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## ISRAEL, JORDAN EXCHANGE CHARGES OVER NEW ATTACKS

**I**N letters to the UN Security Council, Jordan and Israel accused each other last week over the responsibility for new shooting incidents in the area.

Israel said she had had to resort to "limited air action" against Jordanian artillery positions on the east bank of the Jordan river on Monday of last week in order to protect life and property of the inhabitants of two Israeli villages which had been subjected to "intense and indiscriminate" shelling.

Jordan said that Israel had in fact carried out a "criminal and unprovoked" air attack on Jordanian villages, and now was pleading self-defence in an attempt to cover up her "naive aggression".

Meanwhile, Israel denied Jordan's earlier charge that her forces on the west bank had shelled a refugee camp on the east bank the previous week. Stating that her forces

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### IRCON Officer Dies at Xeros

**C**APT Christopher McNamara, Transport Officer with the Irish Contingent serving with UNFICYP, died on Tuesday morning at Xeros from natural causes.

Capt. McNamara had been serving with IRCON in Cyprus since 11 September last year.

His body will be flown back to Ireland for burial.

## NEW UNCIVPOL SHIELD



**COMMANDER GETS SHIELD** — Chief Superintendent Errol Cannely, UN Civilian Police Adviser, is seen above presenting an UNCIVPOL Club shield to the Force Commander, Lt Gen. A.E. Martola, at a party held at the UNCIVPOL Club on 10 January to celebrate Chief Superintendent Cannely's 30 years of police service. Congratulations, Errol!

## U.N. Report Assails Rhodesia Discrimination

**A** special UN report issued at UN Headquarters in New York last week said that Africans in Rhodesia were living in conditions at best described as slavery under the white minority regime entrenched in Salisbury.

The report prepared for the UN Commission on Human Rights by Mr Manouchehr Ganji of Iran, specified that the term was being used as defined in the 1926 Anti-Slavery Convention.

The study drew a picture of massive discrimination against 4,150,000 Africans as compared to 224,000 of European extraction. It said the illegal regime headed by Mr Ian Smith, which broke away from the British Crown over two years ago, was evidently moving towards systematic **apartheid** as practised in neighbouring South Africa.

Africans, it said, had very limited opportunities to take part in the central Government, and participated in local government only in rural areas. Their freedom of movement was curbed by various regulations; their homes could not be reached without warrant; and there were many other infringements on their personal freedom and security.

Africans, the study said, were tried in separate courts; in criminal cases they were not entitled to trial by jury; and membership in juries was limited to Europeans only.

## Colonel Pace Replaces Col Cole as Force CMO

**A**n important change in the Force Senior Officer Staff occurred last week when Colonel Jimmy Cole, MBE, DPH, handed over his duties as Chief Medical Officer of the Force to Colonel Tommy Pace, OBE, MD, DPH.

After being commissioned some thirty years ago, Colonel Pace saw service on the North-West Frontier of India. He served throughout the Second World War, was Mentioned in Despatches and in November, 1945, was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE).

## \$119 MILLIONS PLEDGED TO UN FOOD PROGRAM

**T**he United Nations World Food Program can count on contributions amounting to 119 million dollars for 1969 and 1970 according to a pledging conference held at UN Headquarters in New York last week. A total of 49 countries made specific commitments; others indicated they would do so later.

The results represented three-fifths of a target figure of 200 million dollars. Proportionately, this is about the same degree of success that was achieved in raising funds for the current programme. However, the outgoing head of the aid programme, Mr Addeke Boerma of the Netherlands (recently elected Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation), told a press conference that he was disappointed in the outcome.

The World Food Program has been in operation for five years. Its main purpose is to use food supplies to stimulate greater food production in poorer nations; it has undertaken 264 aid projects in 64 countries. Contributions of recipient countries to these projects have been four times those of the programme itself.

The World Food Program also provides some emergency aid to victims of disasters — natural or man-made.

Colonel Pace has held appointments in the British Army Health Organisation serving with the British Army of the Rhine, Western Command (United Kingdom), and the Far East. He was Assistant Director of Medical Services in East

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## LØRDAG D. 6. JANUAR

I dag er det Command'rens fødselsdag, Hurra, hurra, hurra, osv., osv., ... og kage til. Overrakt af konditoren selv, KS Christiansen fra C-COY.

DANCON - NYT

## VALG



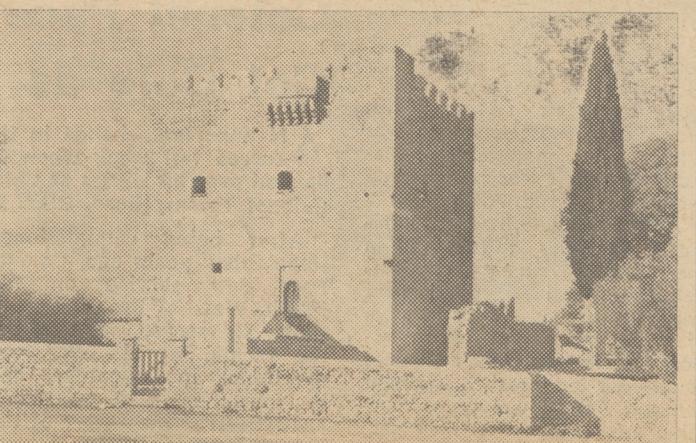
Selv om der er 3167 km fra Nicosia til Folketinget, har det nært forestående folketingsvalg nået os med en af sine udløbere - stemmeafgivelse pr. brev. Da valget for DANCON blev tilrettelagt af OL P.M.C. Horn og MAJ F. Schiøtte, fastsatte de i tro tradition til Folketinget en tirsdag til valgdag, nemlig den 9. januar. Commanderen var den første, der afgav sin stemme i Nicosia Club, hvor foruden STKMP og MPKDO stemte.

X, Y, Z, A, B, C - hvor skal jeg dog sætte mit kryds? Never mind, jeg tror, jeg stemmer på mig selv!

## PHIDIENS DFD.

HAR DE SET...?  
KOLOSSI CASTLE

Tag til Limassol og kør ca. 7 miles ud ad vejen mod Paphos, og på venstre side ligger så Kolossi Castle. Borgen blev formentlig bygget omkring år 1210 af Hugh I til Ridderne af St. Johns ordenen i Jerusalem. Senere blev det overgivet til ridder-munkene og derpå til Johanniter-ridderne, som havde tre områder på øen, såkaldte "commanderias", hvoraf det vigtigste var området omkring Limassol, Commandaria St. John.



Som omtalt i DANCON-KUREN onsdag den 10. januar blev der slæbt en "Phidi"-slange ihjel i A-KMP's område. Den er helt sort og ligner den danske snog til forveksling, den har dog ingen gule nakkeletter, men "Phidi" er heller ikke giftig. KS 080 Christiansen fra AKMP holder triumfende "Phiden".

## OBS - OBS!

The Blue Beret's danske redaktion gør herved sine læsere opmærksomme på, at besvarelser på sidste nummers nyårskonkurrence skal være redaktionen i hænde senest tirsdag d. 23. januar kl. 1200 B. Besvarelserne legges i en kuvert, som sendes til DANCON's pressejerneste (NB! Ingen firmer på kuverten!)

## FÄRGSTARKT VAKTBYTE

Den viktiga uppgiften att vaka UNFI-CYP HQ var under förra veckan anförtrodd åt 2. plut., 1. komp. Vaktavlösningen på måndagsförmiddagen, som gick perfekt, blev en färgstark ceremoni. Svenskarna övertog nämligen vaktpuppgifterna runt HQ efter kandenska The Black Watch, utstyrd i kilts.

På bilden sker vaktbytet vid en av infarterna till HQ med Leif Rydholm från Nybro som pågående post. Avgående är Pte Dave Sheppard (t.v.) och Cpl Jim Dott övervakar att allt går reglementenligt till.

Han haller formen  
trots fot i bandage

I Chatos är bordtennisbordet i hallen en central punkt. Göran Nyqvist, Motala, har tidigare ägnat sig åt mer kraftödande och tydligare också farligare spänstporter än ping-pong. Gipsbandaget fick han efter ha deltagit i kompanimästerskapets längdhoppstävling. Han kom på andra plats med ett hopp på 5.28 meter. Göran skadade hälen och får ett tag framöver hoppa omkring med gipsbandage. På så sätt håller han formen uppe.



På OP 156 tränar Rune Carlsson, Sätenäs, tyngdlyftning, påhiejad av fr.v. Jan Larsson, Trelleborg, och Donald Olsson, Lysekil.

Svenska sidan  
byter redaktör

Ny på Cypern och på redaktionstolen för Blue Beret svenska sida är mj Bertil Vrang, Swedcons nye zonpressofficer.

Mj Vrang har i Sverige efter en fil mag-examen i engelska och svenska utövat journalistik på Falköpings Tidning. Dessutom har Bertil Vrang FN-erfarenhet från svenska bataljoner i både Gaza och Kongo.

Varmt välkommen, säger företrädaren.



## SWEDCON NEWS

## ÅÅÅ... HEJ! PÅ OP 156



# CHANGES IN 644 SIGNAL TROOP



Last month, eleven men of the Royal Signals arrived in Cyprus to replace men who had returned to their various units in UK.

The photograph above shows eight of the men who keep UNFICYP communications open on a round-the-clock operation throughout the year.

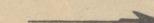
Left to Right they are Sig Morris Henry, Ken Lindsey, Jock Ogilvie, Cpl Ken Evans, SQMS 'Taffy' Burnett, L cpl Bonar Law, Sig Pete Scabill and Alan Kelley.

## BRITCON NEWS

### "GREEN JACKETS" ADVENTURE TRAINING



Seen here is 2nd Lieutenant Nigel Knight with one of the resident Austrian ski-instructors. Mr Knight is apparently pleading with the instructor to produce more snow for skiing; his pleas were evidently not in vain as two days later it fell with good effect!



On Saturday, Major-General E.H.G. Lonsdale, MBE, Transport Officer-in-Chief, at the Ministry of Defence (Army) in London, visited the Transport Squadron before 65 Squadron finally handed over to 8 Squadron. He is seen here quizzing Driver Tony Martin from Lewes, Sussex, about his job. 'A' Troop Command, Lt Jim Arymar (centre) accompanied the General round the Squadron's servicing bay. 216 of the UN Force's vehicles in the Nicosia area are regularly serviced in the bay.

## TRANSPORT SQUADRON IN THE NEWS



In the Customs hall at Akrotiri, 65 Squadron Sergeant-Major Geoff McDonough from Liverpool (right) greets 8 Squadron Sergeant-Major Derek Gough from London. SSM McDonough was as pleased to see his opposite number as Gough looks at being here — in anticipation of a pleasant stay in Cyprus.



Last week the arrival of 8 Squadron of the Corps of Transport, are replacing 65 Squadron to depart on Sunday on 10. On behalf of the Force Beret says hail and farewell.

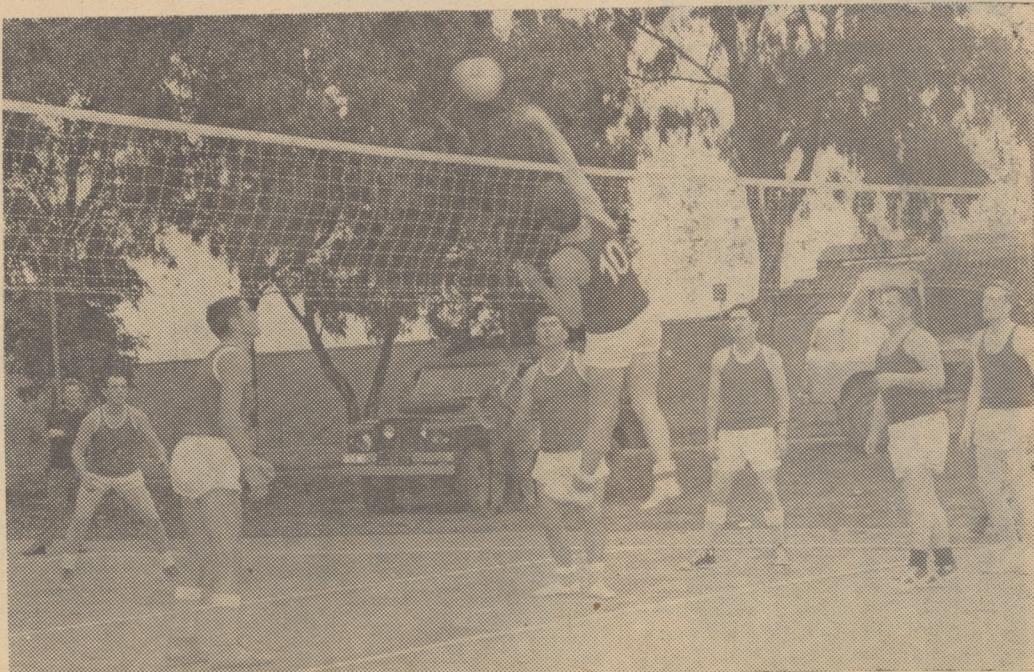
At the airfield on Friday morning, Major M.E.C. (left) and Officer Commanding Squadron, RCT, Major M.E.C. (right) Matthews.



Lieut Col M.J. Murphy presenting the winning team Captain (Centre) RSM Bill Jackson (Referee) and Capt C Leaney.



C/S Gerry Benson the newly appointed Chief Clerk at the Irish Liaison Office HQ UNFICYP collecting the Irish Contingent mail at the GPO Nicosia. Photo shows (L to R) C/S Larry Kirwan (acting Chief Clerk) Sgm Tommy Martin and Sgt John Manning.



Scene during the play off at Xeros Camp.

## IRCON NEWS

The 9 Inf Gp Volleyball Tournament which commenced on 16 Nov 1967 was concluded last Monday with a play off between C Coy and the Cavalry Group. The tournament was run on a league basis and C Coy and the Cavalry finished at the top of the Table with level points. In a keenly fought game the Cavalry Group emerged as winners. A set of medals suitably inscribed was presented by Lieut-Col M.J. Murphy O/C 9 Inf Gp to the winning team. Photo shows the winning team (L to R) Standing. CQMS Joe Caroll (Team Coach), Cpl D. Hogan, Cpl D. Keegan, Sgt M. Kenefick and Sgt J. Byrne (Trainer). Front Sgt P. Gleeson, Capt C. Leaney and Sgt J. Hayes.

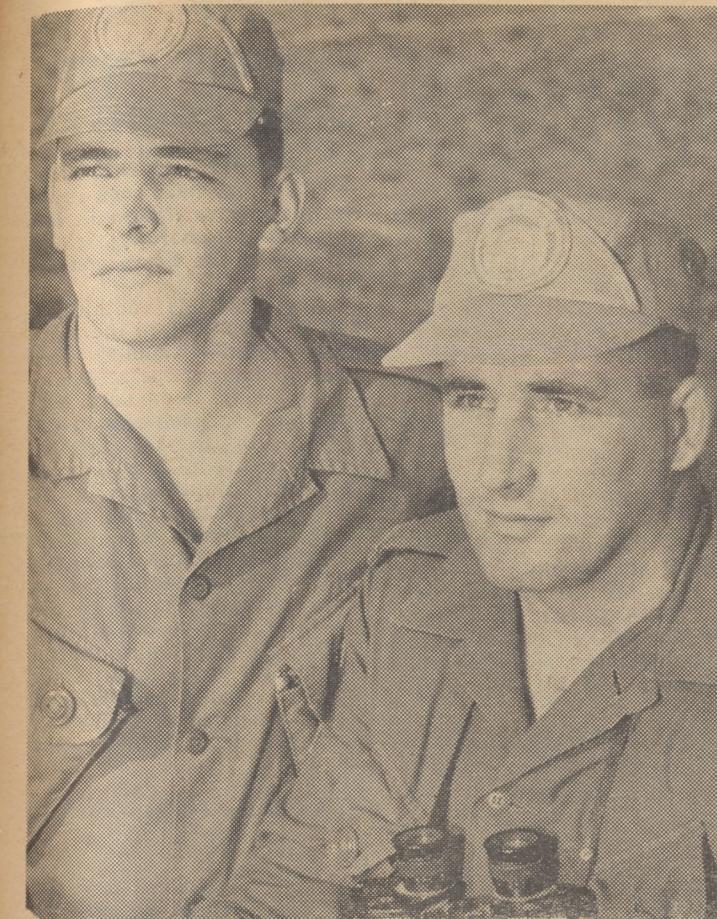


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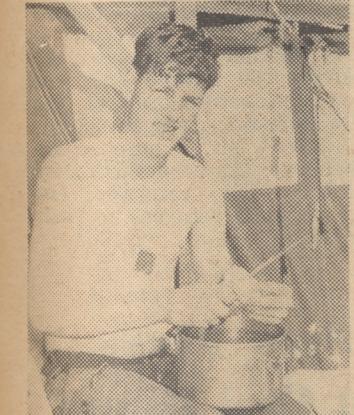
Melkoisia ponnisteluja, kovaa vauhtia ja paljon hikää vaatineet krh-ammunat suoritettiin pataljoonamme krh-joukkueen puiteissa mukavan säänn vallitessa toista viikkoa sitten. Tällä aukeamalla näemme aselajiympäitä krh-miehiä heille tutuissa touhuissa. Ladataan ja ammuntaan kerroittain ja vuorottain. Väillä vaihdetaan asemia juoksujalkaa ja taas ammuntaan. Ja hyvin menee, sen kerto vat ilmeet parhaiten. Tulenjoh taja (kuva vasemmalla) ja suuntaaja (kuva vasemmalla alhaalla) eivät ainakaan näytä harmistuneilta. Eikä ole valittamista muidenkaan krh-miesten otteissa. Tämänkertaisen ammuntojen motto näyttää olleen: reippasti ja hymysuin.



## FINCON NEWS



Pte Art Muise, (left) and Cpl Mervin Coffie, keep a close watch on the countryside surrounding "Mountainside" outpost.



**SPUD ISLAND POTATO  
PEELER** — Pte Ray Richards, of Little Sand P.E.I., takes his turn peeling potatoes at "Hanley's Hill" outpost. Usually six soldiers man each outpost and each takes his turn at cooking. Pte Richards is a member of 1st battalion, The Black Watch.

## CANCON NEWS (Canadian Forces Photos)



Pte Mel Barnes shows a triple twenty score in his dart game at "Beaver Lodge" outpost where he is serving. Cpl Barnes is a member of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch.

RECCES PATROL — Lt Claude Mercereau, (left), and Tpr Tony Wordingham pause in the turret of their Ferret scout car to check their position as they carry out a reconnaissance patrol. Both are members of the reconnaissance squadron of the Fort Garry Horse.



# UN Approves Technical Aid For 70 Nations

A Record programme of assistance to some 70 developing nations was approved last week by the Governing Council of the UN Development Programme meeting at UN Headquarters in New York.

UN assistance approved includes 95 new pre-investment projects and supplementary financing for five existing ones. Total cost is estimated at 228 million dollars of which the UN programme will contribute 91 millions, with recipient Governments providing the larger share.

The projects involve training of specialists, surveys of various natural resources, research and economic development planning, agriculture, industry, public utilities, housing, public administration and many other economic services.

The Governing Council approved UN cooperation in a project in Cyprus involving training of hotel and other tourism personnel. The purpose of the project, the duration of which is four years, is to assist the Government of Cyprus in the establishment of a Hotel and Catering Institute in Nicosia. The activities of the Institute will be aimed at training existing and potential hotel and travel agency managers and their senior staff. The Governing Council approved a participation of 862,100 dollars on behalf of the UN, while the Government of Cyprus will contribute the equivalent of \$1,175,000.



Colonel Tommy Pace (centre) is seen at HQ UNFICYP Medical Centre with one of the Centre's medical orderlies, Lance-corporal Pete Crossan from Stockton-on-Tees, Co Durham, also Colonel Jimmy Cole who left Cyprus on Tuesday.

## NEW CMO . . .

Africa and Deputy Chief Medical Officer in Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE) then located in Paris.

Whilst with UNFICYP, Colonel Pace will no doubt be able to exercise his ability as a lin-

## FEELING "AT HOME"



**SNOWFALL AT UNFICYP HQ** — Swedish Contingent members serving at UNFICYP Headquarters certainly felt "at home" last Sunday evening when snow fell all around the camp giving the area a belated "White Christmas" look. Shown above wielding snow-balls, are SWEDCON Dog-handlers, left to right, Esbjorn Lindahl, Christen Andersson, and Christen Carlsson. Below, Ptes Carlsson, Andersson and Lindahl show off their miniature snow-man.



"EUROPEAN CUP"

## HQ UNFICYP Sgts Mess Down Dhekelia Ord Depot

The first leg of the semi-final in the 'European cup' was played by HQ UNFICYP Sgts Mess against the Ordnance Depot (Dhekelia) Sgts Mess at Nicosia on 7 January.

Loose marking by the Depot soon enable Keohane to open HQ UN's account with a cracking drive. HQ UN continued to press strongly and they increased their lead in the twentieth minute when the Ord Depot's centre half, harassed by three forwards, back-headed the ball into his own net.

**Half-Time score:** HQ UN 2, Ord Depot 0.

Ord Depot started to build up dangerous looking attacks, but quick tackling thwarted their finishing. HQ UN centre-half, Tiley, marshalling the defence very well and prompting the forwards with accurate passes was easily the outstanding player on the field.

HQ UN confirmed their superiority when they scored again. Tiley floated a corner kick into the centre and Smith converted with a glorious header.

**Final score:** HQ UN 3, Ord Depot 0.

The second leg took place at

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gust as he speaks five languages fluently.

The Force wishes Colonel Jimmy Cole the best of luck in his new appointment with Headquarters, Scottish Command at Edinburgh.

## UNFICYP HQ RUNNERS ENTER CROSS COUNTRY

RESIDENTS of HQ UNFICYP may have seen recently three brave figures in running kit purposefully striding out around the Camp and airfield areas.

These athletic enthusiasts will be competing in the Army (Cyprus) Cross Country Running Championships at Dhekelia on Friday, 19 January. Blue Beret wish a good run to Cpl John Sabin (RE Detachment), Craftsmen Kenneth Dennis Baker and Alan Stroud (both UNFICYP Workshops, REME).

All three have competed in the British Army Athletics Championships at Aldershot both as individuals and as members of their respective unit teams. Cfn Baker also ran for the British Army against the German Army in Germany, last summer. At Dhekelia they will be running as individuals.

## ISRAEL, JORDAN...

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had been compelled to return Jordanian fire in self-defence, Israel said it was regrettable that, since Jordanian artillery positions were located in populated areas, some civilians might also have been hit.

In another development involving the Middle East, the Commissioner-General of the UN Palestine refugee agency (UNRWA), Mr. Laurence Michelmore, has renewed his appeal for the return of last June's Arab refugees to their homes.

Dhekelia last Sunday, and playing against a strong wind, HQ UN were the first on the attack but for the first ten minutes play sawed from end to end with the Ord Depot just having the edge. However, there was no score until just before half time when the Depot took the lead with a well taken goal.

**Half time score:** Ord Depot 1, HQ UN 0.

Playing with their defence in depth, HQ UN were confining the Ord Depot's forwards to long range shooting. As in the first leg, HQ's Tiley was outstanding.

Ord Depot were unlucky not to increase their lead when they hit the post and the ball crossed the front of the goal with no one able to take advantage of it, but they were not to be denied, scoring in the closing minutes.

**Final score:** Ord Depot 2, HQ UN 0.

HQ UN enter the final winning on aggregate 3-2.