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ACCIDENTS DROP DURING ROAD SAFETY WEEK

THE TALLY OF ROAD ACCIDENTS INVOLVING UNFICYP VEHICLES DURING ROAD SAFETY week 11 — 18 September showed a welcome drop of 50% compared with the preceding week though the total of 7 is obviously still too high.

Statistics show that the weekly average peaks immediately following a rotation, doubtless due to the unfamiliarity of the new contingent with their vehicles and conditions in Cyprus. After a steady improvement a further increase occurs during the third month when drivers think they know it all and try to beat the local cowboys at their own game. Then there is the final pre-rotation peak when drivers appear to relax their attention.

We are now, mostly, in the pre-rotation period so it is imperative for all ranks to redouble their safe-driving efforts. After all, you want to get home whole don't you? So drive defensively all the time and keep the accident figure right down.

ISRAEL REAFFIRMS STAND ON JERUSALEM CONTROL

THERE WERE DEVELOPMENTS LAST WEEK ON TWO ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST situation which the emergency session of the UN General Assembly dealt with and left open for further consideration when it adjourned temporarily in July: they concerned the status of Jerusalem and humanitarian problems arising from the six-day Arab-Israeli war.

The Special Representative of the Secretary General reported that there could be no doubt that Israel was assuming sovereign control of the Old City of Jerusalem and certain adjacent areas taken over from Jordan during the June war.

The Representative, Ambassador Ernesto Thalmann of Switzerland, added that Israeli authorities had told him unequivocally that this process of integration was irreversible and not open to negotiation.

In July the Assembly de-

VISITING GENERAL



AT HEADQUARTERS—In the above photo, General W.A.B. Anderson (right) Commander, Mobile Command, Canadian Armed Forces, is shown when he paid a courtesy call on the Force Commander at UNFICYP Headquarters. Shown with them, Col. H.F.C. Elliot, Force Deputy Chief-of-Staff and CO of the Canadian Contingent serving with UNFICYP. General Anderson spent a few days in Cyprus last week visiting CANCON.

Secretary-General Will Not Resign

SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE PRESS REPORT THAT HE HAD THREATENED TO RESIGN.

The report appeared earlier this week in Al Ahram, the Egyptian newspaper, which said U Thant had told the United States and the U.S.S.R. he would quit his post if they did not provide greater support to the United Nations.

U Thant issued a flat denial of the story upon his return to New York on 15 September following a short visit to Kinshasa, Congo, to address the Organization of African Unity.

ASSEMBLY ENDS EMERGENCY MIDDLE-EAST SESSION

THE United Nations General Assembly last Monday formally ended its emergency session on this summer's Middle East crisis with a request that the Arab-Israeli conflict be given priority consideration at the regular annual session of the Assembly which was scheduled to begin yesterday. The Assembly acted on the

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS SESSION

THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF WORLD CONCERN CAME SHARPLY INTO FOCUS AS THE UNITED NATIONS prepared for the opening of a new session of its General Assembly this week.

A long list of business faced the 122 Member States as they got ready for deliberations of the next three months. Included on it were such perennial problems as disarmament, with special interest centering this year on a draft treaty prepared by the Soviet Union and the United States on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. The situation in Africa, south of the Sahara, was also expected to command a major share of the Assembly's attention, with emphasis on developments concerning Rhodesia, and South African and Portuguese policies — long denounced by the United Nations.

Economic issues are again given great weight on this year's agenda, particularly those affecting the trade and development of developing countries.

The controversial question of Chinese representation in the United Nations has also been put forward for renewed consideration; and matters concerning protection of human rights, development of international law, and the world organization's finances are also included on the wide-ranging agenda.

basis of a proposal put forward by Austria, Finland and Sweden. Ambassador Kurt Waldheim of Austria said it had not been possible to find a basis for the settlement of the Middle East crisis during the past two-month recess, and that the problem should be kept under urgent consideration.

Mr. Thalmann conducted a two-week fact finding mission in Jerusalem at U Thant's request, and his findings were made public by the Secretary General in a report which also included a reaffirmation by Israel of her Jerusalem policy. This was contained in a letter (Continued on Page Eight)

DANCON NYT

SPORT



Så er både håndbold- og fodboldturneringen slut, og det blev en meget overbevisende sejr i begge idrætsgrene til Alfa-Coy. Her er det håndboldholdet, som gik igennem turneringen uden så meget som et nederlag. I bagerste række fra venstre ses SG Møller, KS Aamand, KP Hjortshøj, KS Jonassen, LT Norsell, SG Juhl. I forreste række fra venstre ses KS Westphal, KS Jensen, KS Hadberg, SG Husmann og KS Carstensen.



Det vindende fodboldhold bestod af følgende spillere: KS Andersen, SG Jensen, KS Helbo, KS Jonassen, KS Rasmussen, LT Brolev, KS Jensen, KS Dahl, KS Gravgård, SG Møller og KS Kristiansen.

VEJARBEJDE - JA HVORFOR IKKE!



Vejarbejde er ikke hverdagsarbejde for FN-soldater, men da det blev STKMP for meget med alle hullerne i vejene omkring Nicosia Club, skulle de nu alligevel stoppes. De uheldige er fra venstre KS 659094 Jensen, KS 700963 K.H. Hansen og KS 622525 S. Nielsen. KS Nielsen beder samtidig efterlyse to af hans kammerater, der endnu ikke ved, at han er kommet til Cypern.

VIN-FEST I LIMASSOL

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WINE FESTIVAL



MUNICIPAL GARDEN LIMASSOL
22 SEPTEMBER-1 OCTOBER 1967

Prøv det før Deres nabo, men lad være med at gå i gulvet—



Man kan tydeligt se, hvem der bruger Mac's - nåh nej, det var slet ikke det. Da sadelmageren SG J.W. Pedersen i Nicosia Club forleden fyldte år, fik han en flot kranssekage i fødselsdagsgave. Gaven var fra OS Isager, som havde fået den sendt herved fra Danmark via SCACYP, uden at den havde taget skade. Da OS Isager var på orlov i Danmark, blev gaven overrakt af SG L.H. Greig. Det er fødselsdagsbarnet til venstre.

LOUROUJINA KA' DET HELE



Detachment Louroujina var i radioen 10 SEP. Her ses det frygtindgydende hold under indsyngning af hjemlandets vedmodige toner på bånd i CBC-studiet 08 SEP. Det er fra venstre KS Laustsen (Lillebror), KS Christensen (Bob), KS Pedersen, KS Bundgaard og KS Nielsen (Fessor).

"Logistics"

UNDERHÅLLSSEKTIONEN

Batstab i bild III



Ärendena på underhållssektionen är många, fler än namnet antyder. Här diskuterar sektionsschefen mj Per Johansson ett av dem med sin expuoff fv Östen Andersson.

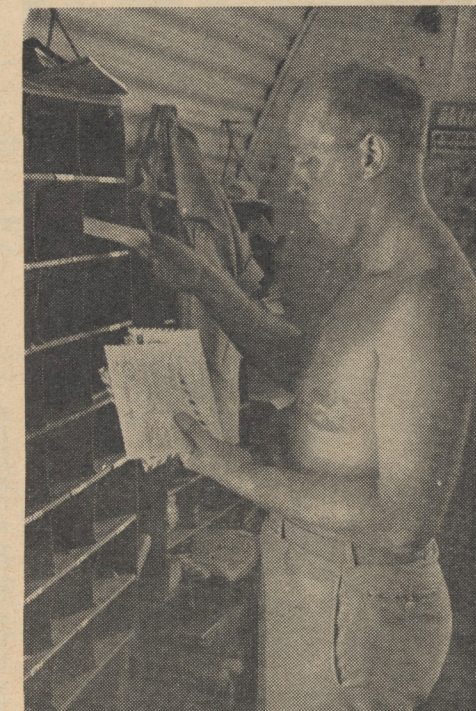


SWEDCON NEWS



Paket till Sverige - fältpostkontoret, här representerat av postmästare Sune Kjellman vid telefonen och fv Sten Karlsson, väger och stämplar och vidarebefordrar. Främst i kön vid postluckan fu Evert Evesson.

Hur går det med reparationerna, nu då? Kn Stig Sonesson, bat motorofficer, synar tillsammans med fv Olle Karlsson en 'valp' under reparation i Carl Gustaf Camps motorverkstad.



Pengar, pengår, pengar...går det at när en FN-bataljon skall fungera. 'Paymaster' fv Petrus Greby håller i alla fall ett vakande öga på sedelbuntarna.

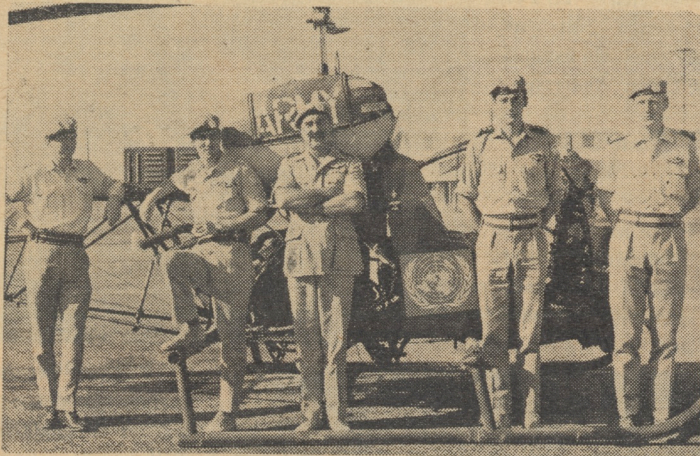
Rätt brev i rätt fack! Den efterlängtdade brevströmmen sorteras i kompani- och förläggningssack av överpostiljon fj Yngve Thorén.



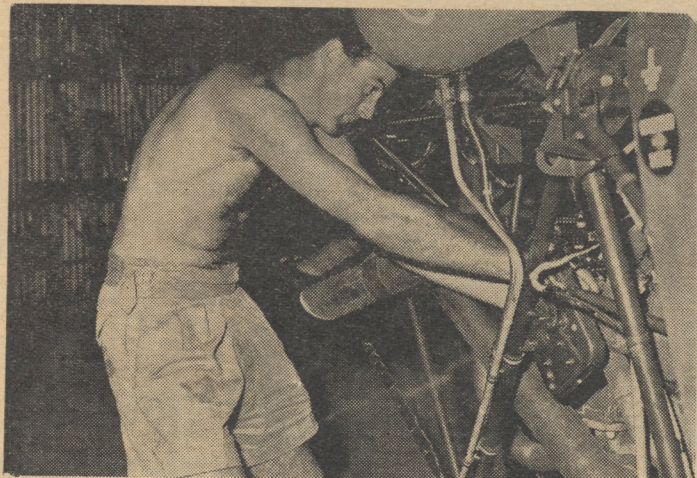
Åhej, då! I huvudförrådet med allt in- och utgående gods vill det ofta till stadiga tag. Bakom kollit den här gången: rustm Per-Arne Wiklund.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

THE WHIRLIBIRDS HQ UNFICYP FLIGHT ARMY AIR CORPS



THE FLY BOYS — Left to right are Lt Marcus Coombs 3 DG who is due to complete his tour in a weeks time, Capt Peter Staveacre 4/7 DG, who arrived in mid August, the Flight Commander Maj David Craig MBE, GM, the 2IC Capt Ross Mallock who also arrived in mid August and 2Lt Joe Williams who arrived recently.



THE MENDER — carrying out repairs to a Sioux Lycoming engine is Cpl Pat McNally REME. Pat comes from Swanley.



THE MAN IN CHARGE — S/Sgt John Lever REME, who is responsible for all servicing and maintenance comes from Bognor Regis.

MOST people in UNFICYP are familiar with the Sioux helicopters of the Army Air Corps UNFICYP Flight which regularly fly to the various Contingent HQ's and the more inaccessible OP's throughout the island, but few people know the origin of the Army Air Corps or the background to its formation. Prior to 1957, the only aircraft belonging to the Army and flown by Army pilots were the Air Observation Post Flights and Squadrons whose aircraft were flown by RA (Gunner) Officers, and a few Light liaison flights whose pilots were NCO's and officers of regiments other than RA. The aircraft were nearly all fixed wing light planes of the Auster type with a few Skeeter helicopters. Technical ground crews were provided by the RAF.



GUNNERS TO PILOTS

On 1st September 1957, the Army Air Corps came into being with a small cadre of Officers and NCO's whose careers henceforth would be exclusively in Army Aviation and who would spend a large part of their time in active flying appointments. Naturally the majority of the officers were Gunners who had at one time or other been pilots with the Air OP Squadrons which were first formed in 1939 for the purpose of observing and directing Artillery fire. The NCOs of the permanent cadre came mainly from those who had been pilots in Light Li-

aison Flights. The Army Air Corps itself, was and still is remarkably small, having less than 50 officers and the same number of NCOs, but at the present day, Army Aviation has expanded to a stage where a great many Regiments and Corps have their own Air Troop or Platoon, with pilots coming from every Regiment and Corps in the Army and far outnumbering the AAC pilots.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for the technical servicing of Army aircraft has for some time now been carried out by REME and is a considerable task when one considers the fact that the aircraft used by the AAC now runs into hundreds involving helicopters of various types and Beavers of the RCT flights.

SMALL UNIT

One of the smallest units in UNFICYP, the Flight is commanded by Major David Craig MBE, GM, a war time Air OP pilot and flying instructor who was one of the first Gunner officers to be accepted into the Army Air Corps on its formation. Major Craig has nearly 5000 hours flying time to his credit. The 2IC Capt Ross Mallock is a Royal Tank Regiment officer and is a helicopter instructor while the other pilots Capt Peter Staveacre and Lt Marcus Coombs are both cavalry officers. Last but not least is Lt Joe Williams who is genuine Army Air Corps!

TECHNICIANS

An aura of glamour inevitably attaches to those who do the flying but according to Major Craig a lot of credit is due to the REME technicians whose expertise, skill and hard work keep the aircraft serviceable in spite of the many difficulties and minimum facilities they operate under. There are also the Drivers who come from the cavalry, infantry and RCT and who spend more time handling the helicopters than they do vehicles.



MAN AT WORK — Cpl Pete Cockerhan REME, works on a faulty Marvel Schbler carburettor from one of the Sioux's. Pete is a Doncaster lad.

CONTINGENT NEWS

8 INFANTRY GROUP STRIKES COLOUR



Colour of the 8th Irish Infantry Group.



The 8th to go home. (L to R) Ptes Ollie Walsh, Liam Walsh Sherry, Larry Dempsey and Jack Walsh looked happy at New Airport while waiting to emplane.



Members of the 8th Armoured Car Group have their armament inspected by Capt. Art Magennis, DSM in preparation for handover. (L to R) Sgt Michael Rowland, Tpr Pat McDonagh, Coy-Sgt John O'Leary, and Cpl Eugene Hamilton.

BY the time the next issue of the "Blue Beret" appears the 8th Infantry Group will have departed Cyprus, and its colour will have been cased. In future it will be seen only on rare occasions during special parades of national significance. It will be kept in the museum of the Military College, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare.

The colour is of green and gold cloth and bears in Gaelic the designation of the unit. Centrally on a shield it carries the arm flashes of the home Commands and Staffs which have personnel serving with the Group. It is only on overseas service that the arm flash "Ireland" with the Shamrock is used.



Reading from top to bottom at left the flashes represent: Eastern Command — a red spearhead on a yellow field; Western Command — a raised arm carrying a short sword on a blue field. The arm is clothed in silver to the elbow. The forearm is depicted bare. The Military College — the historical Torch of knowledge in yellow on a red field. (on right from top). The Southern Command — a winged spear in blue on an orange field; The Curragh Training Camp — the acorns and oak leaf of Kildare in yellow on a red field; The Air Corps — a winged sphere bearing the National Colours, green white and orange. Bottom centre, Army HQ a gold sword on a red field.

UNIT SPORTS

Last week the sporting activities of the the Group closed with an athletic meeting at Mavrovouni Stadium. There were fourteen events and the prize for the team scoring the highest aggregate points was won by the ICA Company.



When will I get my fist one? Gnr Billy Barry of the 9th Inf Group looks on longingly as Cpl Peter Joyce receives mail from SDS driver Pte John Robinson, both of 8th Inf Group.



Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, Ireland. The name is from the Gaelic Gleann dá Locha, meaning the Glen of two lakes. Formerly a monastic city it was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th Century. At one time it had thousands of students from Britain and Europe. Its history can easily be traced from its ruins. It was destroyed by fire in 1398. The Round Tower (centre), 110 feet high and 52 feet in circumference at the base is in almost perfect condition after more than 1000 years. The building foreground is a hotel.

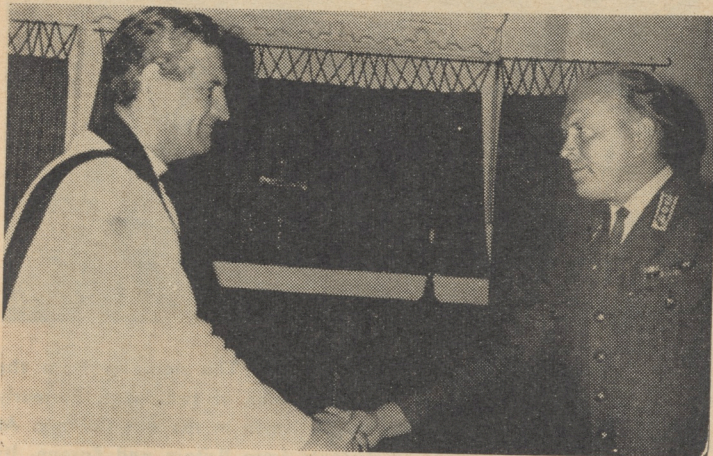


A representative parade of competitors at Mavrovouni Stadium before the start of the 8th Inf Group sports last week.

MUISTO - TILAISUUS

Maanantai-illan hämartyessä 11.9 vietettiin YK:n rauhanturvajoukkojen suomalaispataljoonassa edellistorstaina liikenneonnettomuudessa surmansa saaneen jääkäri Kalevi Kullervo KANGASMÄEN sotilaallisen korutonta muistotilaisuutta. Pataljoona oli runsaslukuisena paikalla kunnioittamassa keskuudestaan poistuneen miehen muistoa. Edustettuina olivat myös kaikki saarella palvelevat muut YK:n joukot.

Osallistuvien joukkojen kokoonnuttua Kykon kentälle sotpast Enok Reimaa piti muistopuheen teemanaan "Vuoret väistykööt ja kukkulat horjukoot, mutta minun armoni ei sinusta väisty eikä minun rauhanliittoni horju, sanoo Herra, sinun armahtajasi." Hän totesi lisäksi seuraavaa: "Sen rakennelman perustukset, mitä me tavallisessa puheessa kutsumme elämäksi, järkkyvät kuoleman edessä. Kuolema merkitsee monien yhteyksien katkeamista. Mutta ei kuitenkaan kaikkien. Tämä tilaisuus on siitä todistuksena".



Luovuttaja ja vastaanottaja: ev Rusanen ja arkki diakoni Nicholls.



Tämän jälkeen pataljoonan komentaja ev V Rusanen laski YKSP 7:n upseerien, aliupseerien ja miehistön seppeleen sekä rauhanturvajoukkojen komentaja kenr Martola kaikkien saarella palvelevien YK-joukkojen sepeleen.

Arvokas tilaisuus päättyi palvelustovereitten kantaessa arkun odottavaan autoon kanadalaissoittokunnan soittaessa surumarssia. Arkku siirrettiin myöhemmin lentoteitse kotimaahan.



FINCON NEWS

KUULUMISIA SUOMALAIS- KONTINGENTISTA

Runsaan ja pataljoonan kaikkia arvoasteita edustavan kirkkoväen läsnäollessa luovutti ev V Rusanen pataljoonan lahjana St Paulin anglikaaniselle seurakunnalle alttaripäällysteen viime perjantaina YKSP 7:n toimikauden viimeisessä jumalanpalveluksessa. Alttaripäällyste on paksua viininpunaista villakangasta ja se peittää koko alttarikaaren sisään jäävän alueen. -Luovutus-sanoissaan ev Rusanen sanoi lahjan olevan pataljoonan kiitollisuuden osoitus ja muisto siitä ajasta, jolloin suomalaiset ovat saaneet käyttää kodikasta ja kaunista kirkkoa jumalanpalveluksiinsa.

Arkki diakoni Nicholls, joka otti lahjoituksen vastaan seurakunnan puolesta, kiitti pataljoonaa ja totesi alttarivaatteen jäävän osoittamaan vallinnutta yhteyttä vielä vuosien jälkeen. -Luovutuksen jälkeen uusi alttaripäällyste vihittiin käyt-

töön ja tilaisuus päättyi sotpast E Reimaan saarnaan ja loppuliturgiaan.

Jo kai perinteelliseksi muodostunut Vihreän linjan juoksu juostiin 10.9. sunnuntaina. Kilpailu suoritettiin viestinä, missä osuudet olivat 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 400, 300, 200, ja 100 m. Viimeisen satametrisen juoksi kunkin osuuttavan joukkueen upseeriedustaja. Tulokset olivat miesten mukaan. Voiton tällä kertaa otti HK seuraavassa kokoonpanossa: ylil Ah-tainen, ylilv Simanainen, väap Laaksonen, kers Pylkkänen, jääkärit Saarinen, Rissanen, Tornikoski ja Vilkmän. Joukku eeen ajaksi saatiin 6.34. Toiseksi taisteli 3 JK ajalla 6.37 ja kolmanneksi 1 JK - 6.42. EK peri neljännen sijan (6.43) ja 2 JK viidennen (7.04). Onneksi olkoon menestyneille!

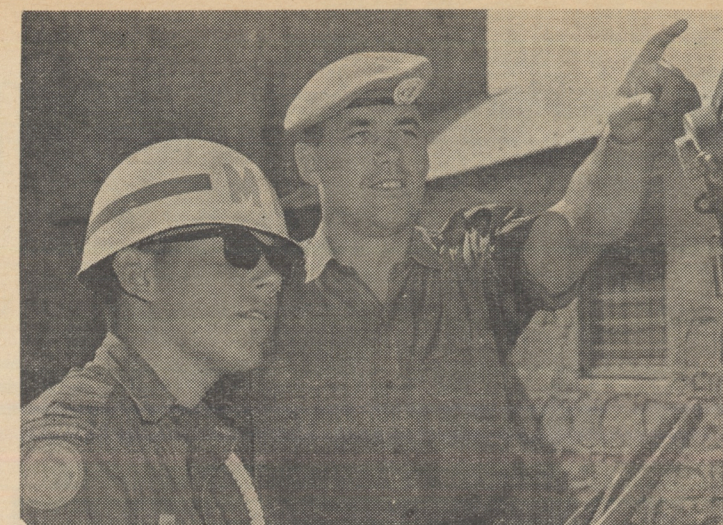
GENERAL VISITS CANCON



IN KYRENIA — General W.A.B. Anderson, Commander, Mobile Command, Canadian Armed Forces, spent a few days in Cyprus last week visiting with the Canadian Contingent serving with the UN Force in Cyprus. General Anderson spent quite a bit of time visiting outposts and other installations manned by the Canadian troops in UNFICYP's Kyrenia District. Shown above, General Anderson at one of UNFICYP's observation posts in the Kyrenia range where he listens carefully to the briefing by Cpl Hardy, post commander, on the responsibilities of the OP. (Other photo, Page 1).



Trooper Harold Bodfield, Preston, Ont., (left) and Cfn Charlie Holmes, Bath, N.B., carry out an engine change on one of the ferret scout cars used by Canadian recce forces in Cyprus during UN patrols.



Sgt Ron Plasky, of Fort Frances, Ont., and Winnipeg, a member of the Royal Canadian Provost Corps, and MP Cpl M.A. Krewald, of the Danish provost corps are both serving as members of the UN Provost Corps in Cyprus.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)



WO2 Ed Dzioba, Emerson, Man., talks to a ferret scout car commander Sgt Lou Williams of Jordan Ferry, N.S. and the driver Trooper Ed Biggs of Hamilton, Ont. Crew commander of the second car is Cpl Lester Murphy of Fredericton, N.B. and Cape Breton, N.S. and the driver is Cpl Steve Smith of Penobsquis, N.B.



Communications centre at the Royal Canadian Dragoons headquarters is vital to the recce duties they carry out on behalf of the UN. Here Cpl Reg Gould of Amherst, N.S., a member of the Royal Canadian Signals Corps, mans the centre.

Komppaniailtaa parhaimmillaan 3 JK:ssa. Aro raikui ja homma kävi, kun pataljoonamme uusi - liekö laillistettu - hammaslääkäri potilastaan paranteli. - Edellistä muuten kutsutaan myös kers Jäntiksi ja jälkimmäistä jääk Luomaksi. - Hauska oli ilta muutenkin.

GOOD LUCK !



FAREWELL — On Friday, 15 September, the Force Commander and members of the UN Secretariat serving with UNFICYP, were hosts at a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Dunn who are to leave shortly for Vienna where Mr. Dunn is to take up his new post of Deputy Director of General Services of the new specialized agency, UN Industrial Development Organization. In the photo above, the Force Commander presents a farewell memento to the Dunn's. Gerry has been very popular serving with UNFICYP as Chief of General Services.

SELF - DETERMINATION URGED FOR FIJI, EQUATORIAL GUINEA

THE UN'S DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE LAST WEEK adopted a resolution reaffirming the right of the people of Equatorial Guinea to self determination and independence, and urging Spain immediately to convene a constitutional conference for the territory.

Spain was also asked to

GOOD-BYE

ensure that the territory became independent as a single entity no later than next July.

ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1967, THE DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE adopted a resolution reaffirming its view that Britain must speed decolonization in Fiji by holding elections on the basis of one man, one vote, and by fixing an early date for the territory's independence.

The resolution expressed deep regret at Britain's refusal to agree to a visit to the territory by a Sub-Committee and urgently appealed to her to reconsider.

Britain said that time and patience were needed to allow her to pursue efforts to create harmony among the various communities in Fiji; that the resolution took no account of the real situation in the territory; and that it tried to impose a system which was unacceptable to the majority party.

Britain has also taken the position that no useful purpose would be served by the visit by a Sub-Committee.

JERUSALEM

to the Secretary-General from Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who said it was essential that all of Jerusalem's residents have equal access to public services and facilities, and that no interest would be served by resorting to barriers that had separated the new and old cities since the 1949 armistice. Mr. Eban also reiterated his Government's intent that Muslim, Christian and Jewish holy places' security and free access be assured.

U THANT SEES UN ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST; VIETNAM, NO

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, U THANT, DECLARED LAST WEEK THAT A UNITED NATIONS ROLE WAS IMPERATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. Stating that direct negotiations were ideal but not practical in the present circumstances, he took the view that third-party involvement in the Middle East would be necessary for a long time to come. And he felt the United Nations provided the most effective and efficient means of carrying out this role.

The Secretary-General made these comments at a press conference at UN Headquarters, as the General Assembly prepared to convene this week to formally end a Middle East Emergency Session and open its regular annual meeting during which the Middle East and a wide range of other international problems will be discussed.

At the same time, U Thant reiterated his conviction that the world Organization could play no useful role in Vietnam in the present circumstances, and that the first step to peace in that part of the world must be the unconditional cessation of U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. He again emphasized his belief that, once bombing stopped, there would be meaningful talks in three or four weeks.

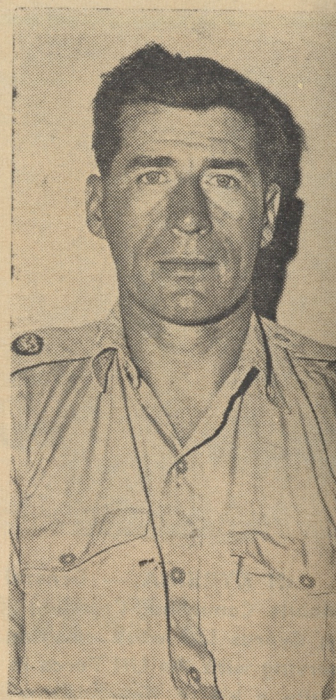
Describing the international outlook on the eve of the new session as far from encouraging, U Thant said he was sure many governments were aware of the dangers of a policy of drift. He expressed hope that new peace initiatives based on the principles of charter would be considered very seriously by all member nations.

The Secretary-General also stressed the need for better understanding and better co-operation between the Big Powers. He pointed out that their agreement was essential to effective UN action on basic problems of war and peace.

Asked about new initiatives for bringing the Vietnam conflict before the Security Council, U Thant said he would be the happiest man if the Council were in a position to contribute to a settlement. But the plain fact was, he declared, that in matters involving peacekeeping, the Council "will not and cannot act" in the face of opposition from one permanent member. He could therefore see no useful purpose

in the Council's involvement in Vietnam in the face of opposition from at least two Big Powers. He was alluding to positions taken by the Soviet Union and France.

NEW PADRE



The Rev Alan Vokes CF arrived recently in HQ UNFICYP for duty with BRITCON. Rev Vokes has been with the Royal Anglian Regiment at Dhekelia for the past eleven months and will now be working in the British Contingent, mainly with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Advance Party Of New FINCON Arrives in Cyprus

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus started on Monday, 18 September, with the arrival of an Advance Party of 16 officers and 14 NCOs.

During the rotation altogether 225 personnel of all ranks will be replaced with the main body of the new contingent scheduled to arrive on 26, 27 and 29 September 1967.

The incoming troops will form part of the 8th Finnish UN Battalion which will replace the present 7th Finnish UN Battalion serving with the Force.



Miss Marita Pietroni, Secretary to the Chief Logistics Officer at HQ UNFICYP, completed her spell of duty on Saturday 2 September. All members of the HQ staff wish her the best of luck for the future.