dancon-historien. Kompaniets omraade er nu overtaget af Charlie, der har fået det gamle "Fort Bravo" om til "Fort Dimitri".

Til venstre piller sergeant E.W. Madsen Bravo-skiltet ned, og herunder afleverer Bravo- og Lourojina-konstabler deres sidste ting på vaabenkammeret.

De sidste Bravo-folk rejste hjem i mandags.



SIGNALKNASTER, POSTSÄCKAR, JUDOKNUFFAR



• "Headquarters Famagusta" låter det för det mesta i luren, när vi ringer till zonstabben i Famagusta - ingen ljus telefonissä stämmer men en trygg svensk soldatröst i alla fall! Och för att ordna all "trådkontakt" jobbar bat signalister dag och natt vid växelborden. På bilden längst t.v. STR-kp:a Torgny Bramberg och Stig Lönn i full funktion, fv Per Albin Holmkvist övervakar.

• Det är ingen mått på svenska FN-soldaters tilltro till fältpostens förmåga. Den överträffas bara av verkligheten. Inte ens inför ett sådant här korgvidunder bryter panik ut på postkontoret på Carl Gustaf Camp. Fältpostmäst Sven Lundin, överpostiljon Karl Moreau och postexp Inge Magnusson (fr. h. på bilden t.v.) sänder varje månad hem tonyis av våra "prylar" i de ljusblå säckarna. Allt går tydligt bra med ett postleende!

• Inte vet Blue Beret riktigt vad det här greppet kallas, men klart är att fritidsövningarna på bilden nedan kallas judo - den japanska självförsvarstekniken, som nu blivit populär på bat. Instruerande fk Bengt Eriksson kastar fk Göte Didriksson, medan två andra 41:or har ett privat litet famntag för sig i bakgrunden.

Jag skulle vilja hälsa med en skiva till FN-soldat...

"Snälla Ebba, jag skulle så gärna vilja hälsa till min egen FN-soldat.....Och så var snäll och spela den här skivan för honom....."

Det handlar om måndagarnas önskeprogram med cypernhälsningar. Alltså det som spelas in av Sveriges Radio och sedan sänds en gång i veckan över Cyprus Radio. Närmare bestämt på 498 meter eller 602 kcs. (Tyvärr uppgav vi en felaktig siffra i en tidigare Blue Beret).

Ännu så länge har det inte varit någon särskild trängsel i hälsningssön, men några månader efter rotationen brukar vänner och anhöriga, som vill hälsa med en grammofonskiva till oss i FN-tjänst på Cypern bli så många, att bara några få kan lyckas få sin skivönskan uppfylld. Och tidsbestämda gratulationer till födelsedagar etc. bör sändas in i mycket god tid. Hälsa dem därhemma det!

Och så adressen - flera har frågat zonpressoff efter den: Sveriges Radio, "Cypernhälsningen", Utlandsavd, Box 955, 10133 STOCKHOLM. Varsågoda!

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



GIVAKT I CHATOS

Rätning, på Cypern - axelbredds lucka, gradräta fotvinklar och FN-medveten hög svensk huvudföring. GIVAKT! I handen gevär! På OP i Chatos, närmare bestämt.

Blue Beret var med, dvs stabsfotografen Jan Erlandsson, när 1. komp 1. plut gjorde uppställning framför det kombinerade plutons-högkvarteret och OP:t i byn Chatos. Takterna från Sverige och P 10 satt bra i och skall väl så göra för resten av tjänstgöringen på Afrodites oroliga ö.

Och bilden? Jo, det är plutt S.G. Öberg, som synar den uppställda OP-gruppen, nämligen fr. v. FN-soldaterna A.R. Fransson, B.G. Andersson, S.O. Nilsson och fu L.T.L. Jonsson.



Och sa trafiksäkerheten!

Vinterregnen faller tätare nu, halvkan blir värre, nattmörkret också. Dags igen alltså, att vi påminner varandra om det här med trafiksäkerheten.

Den som bl a kräver, att Duettet körs i högst 80 km, Landrovers och "valpar" 70 km, 1 ton och 3 ton lastbilar 65 km och fordon med trailer i högst 50 km/tim. Samt att säkerhetsbälten används. Samt att vi är allmänt vaksamma.

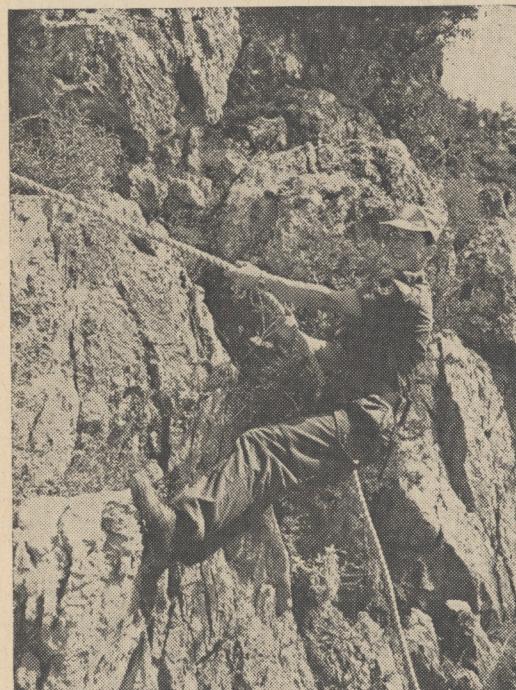
Du är kanske själv en överdängare vid ratten, men gardera dig för de där som kör om på backrön och utan lysen och aldeles för fort. De där som brukar hamna vid vägkanten!



CANADIAN JOURNALISTS INTERVIEW DR. KUCHUK.

During the recent visit to Cyprus of Canadian Journalist, they had the opportunity to interview Dr. Kuchuk at a press conference. Dr. Kuchuk faces the camera in the centre, flanked on his right by Mr. Orek and on his left Mr. Denkash.

This visit was covered in full in last weeks 'Blue Beret' Issue No. 30 6 November 1968.



IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN

If the Canadian troops manning Saddle outpost, high in the Kyrenia mountains of Cyprus, ever have to evacuate the area, it will be down a rope, which hangs over a 150 foot cliff face. Ensuring that all is well with the escape apparatus is Private Claude Bildeau.

SUNDAY TOURIST



Sunday around CANCON is a day of rest and sightseeing and MWO Harry Oshier is no exception. He is looking at an old Roman Arch in the Lefka area of Cyprus.

SURGEON GENERALS VISIT



The Surgeon General for the Canadian Armed Forces, Major General D.G.M. Nelson, visited the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus this week. During his tour he saw the Canadian outposts in the Kyrenia District. With the General is Corporal G. Mayer, who is in charge of Paequins Hill outpost.

(Another photo on page 8).

CANCON NEWS

CANADIAN FORCES PHOTOS

PAPIN KEIKALLA I

Kuten tiedämme, pataljoonan sotilaspastori järjestää kerran viikossa keikan johonkin saaren historiallisesti mielenkiintoiseen kohteseen. Niiden, joilla suinkin on tilaisuus, kannattaa osallistua. Aina sitä on tilaisuus pyöriä Nicosiassa ja lähiympäristössä, mutta kauemmaksi on jo valkeampi päästä.

Lauantaina 2.11. oli keikkakohde Troodos-vuoristo monine nähtävyysineen, ja nähtävää varmasti jokaiselle riitti aivan tarpeeksi. Kysymys lienee vain siitä, miten kaikki nähtävä saatin kerralla "sulatetuksi", niin tiivis oli ohjelma ja niin nopealla vauhdilla meniin eteen pään.

Lantikka, Volvo ja Bedford, yksi kappale kutakin, olivat täysin miehitettyjä kun aamulla kymmeneltä starttiaan kohti Troodosta. Siis nelisenkymmentä miestä. Matkan varrella nähtiin joukko vanhoja kirkkoja ja luostareita. Matkan yhtenä kohteena oli Kykkos-luostari, jossa viivähdestiin toista tun-

tia. Paikalla tutustuttiin paitsi kaukaiseen historiaan, myös nyky-päivän kyproslaiseen, joka osaa riittää kauppaamaan rihkamaa heti sinne, minne sinibaretteja alkaa ilmestyä.

Maisemien jylhyys ja jännittävät tiet jäävät myös varmasti jokaiselle mieleen, sekä tienetkin omalaatuisen kaunis "turistikylä" Platres, jossa pidettiin hyvin ansaittu ruokailutauko.

Toivomme voivamme palata tähän samaan aiheeseen vielä ensi viikon suomalaisivulla erikoisten valokuvien ja tulevan keikkaohjelman muodossa.

FINCON NEWS



Jylhien maisemien halki joutui kolonna ajamaan. Väillä tätyyi aivan pysähtyä ihailemaan Troodos-vuoriston syksyisiä maisemia.



Pataljoonan pappi ja keikkojen vetäjä, sotilaspastori Seppo Lavi pitämässä nasevaa katsauta tarkkaavaiselle kuulijakunnalle Kykkos-luostarin historiallisista vaiheista



Eksyksissä? Tuskin vaan. Sotilaspastori on muuten vaan pysättyä Volvonsa tutkiakseen kartalta Troodoksen mutkaisia teitä ja löytäkseen sen vähiten mutkaisen.

Matkalla Kykkos-luostariin joutui ajamaan varsin jännittävää ja mutkista tietä. Sieltä löytyi tällainen siltakin, pystysuora ylös ja pystysuora alas, satoja metrejä.

CANCON SURGEON GENERAL IN CYPRUS



Major General D.G.M. Nelson, Surgeon General for the Canadian Armed Forces visited with the Canadian Contingent this week. During his tour he visited the Austrian Field Hospital and is seen with Private K.W. Ford, a Canadian patient. On his right is Major Syd Joss, Senior Medical Officer for the Canadians. (Another photo on page 6).

ROAD SAFETY CORNER

THE RAINY SEASON IS APPROACHING AND YOU WILL SOON FIND YOURSELF CONFRONTED BY DEEP POOLS OF WATER ON THE ROAD. These conditions cause a number of hazards. If possible you should:

CROSS COUNTRY

UN Jeeps, Landrovers and Trucks cover a considerable amount of cross country mileage. This imposes a heavy strain on all types of vehicles.

Whilst very few accidents occur whilst motoring cross country, the effects of cross country driving tend to make your vehicles more vulnerable when going back onto the tarmac roads.

The following points therefore require particular checking after driving across country:—

- 1) Steering assembly for excessive play or distortion.
- 2) U Bolts and spring clips for security.
- 3) Tyre pressures — inflate to normal.
- 4) Underneath — for "bellying" damage.
- 5) Disengage 4 wheel drive.
- 6) Levels of Oil/Water

- 1) always wait until the way is clear of other vehicles.
- 2) engage the lowest possible gear
- 3) drive slowly and steadily through the most shallow parts.

Rain always brings problems for drivers. Automobiles are pretty well prepared these days to meet most conditions. The important things is to adjust ourselves to these changed circumstances.

For example, the business of starting in slippery weather can be quite a problem. Only remember to engage the clutch very slowly, and push down on the accelerator pedal gently. But stopping is even more a problem. First of all begin to slow down at quite a distance from where you want to stop, releasing the accelerator pedal slowly. Press the brake lightly at first and release it almost at once. Then press again and release quickly. In this way, you do not leave the brakes on long enough or hard enough to lock the wheels. By a series of brief, moderate brake act-



Major Goodman, Chick Liaison Officer to the National Guard, received a presentation in acknowledgement of his services during his four months so far as LO.

Making the presentation of a plaster bust of Alexander the Great is the C of S NG, Col George Gerasimou. Major Goodman read Alexander's campaigns in his military studies and clearly impressed everyone with his knowledge.

MISS UNFICYP: No. 1



The first publication of 'Miss UNFICYP' is Miss Sheila Campbell better known as Mrs Sheila Thorp, wife of Sgt Al Thorp, of HQ UNFICYP. Sheila, a mother of four boys, looking so glamorous is a dead cert for the Glamorous Grandmother of Great Britain contest — in about ten years time.

ions, instead of one continuous pressure, you gradually reduce speed and can usually stop without skidding.

Remember, treat every slippery curve or turn as though it were going to be a stop. Approach them using the same system of short, moderate brake actions. Reaching a curve, you are going so slowly that you can actually give the engine a little gas. With a little power turning the

wheels, you are not so likely to skid. But it must be a little power, because too much would make your wheels spin and that might start a skid.

If a skid does start, turn the front wheels briefly in the direction the car is skidding. This helps bring the car under control. And remember not to slam on the brakes, because you have no steering control with locked wheels.