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MANDATE EXTENDED

Congratulations



Congratulations to Major Robin Harris MC, on the award of the MBE in the Queens Birthday Honours. Major Harris Commands "A" Squadron of the 14/20th King's Hussars who provided the Armoured Car Squadron of the British Contingent of UNFICYP from April 1965 until mid-January this year

SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

ON Thursday afternoon, the United Nations Security Council meeting at U.N. Headquarters in New York voted unanimously to extend the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus for another six months.

The Council acted in the light of a report from the Secretary-General, U Thant, stating that the U.N. Force must remain on the island lest a "disastrous reversion to violence" occur.

The resolution expressed the hope that by the time the mandate of the Force ends — on 26 December — enough progress toward a political settlement will have been achieved to enable the Force to be substantially cut or pulled out entirely. The resolution urged the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint and to make determined efforts with the view to achieving a solution.

The resolution providing for the further extension of the peace-keeping operation was approved after it was introduced by Ambassador J. G. de Beus of the Netherlands on behalf of eight non-permanent members of the Council. Noting that high-level discussions between Greece and Turkey had just gotten under way, Mr. de Beus stressed there was nothing in the resolution to warrant a controversial debate.

Following the unanimous vote, Lord Caradon of the United Kingdom — the former Administrative Power in Cyprus — announced that his Government would maintain its contingent with the U.N. Force at its strength of over 1,000 men; would pay the costs involved; and would continue voluntary financial contributions at the past rate of one million dollars every three months.

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BRIG. WILSON DEPARTS; FORCE BIDS FAREWELL

Brig. A.J. "Jim" Wilson CBE MC leaves Nicosia today for London after one year and nine months service with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

The past few days were very busy ones for the Brigadier. In addition to his detailed hand-over to the new Chief of Staff, Brigadier M.N. Harbottle, OBE he has been saying good-bye to his many friends including, of course, the British Contingent with UNFICYP.

On Saturday evening, 18 June, the Force Commander and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos A. Bernardes gave a farewell reception for Brigadier Jim and his wife, Jean. Previously, on Monday, 13 June, HQ UNFICYP officers entertained him to dinner at the HQ Officers' Mess. At coffee, Gen. A.E. Martola presented Brig. "Jim" with a silver cigarette box on behalf of the HQ officers. (See photo below).

Last Monday, the Brigadier spent the day saying good-bye to the British Contingent in UNFICYP's Limassol Zone. (See photos P.8).

UNFICYP Road Accidents Drop

All units in the Force are to be congratulated on the great improvement in the accident rate for the month of May.

The high rate of accidents has been a constant source of concern to the Force authorities and it is very gratifying to see that the Safe Driving Campaigns undertaken by Contingents have been rewarded by a dramatic drop in the accident rate.

The statistics show a very satisfactory situation and it is hoped that all drivers in the Force will do their best to maintain and improve on this record.

One word of warning. The Deputy Force Provost Marshall tells us that there are still too many drivers being booked for speeding. Remember that speed is the most common cause of accidents.

UNFICYP ACCIDENTS FOR MAY 1966

CONTINGENT	No of Accidents	Total No Miles
UK	7	347,548
Canadian	2	198,116
Swedish	4	133,636
Finnish	Nil	70,269
Danish	1	108,600
Austrian	Nil	17,160
Irish	1	78,097
UNCIVPOL	3	77,338
Total	18	1,030,764



Force Commander presents parting gift to Brig. Wilson

TEXT OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Following is the text of the resolution submitted by Argentina, Japan, Jordan, Mali, the Netherlands, Nigeria and Uganda, adopted unanimously by the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Thursday afternoon, 16 June:

The Security Council, Noting from the report of the Secretary-General of 10 June 1966 (S/7350) that in the present circumstances the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus is still needed if peace is to be maintained in the island.

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 June 1966,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions of 4 March (S/5575), 13 March (S/5603), 20 June (S/5778), 9 August (S/5868), 25 September (S/5987) and 18 De-

cember 1964 (S/6121), the consensus expressed by the President at the 1143rd meeting, on 11 August 1964, and its resolutions 201 (1965) of 19 March, 206 (1965) of 15 June, 207 (1965) of 10 August, 219 (1965) of 17 December 1965 and 220 (1966) of 16 March 1966;

2. Urges the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint and to make determined efforts with a view to achieving the objectives of the Security Council;

3. Extends the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force, established under the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964, for a period of six months ending 26 December 1966, in the firm hope that by the end of this period substantial progress towards a solution will have been achieved so as to render possible a withdrawal or a substantial reduction of the Force.

UNFICYP Mandate

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He also reaffirmed an earlier British pledge of an additional one million dollars to help meet the current deficit.

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States also pledged his Government's continued support for the peace-keeping effort, while expressing hope for financial contributions from a larger number of countries. The US delegate also hailed the Secretary-General's efforts for peace; but making peace, he stressed, was in the last analysis up to the parties involved.

Ambassador Roger Seydoux of France, while praising the effectiveness of the UN peace-keeping operation said that a general settlement was long overdue. The French delegate referred to the Secretary-General's comment in his report that the unanimous Council votes on the Cyprus peace-keeping effort could have led one to hope for financial support from a larger number of nations. Mr. Seydoux said that the position of France — a non-contributor — was one of principle, and had been made clear from the start. He also did not agree with U Thant's general criticism on voluntary financing of peace-keeping operations. The Council, Mr. Seydoux said, should keep a free hand as to financing methods.

Ambassador Platon Morozov of the Soviet Union also commented that his Government's position on financing had been made clear from the start. Mr. Morozov said the Cyprus problem must be solved without outside interference, and spe-

cifically without meddling from NATO; and that foreign bases and forces must be withdrawn from the island — a reference to British, Greek and Turkish forces stationed in Cyprus under the 1960 agreements.

Mr. J.T.F. Iyalla of Nigeria endorsed the Secretary-General's views of financing peace-keeping operations and pledged a financial contribution of 3,000 dollars. Ambassador Pedro Berro of Uruguay said the objective was a free, independent Cyprus, master of its own destiny.

Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus said that if there were no outside intervention there would be no problem in Cyprus. He said Turkish Cypriots were seeking to dominate coastal defences to neutralize them in the event of an invasion. He added that the 1960 Constitution had been imposed on his country and that Cyprus alone among all UN members had so far been denied its right of self-determination.

Ambassador Orhan Eralp of Turkey agreed that outside intervention was the cause of the trouble but said this intervention arose from Greek pan-Hellenistic expansionism, with enosis — merger with Greece — the goal. As to self-determination, he said the 1960 Constitution was fruit of this, as it had been endorsed by the two communities.

Ridiculing the charges of pan-Hellenic expansionism, Ambassador Alexis Liatis of Greece said he did not wish to engage in a substantive debate lest peace efforts be jeopardized. He expressed hope that a peaceful settlement would be reached.

UN to ACT on Aden

In Cairo, last week the UN Decolonization Committee asked the UN Secretary-General to appoint a special mission to Aden to recommend practical steps to determine the extent of UN participation in the preparation and supervision of elections in that territory.

UNDP APPROVES \$161-MILLION DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMME

A new 161.3-million-dollar programme of assistance to some 50 developing countries and territories was approved last week by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), meeting in Milan, Italy.

Of the total cost, the UNDP will contribute 63.1 million dollars while the major share — 98.2 million dollars — will be contributed by the benefiting countries themselves.

The new allocations are for 55 new projects and for supplementary financing of two previously approved projects.

This raises the total number of large-scale pre-investment projects assisted by the UNDP to 657, and the number of countries and territories receiving such help to 137. The total cost of the 657 projects, including the counterpart contributions of the Governments directly concerned, is 1,565,3 million dollars; of this sum,

the UNDP has earmarked 644.5 million.

In the new programme approved last week by the Governing Council are: 30 major surveys of natural resources and industrial feasibility studies; 20 projects promoting advanced education and technical training; and five applied research projects.

Of the 55 new projects, 22 are in Africa; 14 in the Americas; nine in Asia; six in Europe; and four in the Middle East.

Among these projects, there is one for Cyprus which deals with water planning and utilization.

The purpose of this project, which has a duration of two and a half years, is to assist the Government of Cyprus in surveying the island's water resources, in planning the development of a specific watershed, and in formulating a national plan for the control, development and utilisation of water resources.



PTE. JOUKO HUHA

FINNISH PRIVATE FOUND DEAD IN NICOSIA EAST

ON Wednesday, shortly before midnight, a private soldier of the Finnish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus — Private Jouko Antero Huha — was found dead from gunshot wounds in Nicosia East District.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Pte. Huha are being investigated by UNFICYP, although it is thought that his death was accidental.

Private Huha had been serving with UNFICYP since 30 March 1966. He was 20 years of age and came from Koskenkylä, Temmes, Finland.

Arrangements are being made for the body to be flown to Finland at a later date. A memorial service will be held in Nicosia at a time to be notified later.

CAMBODIA AGREES TO UN OBSERVERS ON THAI BORDER

A spokesman for the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week confirmed that Cambodia has agreed to the dispatch of a personal representative by U Thant to try to ease border tension between Thailand and Cambodia.

Thailand had requested earlier that the Secretary-General send a representative along with a civilian staff of observers to be stationed along certain points of its territory.

U Thant is continuing his consultations with the parties.

CUBA PROTESTS NICARAGUA'S SCHICK PRESS STATEMENT

THE Foreign Minister of Cuba, Mr. Raul Roa, said in a letter sent to UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week that President Rene Schick of Nicaragua had shown the clearest contempt for the principles of the United Nations in statements he made at a press conference during a recent visit to the UN.

Mr. Roa referred to President Schick's statements that he was prepared again to make Nicaraguan territory available "at any time, under any circumstances" for armed action against the Government of Dr. Fidel Castro because he considered it a grave menace to the Western Hemisphere.

NÖJD BRIGADÖR BESÖKTE CG-CAMP I FAMAGUSTA

UNFICYP:s nye stabschef och brittiska kontingentens commander, brigadör Michael Harbottle besökte i fredags den svenska bataljonen. Han efterträder brigadör A.J. Wilson som därmed avslutar en 18 månaders lång tjänstgöring på Cypern. Harbottle är 49 år gammal och övertar officiellt befälet idag.

Stabschefen anlände i helikopter och efter visitation av hedersvakten — som fick högsta betyg hälsade han på officerare ur staben och STR-komp på officersmässen. Därefter följde en orientering av

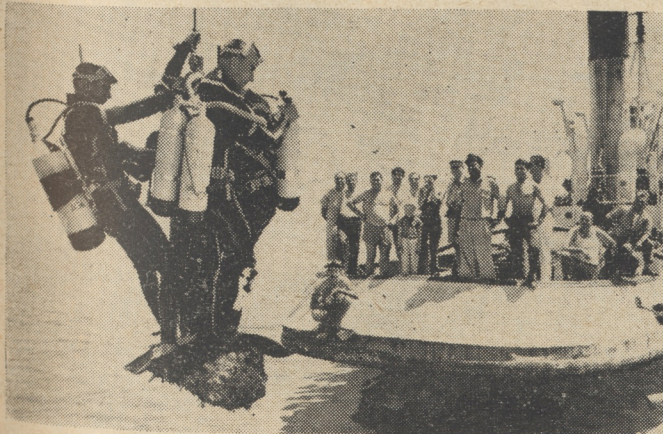
aktuella Scala i Larnaca inom 3. komp område intogs efter återkomsten till Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta, lunch på officersmässen. Sedan följde en frågestund, då stabschefen ytterligare gjorde sig bekant med de svenska förhållandena inom Harbottle Famagusta Zone.



Stabschefen, major Yngve Ekman, som briefade brigadör Harbottle vid dennes besök på Carl Gustaf Camp.

stabschefen, major Yngve Ekman, som briefade om bataljonens gruppering och uppgifter samt aktuella händelser inom Famagusta Zone. Sedan följde en biltur till Old City, där man besökte OP 203 vid Land Gate, 205 vid Othello Tower och 202 vid Jambolat Gate. På samtliga poster fick Harbottle en ingående redogörelse för de olika parternas grupperingar samt posteringsuppgifter.

Efter en helikopterfärd till det



Triumfen är stor! Dykarna rider på kanonen medan den går till vaders efter sin långa vistelse på havsbotten. Idel soliga leenden från Desmemondas besättning.

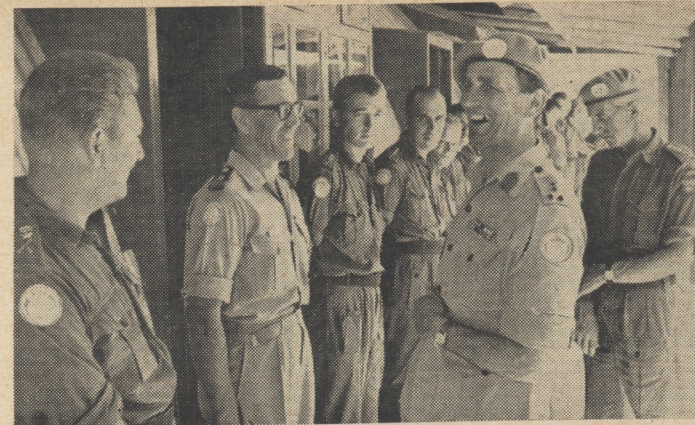


Idrottsnytt . . .

I den fortsatta turneringen för signalister i volleyboll lyckades svenskarna förra veckan slå sina danska kolleger vid en match på Carl Gustaf Camp. Siffrorna slutade med 3-1, setsiffror 15-7, 15-9, 7-15 och 15-12.

De våra spelade två bra set, därefter sjönk effektiviteten och danskarnas press resulterade i setvinst. I sista set var ställningen 10-10, då svenskarna definitivt avgjorde matchen.

Efter kampen inbjöds gästerna tillsammans med sina värdar till ubef-mässen på smörgås och öl — vad annars! Och det hela förlöpte under danskt gemyt.



Dagens skratt fick brigadören när han presenterades för poliskommissarie Hans Lagerhorn. Veckans historia(?) Vidare syns på bilden fr.v. major Bertil Olsson, major Hans Bäärnhielm, kapten Kjell Persson, kapten Gunnar Andréasson samt längts t.h. överste Lars Lävén.

BÄRGNINGEN AV KANONEN LYCKADES MYCKET BRA

För fjorton dagar sedan kunde red. berätta om några svenska pojkar på bataljonen som under amatördykning hittat en gammal kanon och ett 2.5 meter långt ankare. Fyndplatsen var c:a två hundra meter utanför Agia Napa SÖ om Famagusta. Arkeologdepartementet i Nicosia visade stort intresse.

I onsdags förra veckan var det dags för bärgning. Expeditionen startade kl. 0600 från Famagusta hamn ombord på bogserbåten ring var det därefter dags att leta reda på ankaret. C:a tre timmar senare då man stod i begrepp att ge upp leyandet signalerades "napp"



Idel belåtna miner runt den gamla kanonen. Fr.v. Ragnar Johansson, Bert Olav Östman, Kent Forsén, Robert Stenlund och Acis Hadsji paschalis.

Desmemonda som välvilligt ställts till förfogar de av hamnchefen Kantonas. Le-care var mr Michael Loulloupis och vidare deltog mr Acis Hadjipaschalis, de fyra dykarna Kent Forsén, Göteborg, Ragnar Johansson, Västerås, Bert Olav Östman, Kungsängen, Robert Stenlund, Bålsta samt repr. för bataljonens presstjänst.

Efter c:a tre timmars gång var man framme vid fyndplatsen.

Dykarna började genast med att lokalisera kanonens läge, vilket lyckades så gott som omedelbart. Omkring kl. 10.00 lyftes då den gamla kanonen ur havets djup och stämningen stod på höjdpunkten.

Efter granskning och fotograf-

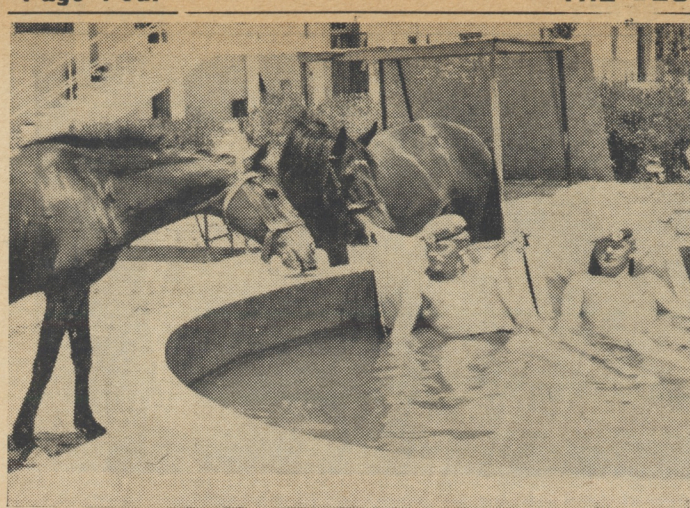
Efter ytterligare en halv timme kunde ankaret svängas ombord. Men man var alla ense om att detta inte var det "riktiga" som siktats tidigare. På köpet fick man dock delar av amforas — härrörande antingen från den romerska eller den grekiska tiden.

Dagen var helt lyckad.

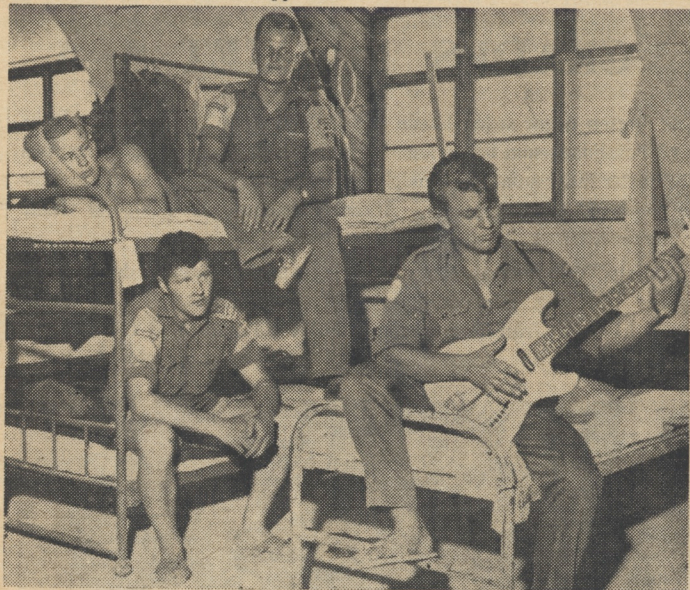
Senare har meddelats att ytterligare två kanoner hittats i närheten.

Den troligen 400 år gamla kanonen kommer sedermera att ställas ut i museet i Famagusta och förses med "upptäckarnas" namn.

PR av märke för FN i allmänhet och den svenska bataljonen i synnerhet.



Der er ingen grund til at ynke folkene langt ude paa landet i Louroujina. Ganske vist er deres svømmerbassin ikke saa elegant og stort som dem i Nicosia, men paa den anden side distraheres man ikke her af brune bade-piger. Kun hestene Venus og Afroite kommer af og til og ta'r sig en slurk, og de lader sig heller ikke distrahere af, at Konstabel J.C. Jensen (kaldet Claus) fra Dronningens Livregiment sidder i deres trug sammen med sin regimentskammerat I.M. Jeppesen.



Ogsaa indendøre forstaar man at bygge sig i Louroujina. Konstablerne Villy Jacobsen, der er fra flyvevaabnet, Knud Gade Hæsum og Erik Haugaard lytter andægtigt til de smægtende toner fra Flemming Beate-Nielsens guitar. Haugaard er veteran fra Gaza og fra DANCON I, IV og V saa han er vant til lidt af hvert. Beate-Nielsen har nu øvet sig i godt syv maaneder paa instrumentet i Louroujina siden forvisningen fra hjemegnen ved Søkkøbing.



Udtrykket "mellem brødre" bruges normal i tilfælde hvor man ikke ser saa strengt paa formerne. Denne regel gælder dog ikke paa Cypern. Konstabel Preben Nielsen fra Den kongelige Livgarde, der er tjenstgørende ved B-kompagniet, maa pænt fremvise sin passerseddel til "den grønne linie" for sin broder, konstabel Karsten Nielsen fra Dronningens Livregiment som staar paa post for C-kompagniet paa "den grønne linie".

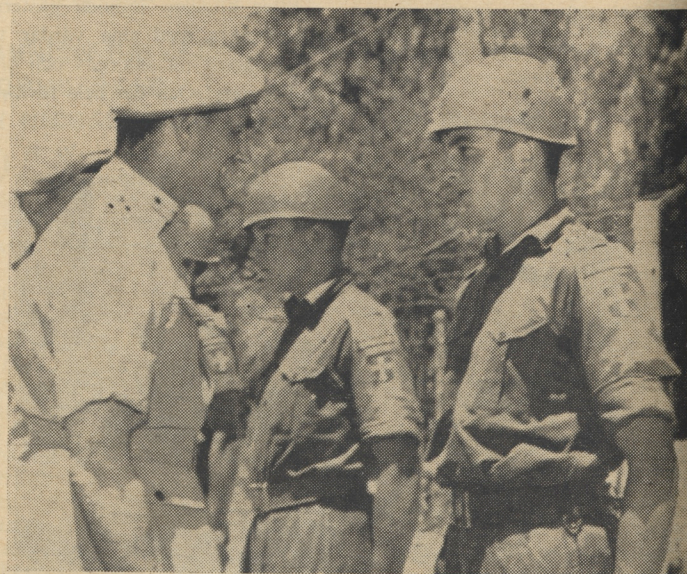


Under brigadier M.N. Harbottles besøg ved DANCON forrige tirsdag fremstillede chefen for det danske kontingent, oberstløjtnant M. Vesterdal kompagnicheferne og detachmentschefen for brigadiere. Fra venstre ses brigadier Harbottle; Oberstløjtnant Vesterdal; Chefen for stabskompagniet, major C.G. Danielsen; Chefen for A-kompagniet, major S.B. Meno; Chefen for B-kompagniet, major K.O. Gustafsson; Chefen for C-kompagniet, major H.K. Pedersen og chefen for detachment Louroujina, kaptajn C. Nygaard.

DANCON - NYT



I BILLEDER



Brigadier Harbottle var rundt ved samtlige kompagnier. Ved C-kompagniet havde man opstillet den vagtfrie styrke, og her fik brigadiere lejlighed til at hilse paa de enkelte soldater afsluttende med konstabel F. Nielsen fra Dronningens Livregiment.

VIIDELTÄ JUHANNUSJUHLIIN JA KUUELTA KÖYDENVETOON

Ensi perjantain aattoillaksi järjestetään Kyproksen suomalaisille hilpeät kesä- ja laulujuhlat Omorphitan vähemistokoulun suojissa. Ohjelmatoimikunta, joka käsittää monia tunnettuja viihde- ja hupimiehiä on suunnitellut ja harjoittanut ohjelmaa pitkään ja hartaasti. Kannattaa siis käydä katsomassa.

Kisat alkavat suomalaiskansallista tavoista poiketen lipunnostolla ja yhteislauluesityksellä kello viiden teen tasatunnilla. Sitä seuraa skatalaisen Arska Huiman puhe kesäyön auringon merkityksestä sielunelämään aamujen vähetessä alle puolenkymmenen.

Teetä ja Torvisoittoa

Arskan jorinan jälkeen astuu lavalle laulukvartetti Number One, joka esittää yhden laulun ilman säestystä. Säestajat nimittäm tulevat mukaan vasta seuraavassa numerossa, jolloin Kykkon hilpät pelimannit virittävät soittimesa ja antavat kuulua kaikelle kansalle lähellä ja kaukaa sellaisella virtuosimaisella taidolla, jota ei ole ennen koettu koko lähi-idässä; Kyproksesta puhumattakaan. Näin ainakin harjoituksissa kuullun perusteella.

Musikaalisen tuokion perästä saamme kuulla harvoin esiintymään päässeän Hannu Koposen vääräleukaisen esityksen riimitetyistä lauseista, jonka jälkeen tunnelma lieneekin virittynyt jo sellaiselle asteelle, että yleisölle voidaan antaa mahdollisuus yhteisesiintymiseen komean laulun merkeissä ennen taukoa.

Tauon aikana on kaikilla mahdollisuus vahvistaa itseään baarin antimilla, virvokkeilla, tupakalla ja ilmaiseksi jaettavalla Jungle-Juicella.

Kuntonäytteistä Missinvalintaan.

Vahvistusta tarvitaankin, sillä kesäjuhlien toisessa osassa käydään ensin kompanioitten välinen köydenvetokilpa kymmenmiehisin joukkuein. Seuraavana on vuorossa olvikilpa, josta odotetaan muodostuvan eittäin jännittävän, sillä niin pitkään ja perusteellisesti ovat



Turvajoukkojen uusi esikuntapäällikkö, englantilainen Brig. Mike Harbottle vieraili pataljonassamme. Kuvassa hän keskustelee eversti Koskenpalon kanssa.



Brigadier Harbottle tutustui myös vihreään linjaan eri kompanioitten kais-toilla. Kuvassa majuri Perkkala antamassa kartalta tilanneselostusta maastossa eversti Koskenpalon ja evl Lehtovirran asiantuntevan katseen alla.

siihen osallistuvat ehtineet hioa kuntoaan talven ja kevään mittaan.

Ohjelmanmukaisen pussijuoksun tapahduttua valitaan juhlilla juhannuksen ja koko suomalaiskontingentin kaunein missi, jonka kruunauksen jälkeen Kykkon Hannu Välskari esittää muutamia tilanteeseen sopivia lemmlauluja.

Jo kaksi tuntia kestäneen karke-



Uusi huoltapäällikkö evl B.G. Helenius silmä tarkkana, kun kohta kotiutuva evl Ilpo Koskinen selvittää hänelle huoltoasioita kartan ääressä



Esikuntaväpeli Eino Vuorinen Niinisalosta näyttämässä Obonesista tulevalle seuraajalleen Jorma Mäkiäärille turvajoukkojen henkilöasioiden hienouksia.

rataan juhannuskisoissa kunnostautuneille urheilumiehille annettavien palkintojen jakoa. ...

Toisilla Edustusvelvollisuus.

Kaikki eivat kuitenkaan selviä tämänkertaisesta Jussinpäivästä näin miellyttävällä tavalla, sillä isoiset ja joutuvat edustamaan kontingenttia lauantai-iltana ulkomalaisille ja silmäätkkeville Kykkon kartanon pihalla järjestettävässä juhannusjuhlassa.

Sen vuoksi kait monet viime aikoina ovat kulkeneet sanakirjat kourassa ja seurusteluoppaat taskussa, jotta kaikki selviaisi kunnialla tuossa vaativassa vastaanotossa.

Sanottakoon myös samaan hengenvetoon, että kaikkien niitten, joita ei ole virallisesti kutsuttu Kykkoon, on hyva pysytellä kaukana HK:n platasta, sillä muutoin heidät voidaan vetäistä mukaan täyttämään tuota meille kaikille tarkeää edustusvelvollisuutta.

FRENCH CANADIAN DAY CELEBRATIONS

LATEST LIZARD RACES BIG SUCCESS

On Friday, June 24th, the LIZARD FLATS CANOE CLUB sponsored the third in a series of races as their contribution to the St Jean Baptiste celebrations being held by French Canadians the world over.

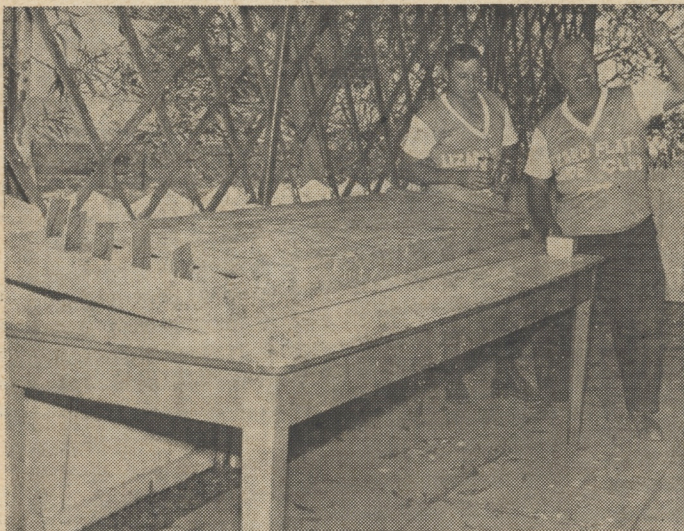
Major Romeo Plourde, the CANCON Roman Catholic Chaplain, and Major Jacques Boire of the Royal 22ième Regiment were the chief organizers and advisors as to authenticity and prepared the proceedings under the watchful eye of Major Al George (King Lizard) who owns the track.

Sporting their newly acquired sweaters, the host Lizard Flats Canoe Club members looked after the mechanics of the races and once again proved not only that they run the most fair and above board races on the island but also that you don't need water to form a canoe club.

Majors Plourde and Boire concocted.

St Jean Baptiste is the patron saint of French Canada and his feast day is held on 24 June. Celebrations usually commence with a procession headed by a young boy leading a sheep. St Jean Baptiste was also the patron saint of shepherds and a protector of young people. There being no young lad available, one of the younger looking participants at the celebration arrived leading a rather harassed looking goat.

No one seems to remember where the goat wandered off to after the festivities had gotten under way, but Serge-



Father Romeo Plourde cranks up the electrical starting mechanism as another race gets under way at Lizard Flats. Lieutenant Peter Goldie, track steward, looks on.

Lieutenant Peter Goldie, the club transport officer, was chief track steward and was assisted by Captain George Nye and Lieutenant Mike Kelly. The main duty of the stewards was to ensure that the proper lizard was placed in the proper lane heading in the proper direction at the proper time.

Captain Tud Kaulbach was chief whip and Captain Sid Joss, the contingent medical officer, although not a club member, ensured fair play by examining each lizard before it was allowed to race and he also represented the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Captain Nye, the contingent dental officer, performed emergency operations on spectators who protested results. Captain Larry Donahue, the contingent paymaster, ran the betting windows and ensured that the club made sufficient money to pay for the elaborate St Jean Baptiste punch that

ant John Stephens who did the cooking for the feast that ensued was heard to mumble something about having acquired the meat for the next barbecue at the HQ UNFICYP Officers' Mess.



Privates Eddie Ward, left, and Ron Cloutier, graduates of the 2 RHC Scuba Diving Course, enter the water at Kyrenia.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS



Members of the Lizard Flats Canoe Club at their leisure. King Lizard (Major Al George) is second from left in the back row.

BESIDE THE SEASIDE

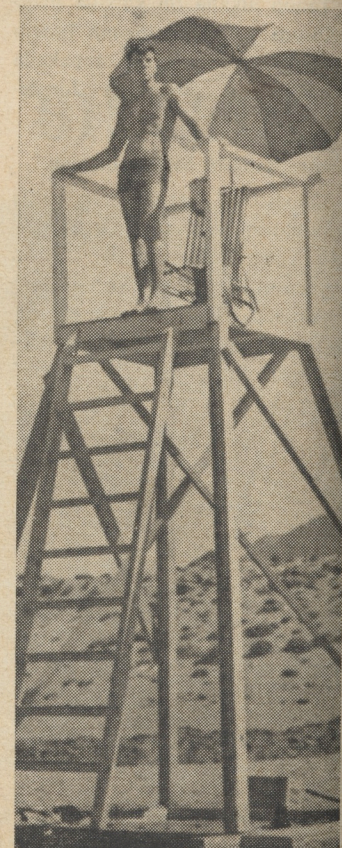
COMING from a somewhat cooler climate than that which prevails here, soldiers of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada seek relief from the heat on the beaches around Kyrenia.

Sergeant Walter Berryhill, the unit Physical Training Instructor, and his staff, in addition to conducting periods of instruction for non-swimmers, provide a safety staff on two beaches. The 2RHC Pioneer Platoon have constructed life guard towers on these beaches and one beach is constantly patrolled by a life guard crewed motor boat. To date three rescues have been made which may have averted possible disasters.

Lance Corporal John Harper is now well into his third scuba diving course. Approximately forty members of the battalion have qualified on the three week course which covers all aspects of scuba diving and using unit owned tanks stresses practical qualification. The Mediterranean is a paradise for skin divers and scuba divers. In the clear water the colourful fish are easily seen and approached. Hunting with a spear gun is becoming more and more popular and the kitchens around the contingent

are occasionally called upon to prepare a fish course on short notice.

Organized recreational transport ensures that as many people as possible from all sub-units get to the beaches during their off duty hours.



Private RE Jenner, one of 2 RHC's life guards, on duty at Six Mile Beach near Kyrenia.



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HQ UNFICYP

IRCON ROUND - UP

In "B" Coy area the Inter Platoon Competitions are arousing great interest. 4 Pl and 5 Pl, stationed in Kato Pyrgus met in a series of events recently. On June 10th Cpl Scott of 5 Pl won the Long Swim, while Lt Cummins, who commands 4 Pl was a surprise win-



ner in the Short Swim. In the Volley Ball match played that evening 5 Pl won by 2 games to 1. 4 Pl won the Soccer match played at Kokkina on the 14th the only goal of the game being scored by Cpl W. O'Mahony.

Eight members of "B" Coy are in the Holy Land at the moment, and almost fifty more are awaiting their turn to go.

A most enjoyable concert, which the Group Commander attended and certainly seemed

to enjoy, was held at Kato Pyrgus. Among those who helped make it a memorable night were Cpl Geeson and his Team, Pts Declan O'Shea, Robert Wentz and Tony Arnold, as well as Cpls Larry Fagan, Pad-

dy Burke, Jim Radford and Ptes O'Loughlin, Graham and Treacy.

On Thursday 16th Cpls Paddy Burke and James Radford with Pte Patrick O'Loughlin went to Nicosia where they recorded for the CBC "Five Nations Programme".

Some members of Signal Platoon of 6th Infantry Group with teleprinter at UN Hqs. From left, seated: Cpl J. Cremin Cpl T. Sheehan and Sgmn S. O'Donnell Standing: Capt. W. H. Turney, O/C 644 Signal Troop, Comdt N. J. Sloan, Chief Deputy Signal Officer at UN Hqs and Capt R. F. Swan O/C Signal Platoon.



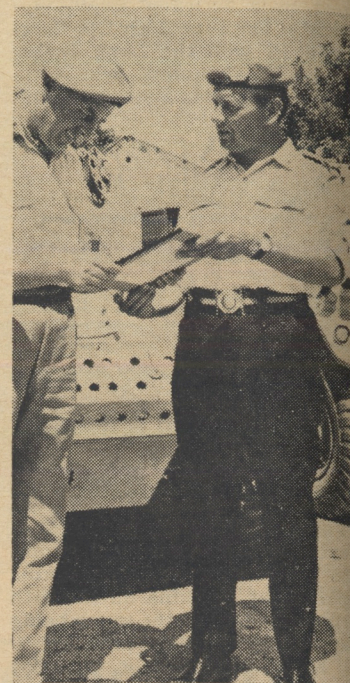
Picture, taken during an inspection of bren guns by the Ordnance Section, shows Sgt Peter Whelan (left) and Capt Owen Tansey, both of whom are with 6th Infantry Group in Xeros.



Picture shows a billet being sprayed with disinfectant, to keep down flies and other insects, by two members of B Coy, 6th Infantry Group, at Kokkina, Pte Patrick Kilmartin (left) and Pte John Lenisan, a Medical Orderly, Dublin.



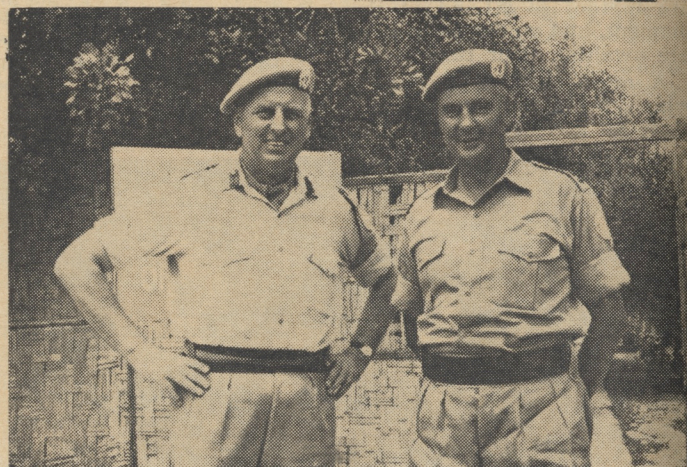
Farewell Brig. 'Jim'



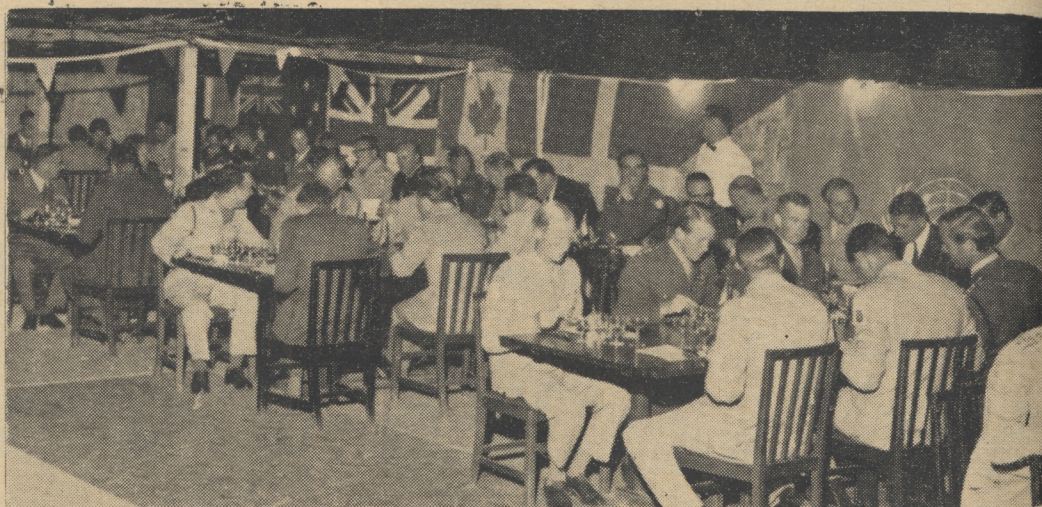
FAREWELL PARADE — (Above) Members of "A" Squadron 5—DG at Zyyi give a farewell cheer to the departing Commander of the British Contingent with UNFICYP, Brig. A. J. "Jim" Wilson, who visited them on Monday. At right, Maj. Mike Swindells, CO of "A" Squadron, presents Brig. Wilson with a parting memento—a photograph taken during a recent visit to Zyyi as COS.



RECEPTION — (Above) The Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, Mrs. Bernardes, and the Force Commander, Maj. Gen. A. E. Martola, were hosts at a farewell reception on Saturday at the Ledra Palace for Brig. Wilson who is shown above with his wife, Jean, and his hosts. Below left, Brig. Wilson with Lt. Col. J. Swift.



AT LIMASSOL — Brig. Wilson also paid a farewell visit on Monday to The Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The Brigadier visited a large number of posts and at each stop he took the opportunity to speaking individually to all the soldiers present and thanking them for their support while he was CO of BRITCON. Shown above, Brig. "Jim" with Lt. Col. J. Swift, CO of the Fusiliers.



AT UNFICYP HQS. — UNFICYP officers at Force Headquarters were hosts at a farewell dinner early last week at the Hqs. Officers' Mess, in honor of Brig. Wilson. In addition to members of the Mess, the various Contingent Commanders and other officers and civilian officials were on hand to toast to Brig. "Jim's" good health and best wishes in his new assignment with the TA in England.