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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.

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.

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

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.

'COMBRITCON' RECEIVES MEDAL



Thursday 7 No., 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!)

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'Brein CO 11 Inf Group.



B-COY HJEM

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

Til venstre pillar sergent E.W. Madsen Bravo-skiltet ned, og herunder aflevere Bravo- og Louroujina-konstabler deres sidste ting paa vaabenkammeret.

De sidste Bravo-folk rejste hjem i mandags.



To Dancon-X-folk iklædes her ved stabskompagniet. 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/Detachment Kyrenia, fortaget den strygning af UN-Flaget, der markerer nedlæggelsen af Detachmentet. Overstående begivenhed fandt sted 4. november 1968 kl. 1500. Detachmentet har virket i tilslutning til DANCIVPOL konvojtjenste siden foråret 1964.

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



SIGNALKNASTER, POSTSÄCKAR, JUDOKNUFFAR



● "Headquarters Famagusta" låter det för det mesta i luren, när vi ringer till zonstaben i Famagusta - ingen ljuv telefonissas stämma 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-krp:a Torgny Bramberg och Stig Lönn i full funktion, fv Per Albin Holmkvist övervakar.

● Det är ingen måtta 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 tonvis av våra "prylar" i de ljusblå säckarna. Allt går tydligen 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 poppis 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....."

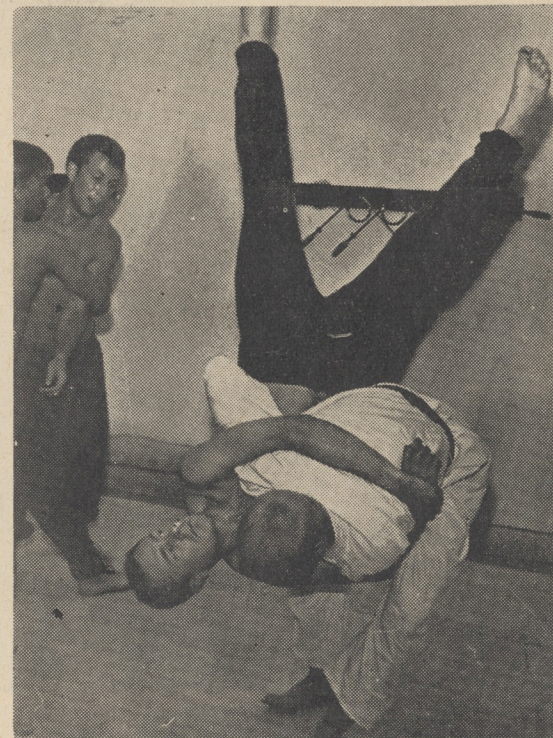
Det handlar om måndagarnas önskeprogram med cypernhälsningar. Alltså det som spelas in av Sveriges Radio och sedan sänds en gång i veckan över Cyprus Radio. Närmare bestämt på 498 meter eller 602 kcs. (Tyvärr uppgav vi en felaktig siffra i en tidigare Blue Beret).

Ännu så länge har det inte varit någon särskild trängsel i hälsningskön, men några månader efter rotationen brukar vänner och anhöriga, som vill hälsa med en grammofoonskiva 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

Rättning, på Cypern - axelbredds lucka, gradräta fotvinklar och FN-medveten hög svensk huvudföring. GIIIVAKT! 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 plutch Lt 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 så trafiksäkerheten!

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

Den som bl a kräver, att Duetter 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 backkrön och utan lysen och alldeles för fort. De där som brukar hamna vid vägkanten!



The Turkish Cypriot Community Leader in Paphos, Mr Aziz Altai chats with the Force Commander. Mr Stephanides, the District Officer, Paphos, joined the General for lunch at UN District HQ later in the morning.



Pte Alan Beamish who lives at the UN Villa in Ktima, explains his tasks to the Force Commander.

A VIP TOAST

... from page 1.



GATEWAY TO THE WEST

Not too long ago the journey to Paphos along the coastal road from Episkopi onwards was a tiring dusty sojourn, which left you weary and parched. Driving down that stretch of coastline always gave you the feeling that you were entering a different country. The new road now is fast and straight for most of the way from Episkopi, but when you descend the long hill which eventually touches the coastline just before Aphrodites rock, birthplace of the Goddess of Love, the strange feeling that you are leaving behind the rest of Cyprus and entering the ancient Kingdom of Paphos is still there.

The first sign of a UN presence is the post at Xeros Bridge. It's always useful to bear in mind that once you cross that bridge the road promptly narrows, with cobbled verges. A reduction in speed is strongly advised! Driving on you can possibly see smoke signals emerging from the Mandria Hills. It's not the presence of Indians, purely Sgt Westaway's hot water geyser getting up steam. He has examined the possibilities of employing its 'puffs' should the radio set pack-up. The platoon up there, are at present under command of Lt James Dewar.

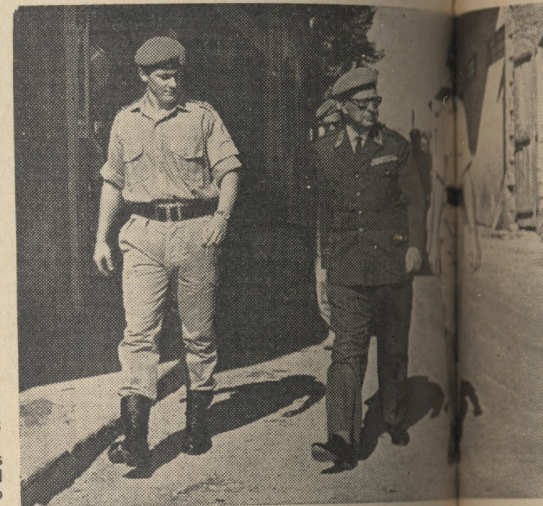
As the road dips and twists into Ktima, a rather imposing mansion looms up on a road junction. This is the Kremlin of 'Y' Company, who make up UN Troops, Paphos District. In command is Major Robin Laird, whose District problems cover an area of 1,200 square miles. Furthest from home, there is a post at Polis in the North which is 'linked' with Paphos by Anadhiou, nestling on a hard track a couple of miles from the road.

Since arriving one of the main problems for the Company has been the winterization of outposts and camps, and managing to acquire sufficient sandbags to achieve this task, before the heavy rains arrive. They have already got to work on schemes to let everyone have a break in turn. Ideas which are being worked on, at the moment, are recreational trips to Limassol, swimming excursions, football, films and visits by the Padre. Two ominous ideas to ensure fitness are the possibility of a paper-chase and Capt Alan Withers, Economics Officer, has laid his hands on a book of new physical tortures!

Just down the road from HQ, is the 'The New Olympus Hotel', and living there are a group of men who perform an important task in policing the area, twelve Australian CIVPOL, under command of Chief Inspector

Harry Alchin. Their highly active member, Inspector Jack Testrow keeps a recent newspaper cutting of a policeman at a demonstration in London being assaulted, to remind himself that sometimes it can get tough 'back home', (only Inspector Testrow did not put it quite so politely)!

With such a large and interesting area as a District and the first opportunity to change detachments around in December, so they can get fresh scenery, time will go quickly in Paphos, for men of 'Y' Company. Please note all travellers who pass through must sign the visitors book, O.C. Visitors Book, Lt P. McNaught.



Walking the Ktima Green Line, accompanied by the General are left, 2Lt Piers Bateman and Maj Laird, Paphos District Commander, when he visited on 28 Nov.

'JETTY SET' PLEASE NOTE

A caption to the photograph of the 4/7th in Kophinou Compound, described the Troop Leader as Lt Tom Price. This is known as a 'printer's error'! Please amend to Lt Tom Moore, not to be confused in future with Lt Christopher Price, or Tom Jones!

A sad farewell to Capt Max Nutt, pictured right who is relieved this week by Capt George Cowsill, left, on his first UN tour. Capt Nutt, veteran of twenty four saunas, returns to Western Command. Capt Cowsill is a veteran of a different sport, shooting. He is to be seen annually on Bisley ranges with SMG and SLR, progressing towards the Army Hundred.

A HEAVENLY STORY

On Remembrance Sunday, a Padre who was being flown around several outposts in Britcon country, was about to be landed on a heli-pad. He turned to the pilot and asked him to circle round a few

times while he wrote a sermon, as he had to have mislaid the book. Relieved to say it was up in his briefcase, reading and a thorough



On Thursday 7 November at St. Nicolas, the UN Badminton team played the Royal Air Force. The fixture was arranged by WO 1 Lt. Ross, who played in the doubles, pictured above, with Lt. Ross, Pte Jensen all Dancon. As the UN team were themselves so well against this stiff opposition they won the Cyprus Open Badminton Championships, at 14-16, with a good chance of being in the

BIT-ON NEWS



Picture above: Pte Brendan Whitson (Dublin) of 'A' Company amuses himself in the very ancient and very simple form of recreation, pitching Horseshoes. The 'shoe' is in the top left hand corner of the photo.

KOKKINA

Overlooking the Turkish Enclave and stationed right in the centre of the small village of Kokkina is a small detachment from 'A' Coy. Here, many villagers live in tents and indeed quite a few live in caves dug out from the rocky hills.

Picture Right shows Lieut E. Daly inspecting the OP party. (L to R) Cpl Brendon Corgally (Co. Meath), Ptes Frank Foran, Patrick Mahon and Joseph Keane (All from Dublin).



OPS BRIEFING

Group of IRCON officers who attended a briefing organised at UN HQ last week.

IRCON NEWS



PIO's VISIT



Mr Jean Back, the newly appointed Principal Information Officer of the UN Force in Cyprus paid his first official visit to the Irish Contingent on Monday last. On arrival at Xeros he was very pleasantly surprised when he realised that he had met Lt Col D. O'Brien, CO 11 Inf Group previously at Elizabethville in 1962 when both were serving with ONUC.

After being briefed in the Operations Room by Capt M. Downing, Mr Back was taken on a helicopter reconnaissance of the Lefka district and touched down at OP 3, overlooking Kokkina, during the trip.

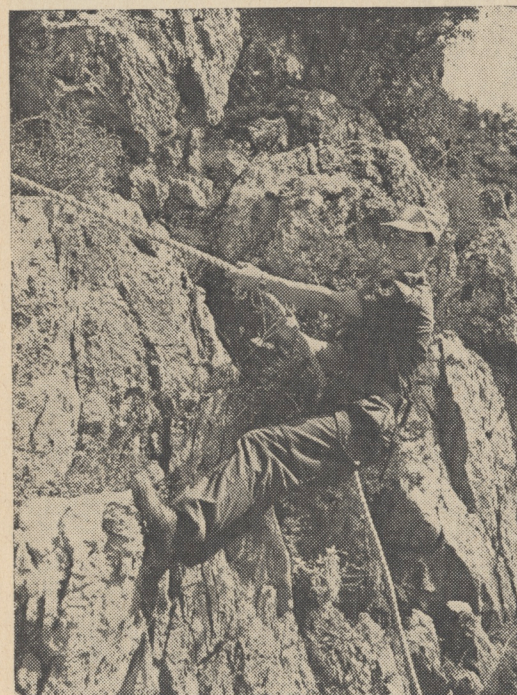
Photograph shows Mr Back being orientated at OP 3 by members of the OP Party.



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. Denktash.

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 sight-seeing 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 Paquins 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 kohteeseen. Niiden, joilla suinkin on tilaisuus, kannattaa osallistua. Aina sitä on tilaisuus pyöriä Nicosiassa ja lähiympäristössä, mutta kauemmaksi on jo vaikeampi päästä.

Lauantaina 2.11. oli keikkakohteen Troodos-vuoristo monine nähtävyyksineen, ja nähtävää varmasti jokaiselle riitti aivan tarpeeksi. Kysymys lienee vain siitä, miten kaikki nähtävä saatiin kerralla "sulatetuksi", niin tiivis oli ohjelma ja niin nopealla vauhdilla menttiin eteen päin.

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

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

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

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



Jylhien maisemien halki joutui kolonna ajamaan. Välillä täytyi aivan pysähtyä ihailemaan Troodos-vuoriston syksyisiä maisemia.



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



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

Matkalla Kykkos-luostariin jouduttiin ajamaan varsin jännittävää ja mutkaista tietä. Sieltä löytyi tällainen siltakin, pystysuoraa ylös ja pystysuoraa 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).



Major Goodman, 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.

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 thing 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-

tions, 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.