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**REMEMBER: THIS WEEK
IS ROAD SAFETY WEEK**



ASSEMBLY ADJOURS

Non-Proliferation Pact Backed By 95 Nations

The 124-Nation General Assembly completed seven weeks of deliberations on Thursday by strongly approving a treaty drafted by the USA and USSR to bar the further spread of nuclear weapons.

In a surprise appearance before the 124-Nation Body, President Johnson of the United States described the treaty as probably the greatest move towards peace since the founding of the United Nations.

The General Assembly recorded a vote of 95 in favour, 4 against and 18 abstentions on the resolution commanding the treaty, which would forbid Nuclear Powers from transferring nuclear weapons or explosives to others and non-nuclear nations and from seeking such weapons or devices.

The resolution urged quick and widespread endorsement of the pact by the nations of the world. It asked the Geneva Disarmament Conference and all nuclear weapons nations to move swiftly towards a halt in the atomic arms race, cuts in nuclear arsenals and general disarmament under International control.

Supporters of the resolution comprised three quarters of UN Membership. Voting against were Albania, who had denounced the treaty as hostile to the Peoples Republic of China, and Cuba, who had declared she could not, as a matter of principle, accept any curb on means she might

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UNFICYP Rally Team Scores This Time

Undaunted by their hard luck in a recent motor rally (see Blue Beret of 5th June), Corporal Ken Dyer (RCT) and Lance-corporal Geoff Reynolds (REME) entered as respective drivers of two cars in another rally held at Dhekelia last Saturday and covering fifty miles which had to be traversed in two hours.

With the two drivers were seven newcomers to motor rallying who had been tutored in the art of navigation prior to the rally.

Lcpl Reynolds unfortunately had difficulty with his car. Cpl Dyer, however, despite his crew having difficulty with Tulip cards

Secretary-General Asks For New Six - Month UNFICYP Extension

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, reported to the Security Council this week that the situation in Cyprus had greatly improved during the last three months. For the first time in four and a half years, direct channels of communication have been established between Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

U Thant praised the efforts of his Special Representative, Mr B.F. Osorio-Taffal, in arranging for intercommunal talks, scheduled to begin in Nicosia on the 24th June 1968. But he emphasized that

COUNCIL MET TUESDAY ON MANDATE REQUEST

The Council was scheduled to meet yesterday afternoon on the Secretary-General's request that the mandate of UN Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus, be extended for six months.

peace was an essential condition for their success and that, despite improved relations between the communities on the Island, the situation remained unstable.

U Thant therefore urged that the mandate of the 4,700 man UN Peace Force in Cyprus be extended till 26th December, 1968. At the same time he expressed concern at the growing deficit of the UNFICYP budget, warning

that if this trend continued, it could make an unavoidably premature withdrawal of the Force.

The following is the full text of the chapter headed "Observations", contained in the report by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council.

"OBSERVATIONS

As the preceding chapters show, the relaxation of tension in Cyprus which set in at the beginning of the year has continued during the period under review. There have been increasing contacts between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots with but few incidents having inter-communal implications. What is more, there have been no military clashes and the number of shooting incidents is low considering that there are still thousands of men under arms in Cyprus.

There are recent indications that both Greek and Turkish Cypriots have at last begun to realize that they cannot solve their dispute by force and that any further attempt to do so not only would be costly in terms of human life and property but also might unleash an unpredictable chain of events. On the other hand, the basic issues dividing the two communities have remained unresolved.

In my last report to the Security Council (S/8446, para. 155) I gave an outline of the initiatives which in my view should be taken without delay in the search for a solution to the Cyprus problem. Some of these initiatives have yet to materialize.

Little progress has been made during the last three months in the matter of military disengagement. Although the opposing armed forces have shown commendable discipline and restraint, their proximity to one another continues to constitute a latent danger both to the present improved atmosphere in Cyprus and to future progress towards a solution.

Moreover, despite the Government's normalization measures and their beneficial effects on the Turkish Cypriot population, their leadership has not yet found it possible to respond with measures of its own so as to further a steady movement towards normality. However, my Special Representative has been given to understand by the Turkish Cypriot leadership that the matter is under active consideration and I am hopeful that positive developments in this regard will be forthcoming shortly.

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FOD PAA EN FOD

Alle ved DANCON kender udtrykket at have "fod på", men det er vist de færreste, der er klar over, at man her på Cypern har chancen for i bogstaveligste forstand at få "fod på en fod".

En snes kilometer vest for Lissabon ligger ruinerne af byen Curium. Dens historie går tilbage til omkring år 3300 før Kristus og siden blev den residensstad for en af Cyperns småkonger, der dog ikke var mindre betydningsfuld, end at han kunne yde Alexander den Stores værdifuld hjælp ved angrebet på Tyrus i Libanon.

Teatret var nok oprindelig bygget godt hundrede år før vor tidsregnings begyndelse efter græsk mønster med cirkelrund manege - eller orchestra, som det hedder i fagsproget - og med siddepladser omfattende noget mere end halvcirklen. Senere ombyggedes det efter romersk skik, og såvel orchestra som tilskuerpladser reduceredes til halvcirklen. Bag ved opbyggedes så en høj scene med marmorsøjler og nicher.

Mens tilskuerpladserne for få år siden blev genopbygget, så teatret kan anvendes til koncerter og andre friluftsforestillinger, turde man ikke rekonstruere scenen. Kun fundamenter og søjlestumper vidner om fordums prægt.

Til venstre for teatret og lidt højere oppe ad skråningen har vi rester af nogle bygninger, som formelt først blev til efter at teatret af en eller anden grund var nedlagt i midten af 300-tallet. Disse bygninger har omfattet en badeanstalt og nogle terrasser - noget i retning af hvad vi i dag ville kalde et rekreativt område.

Gulvene i de forskellige rum og haller er næsten alle prydede med mosaiksten. Nogle danner geometriske mønstre, der ofte har en helt forbløffende perspektivisk virkning, andre danner billeder af fugle og fisk. Flere steder er der in-

DANCON NYT



Den "skriftkluge" garder S.P. Witten besøgte også Apolotemplet på sin tur til Curium. Her er han ved at tude inskriptionen på soklen til en statue.



Når spejdervognsdelingen skal på patrulje til Troodos-bjergene anvendes jeep og landrover i stedet for de tunge scoutcars. Det er ikke hver dag øslerne på de små bjergveje møder motorkøretøjer, så det hænder, at dyrene bliver sky. Problemet ordnes nu let, for næsten alle i delingen, inclusive delingsføreren, løjt. A.E.C. Vestergaard, er gamle "ryttere".



Velfærdskontoret har netop udsendt en række meddelelser og hæfter om udflytter og orlovstrejser, og nu venter man spændt på, om folk vil tage imod de gode tilbuds. Konstabel E. Larsen ser efter billedet at domme mere optimistisk på situationen end velfærdsofficeren, major L.C. Frederiksen.



Karl-Einar Renström, Boden, och Ingvar Häggström, Stockholm, grävde och grävde och fann att Cyperns jord är ganska hård och torrt.

T h: Furir Jan Jonsson, Linköping, lägger förband på Åke Larsson, Kristianstad.



ARSOS BELÄGRAT AV FN - SVENSKAR

Det var ingen vanlig förmiddag i byn Arsos, torsdagen den 13 juni. Morgenmåne hade visserligen varit alla andra morgonar lik, men vid tio-tiden rullade fordonskolonn efter fordonskolonn fram mot byn från Larnaca och Famagusta. Mången civil bilitist, som hade vägen förbi, undrade säkert om en ny stresssituation hade uppstått. Det som försig-

gick såg nämligen hotande allvarligt ut.

En och annan bilist, som inte hade hört talas om den stora svenska bataljons-övningen, stannade mycket riktigt också och undrade vad som var å färde. Kunde man fortsätta?

Ja, det hela såg mycket realistiskt ut. Byn var omringad av 200 man

NU HAR DE KOMMIT!

ur den svenska bataljonen, plus ett antal kp-bilar. Värn grävdes överallt runt byn, en "filial" till The Oasis upprättades, och helikoptrar landade och lyfte. Överallt rådde verksamhet - utom möjlig inne på byns kaféer och restauranger. Där satt folk och pratade och kommente-rade och föreföll betrakta övningen som ren marknadsnöjet.

Förmiddagen blev het och krav, och grabbarna som hackade och grävde svettades och törstades. Men ändå syntes inga sura miner. Alla föreföll ha lätt att le, och viss gick det lättare att jobba dä.

Humöret var det inget fel på. The Blue Beret gör honnör åt grabbarna för det.

Tisdagen den 11 anlände den första anhörighets-flighten från Sverige och stor mottagningskommitté mötte upp på Nicosia Airport. Resan hade i stort sett gått bra.

I fredags anlände ytterligare en flight och sammanlagt befinner sig nu nära ett hundratal svenska anhöriga på Cypern för några veckors avkoppling tillsammans med make, fader eller fastman.

Bilden t h: Ankomst till Nicosia. Ingen nämnd, ingen glömd.



SWEDCON NEWS



Transport Squadrons Fling

When an individual or unit leaves a location the custom is that a farewell drink is usually taken with colleagues whether or not they are leaving also.

8 Squadron RCT hit on the stage-hands. Another of the spontaneous acts was given by Lance-Corporal William (Paddy) Blackwood who was called on to assist one of the acts that nearly brought the roof down — literally! The oriental dancer almost caused havoc to one group by deciding to dance on the table — the idea was fine but the liquid refreshment was saved from untimely waste in the nick of time by concerted action on the part of the table's occupants! Great appreciation was shown for the artistes performances which were given under less favourable conditions than they were used to having!

Before the cabaret, a show-within-a-show was given by the versatile Finn brothers acting as

A cooked meal was then produced by the 'management' and

FRONT ROW VIEW



At the school in Ayios Theodoros, they are justifiably very proud of their dancers. Before they broke up for the summer vacation last week, the dance was on and three men of 1 DLI were invited to watch. Left to right, they were Privates Peter Johnson from Boldon Colliery, Tom Burnett from Gateshead and James ('Spuggy') Hamilton from Thornaby-on-tees.



BROTHERS - IN - WHEELS

In 8 Squadron, RCT, are two brothers who have contrived to serve together in various units for the last two and a half years.

The two are Corporals Harry and Jim Blues, who come from Edinburgh, though both their families are in married quarters at Longmoor and only a mere nine doors in the same road separate them there.

Both recently received their substantive promotion to corporal on the same day, though Harry was given the 'privilege' of being one day senior to his younger brother!

Harry is currently employed in the Squadron MT store whilst Jim, as commander of a section driving three-ton vehicles, is one of those concerned in calling on his brother for the necessary spares.



The two first served together with 2 Company, RASC (before becoming RCT) in Aden, and both were separated there from their respective families.

In the picture Harry (right) is issuing Jim with a required item from the store but brotherly love combined with the Army's accounting system do not exclude a signature being obtained for it!

justice was done to it. After the meal, as if on a given signal, some of the assembled company appeared in bathing trunks and gradually closed in on the SSM. Hey presto! — he was carried fully clad down to the water and ceremonially ducked. This procedure was repeated for the OC and other personalities. The 2IC was kept until the end after he had swum and changed — did he think he would escape? It was one part of the evening he and the OC had not planned!

Organisation demanded beach patrols and drivers for transport who, of course, were kept refreshed by lemonade only!

To mark a memorable evening, an ash-tray inscribed "8 Squadron RCT — UNFICYP 1968", was given to each person there.

And so the evening ended with the drive to camp — and next morning, ugh!



THE JOYS OF DRINKING



DRINKA CARTA ---



At HQ stores in Xeros CQMS Tom Cullagh (3 Garr S&TC Cork) hands over the daily milk supply to Cook Sgt Billy McGrath (Depot Signals, Curragh). In addition to normal unit catering, Billy has a hand in deciding and preparing the menus for most functions in camp and does a fine job of work on them as visitors to Xeros will agree.

ON DUTY...

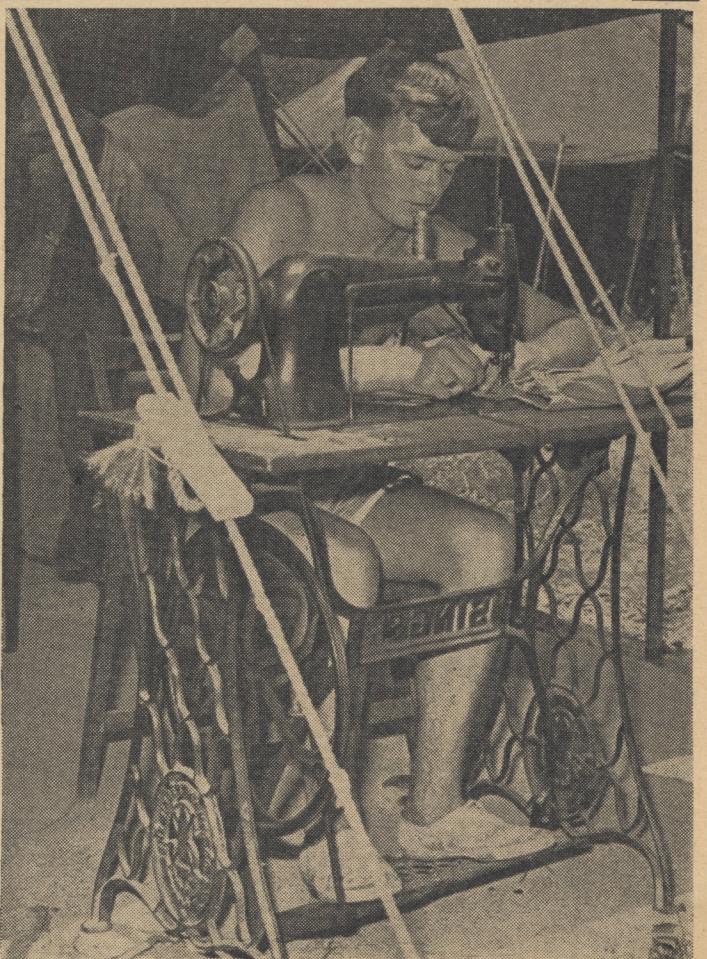
At the Mansoura checkpoint on the Limni road, Pte Dennis Tobin is being informed of a visitor about to pass his post. A young soldier now well used to this kind of work, Dennis had no complaint about the monotony of his job on this quiet road as he whiles away the time by reading and writing. But he does miss the active life of the sportsfield for back home in Cork he plays both hurling and football with the Brian Dillon Club.



MORALE BOOSTER



A STITCH IN TIME...!



IRCON NEWS

Skilled beyond his years, Pte Robert Dee (Military College) concentrates on the job in hand at his "tailors shop" in Xeros. What with the practice he has had of late in converting "maxis" to "minis", Robert is thinking of dropping off in Paris on his way home and trying his luck there.

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON



Last weekend, Liberator Canforce 773 (The Reluctant Dragon) touched down at Nicosia airport, one of the many stops involved in the ferrying of the 23 year old museum piece from Poona India, to Canada. The American war-time bomber was donated by the Indian Air force to the Canadian Aviation Museum. Flown by a Canadian crew of six, captained by Colonel A. J. Pudsey, the aircraft's itinerary includes stops in Greece, Sardinia, Germany, Scotland, Iceland and Labrador prior to reaching Canada.

VERY UNEXPECTED



One could certainly bet even money that when he left Canada bound for UN peace-keeping duties in Cyprus, Private J.D. (Denis) Belanger did not think for a moment that one of his duties would be to "load" a mule. The scene took place at Bore Hole Outpost, one of the 18 outposts manned by Canadians serving here. Local inhabitants come to Bore Hole daily to procure water. Private Belanger is a member of X Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Regiment.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

NEW JEEPS FOR CANCON



Last week 79 new jeeps arrived at Limassol on MS Neptun, a West German freighter, destined for the Canadian Contingent. The new vehicles were shipped from Hamilton, Ont., (Canada) and were accepted at the dockside by Captain G.H.G. (Clary) Reid, Staff Captain "Q" CANCON.



420th Free Fall Jump

At a ceremony marking the inauguration of the Cyprus Aero Club, Corporal G. (Gerry) Vida, a signalman with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry completed his 420th free fall jump. Corporal Vida, as the total of jumps attest, is no novice at parachuting. In 1965 he represented Canada at the Adriatic Cup World Parachute Championship held in Yugoslavia.



VAHVENNELLUT JOUKKUE PUOLUSTUksESSA

Suomalaisen harjoitusammunnoista on tämän lehden palstoilla ollut juttua viimeksi viime helmikuussa, joten lienee jo aika palata asiaan ja tarkastella, mitä viimeksi on saatu aikaan. Tämän kuun 12. pnä oli keyvellä krh-joukkueella ja kevytsinkoryhmällä vahvennettu joukkue puolustuksessa Goshin alueella niin kuin monta kertaa aikaisemmin.

Harjoituksen johtajana oli 2.JK:n päällikkö, maj P Ropo. Harjoitusten kulusta hänellä oli pääasiassa hyvä kerrottavana. Miehet olivat innostuneita asiasta, vaikka heille hehkutteli ja pöly tunki kurkkuun. Kiväärikomppanioista koottu kevytsinkoryhmä toimi erittäin kiitettävästi ja ampui tarkasti, maj Ropo halusi erikoisesti korostaa jääk Kaukosen osuutta erinomaisena ampujana. Myös ryhmien kk-ampujat pystyivät tarkkaan tuleen noin 500-600 metrin päähän, mitä on pidettävä hyvään suorituksena. Lopputoteamussa voidaan sanoa, että opetustarjous tuli saavutetuksi.

KUNTOKILPAILUT

Kontingentien välinen kuntokilpailu suoritettiin 10.6. Finconin kuntosallalla. Lehdesmässä on viime aikoina kuitenkin jo ollut kuvia kuntokilpailusta tunsasta, joten kuvia ei tällä kertaa julkista. Todettakoon vaan, että menestymme hyvin siitäkin huolimatta, että viimeinen ruotsalainen pääsi yllättämään. Tarkat tulokset löytyvät Me-lehden viimeksi ilmestyneestä numerosta.



Tuntematon sotilas on maastoutunut. Eipä paljon miestä erota.



Harjoitusten johtaja, maj P Ropo. Taisi olla "suveneeriamunnat".

FINCON NEWS



Eihän se aina pelaa tietenkäään, tekee lakan juuri parhaimmalla hetkellä. Jääkäri on sekunnin ajan ymmällään, mutta rupeaa sitten tarrokkaasti tutkimaan häiriön syötä.



Mr T. Phanos, Cyprus' Minister for Communications and Works shakes hands with Chief Technician Dick Stratford before presenting him with his private pilot's licence. In the centre, Mr Shouer, Secretary and Ground Instructor of the Cyprus Aero Club which was inaugurated by Mr Phanos after the presentation.

ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS:

STRONG COUNCIL ACTION ON SW AFRICA ISSUE

The 15-Nation Security Council have received the text of the resolution looking to follow-up action by the Council on one of the major issues dealt with by the 124-Nation General Assembly during a recently concluded seven-week session.

That is the future of the Territory of South West Africa which the Assembly proclaimed, is henceforth to be known as Namibia, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the representatives of its people.

The Assembly has recommended that the Security Council take urgent measures to ensure South Africa's immediate eviction from Namibia and to secure independence for its territory.

Road Safety Corner

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS — A commonly used term... too common. The fact is of course that most of them are not accidental, nor do they just happen, they are caused by you or someone like you. Carelessness, thoughtlessness, loss of attention while you look at a pretty girl.

You don't have to be driving a car or lorry to cause an "Accident", silly or inconsiderate behaviour as a pedestrian is just as dangerous — and you are more likely to be injured as a result.

There are contributory causes in all traffic accident cases, don't be one of the contributors. Be defensive in your behaviour on the road.

South Africa has challenged the validity of an earlier Assembly decision terminating her old League of Nations mandate over the territory, and has taken the position that the world Organization has no authority to interfere with her administration of the territory.

More UNFICYP Members Sprout Wings; New Aero - Club Opened

Craftsman (now Corporal) G.L. (Gerry) Alderson recently became the first Canadian serving with the UN peace-keeping forces in Cyprus to obtain his pilot's licence from the Cyprus Aero Club.

The course, conducted under international rules, involved some 30 hours of dual and solo training in a Piper Colt.

Corporal Alderson is employed at Camp Maple Leaf in the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineering Branch.

On the same occasion, Chief Technician Dick Stratford from Huyton, Lancs, received his private pilot's licence.

Chief Technician Stratford, serving with 230 Helicopter Squadron detachment, RAF, is usually 'on the ground' being a helicopter servicing engineer. He decided that it might be fun to see more from the air and whilst in Cyprus, took instruction and eventually qualified for this licence. Congratulations!

The presentation of licenses took place at the inaugural ceremony of the Club under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency The Minister of Communications and Works, Mr T. Phanos and was attended by local dignitaries and members of the Club.



Cpl. Alderson.

A-BAN PACT ...

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require to defend herself against the United States. Zambia and Tanzania also voted against the treaty as inequitably weighted in favour of the great powers.

Abstainers included nuclear power — France — who stressed, however, she would in fact conform to the treaty provisions. Mr Armand Berard objected to the pact as not being directed towards what France regarded as an overriding requirement — actual nuclear disarmament.

The world's fifth nuclear power, the People's Republic of China, is not represented in the United Nations, but has denounced the pact as a US-Soviet move to monopolize world power and stifle liberation movements.

As a whole those casting negative votes or abstaining argued security and economic interests of non-nuclear nations were not adequately safeguarded in the treaty despite recent revisions made in the text by nuclear sponsors, and there were no hard and fast commitments binding nuclear powers to reduce their arsenals.

SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTS SIX - MONTH EXTENSION FOR UN FORCE

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On the other hand, the efforts of my Special Representative in arranging for inter-communal talks have been successful. Two prominent leaders of the two communities, Mr. Glafkos Clerides and Mr. Rauf Denktash, after preliminary talks in Nicosia, met in Beirut from 2 to 5 June. They have agreed to resume their talks in Nicosia as from 24 June and their first meeting there will be opened by my Special Representative. This establishment of a direct channel of communication between the two communities for the first time in four and a half years is most encouraging. I attach very great importance to these inter-communal talks. Apart from the basic issues that must be solved if a lasting settlement is to be achieved, there are many current internal problems which have to be overcome. I am deeply conscious of the difficulty and complexity of the task that lies ahead and it is my earnest hope that, in the interest of the country as a whole, both communities will find it possible to make those concessions and accommodations without which no agreement can be attained. The will to compromise and adjust their differences would be a historic demonstration of statesmanship which the leaders in Cyprus could offer towards a just and lasting peace in their country. I hope that the talks will be fruitful and will constitute an important step towards a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

It is obvious that continued peace is an essential condition for the success of the inter-communal talks

which have just begun and that, despite the relaxation of tension and the improved relations between the two communities, the situation remains unstable in the island. Therefore, I consider it unavoidable that the mandate of UNFICYP should be extended for another period. Because the inter-communal talks have to deal with very complex problems and are likely to be protracted, I feel that the period of extension should be of six months. Consequently, I recommend that the Security Council extend the stationing of UNFICYP for a further period of six months until 26 December 1968.

In this connexion, I must draw the Security Council's attention to the growing deficit of the UNFICYP budget. This deficit, due to inadequate and now decreasing contributions, has reached alarming proportions and if this is allowed to continue it could make unavoidable a premature withdrawal of the Force. I therefore appeal to the members of the Security Council to give most serious and urgent attention to this matter.

In concluding this report, I wish once again to express my deep appreciation to the Governments of those countries providing contingents to UNFICYP and to those which have made financial contributions to its budget. Without their generous support it would not be possible to maintain this important peace-keeping operation of the United Nations."