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MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Today is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the United Nations. The mood it brings is surely more sombre now than it was 24 years ago, when the world must have seen the new Organization as the realization of all its hopes.

Approaching the quarter of a century of its existence, an objective appraisal of this august body must mention not only its accomplishments but must also recognize the existence of a crisis of war which, in localised form, touches every continent of the earth, and the seeming decline of influence and effectiveness in the eyes of public opinion. Mention of such a crisis is intended not as a destructive but a constructive criticism — with a view to arousing the cons-



Miss Angie E. Brooks, President of the UN General Assembly.

ciousness of Member States for a rededication to the application of the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations.

There is still war, and poverty, and suppression of human rights. However, the last twenty-four years have been survived without a major

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63 Days For Christmas

God Jul, Season's Greetings, Rauhallaista Joulua, Frohe Weihnachten, Glaedelig Jul, Nollaig Fé mhaise Dhibh, Joyeux Noel!

True, it is early, but if mailed early, Christmas greeting cards can represent much less expense. The Force has prepared a Christmas card representative of the international composition of the Force and its task. They are now available — 40

mils each. They can also be obtained in bulk at 35 mils per card plus envelope (bulk purchase at 100 or more) from Personnel officer HQ Administration. Also obtainable at 40 mils each through HQ Canteen.



SECRETARY GENERAL'S UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE

Birthdays usually are happy occasions. But, in all good conscience, I cannot say that this twenty-fourth anniversary of the United Nations is entirely a happy one.

It is true, of course, that over the past two dozen years, the organized international community has accomplished much. It has tackled many urgent political, economic, social humanitarian problems. It has shown that, given the support it requires, international action can and does succeed.

But it also must be said that we have not done nearly enough to reach the goals solemnly proclaimed 24 years ago: universal peace, prosperity, social justice — a life worth living for every human being.

The need for international action to bring these goals to fruition is at least as urgent now as it was in 1945.

We only have to look around us. The scourge of war is still with us. The armaments race continues under its own mad momentum. Human rights are being flagrantly violated in southern Africa and in many other parts of the world. Most of the people in the world still do not have enough to eat. There is poverty that can be alleviated. There is disease that can be prevented. There is ignorance that can be reme-



Secretary-General U Thant

fishness, complacency and indifference when it comes to meeting the great challenges that we face here on earth.

Above all, Governments seem to find it increasingly easy to disregard the voice of the international community, in spite of their solemn undertakings.

Thus, a profound malaise characterizes the human situation today. In fact, the current youth unrest is in many respects but a reaction to this deplorable and steadily worse-

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died. There is plain misery, unnecessarily marring the lives of so many of our fellow human beings. And now the very environment which must sustain a growing world population is becoming increasingly polluted.

I am very much afraid that, although we have been able to reach the moon, we often show incredibly short-sighted sel-

ning state of affairs.

To help reverse this ominous trend, to help stop the drift to possible disaster in the years ahead, is the overriding duty of every citizen of this world. We are, after all, members of the same human race and we share the same fate, no matter who or where we are.

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FORCE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On this 24th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter, I wish to express to all officers, NCOs and soldiers composing the United Nations Force in Cyprus my appreciation and thanks for the dedication with which they accomplish the task laid down by the United Nations Security Council.

May I express the fervent hope that the efforts made by all contingents will bear fruit so that the beautiful island in which they serve and which we have come to love may be the haven for peace for



Lieutenant-General A.E. Martola,
UNFICYP Force Commander.

which we all strive.

A.E. MARTOLA



■ Sergeant F.K. Hansen i nærkamp med OKS P.K. Sørensen.

FINALEHÅNDBOLDKAMP

... mellem Charlie og Stabskompaniet paa banen ved Nicosia Club. Det blev en haard og jævnyrdig dyst, med virkelig god haandbold indimellem - og med internationalt temperament og gaa-paa-stil. Og udfald imod dommeren, som klarede en del vanskelige skær ved bestemt opræden. Holdene fulgtes ad op til 15 maal - saa "gik" Charlie og resultatet af haandboldturneringen ved DANCON XI blev: 19-15 til Charlie.



■ Megafonen blev brugt flittigt under kampen.



■ Fungende Commander, MAJ K.K. Juhl, uddelede medaljerne til de to finalehold sammen med sportsofficeren, LT Andresen.



■ ... saa ved man hvorfor tandlægen cykler.

N B ! N B ! N B !



Blandt de mange positive ting, der følger med at være tjenestegørende paa Cypern, er de billige drinks. Det er helt naturligt at man nyder det, og at det danner grundlag for mangt et festligt lag. Men desværre er det erfaringsmæssigt ogsaa inden for dette omraade de fleste straffe falder.

1. Bland aldrig tjeneste og alkohol sammen. Man maa i denne forbindelse have i tankerne, hvormaa man næste gang skal stille til tjeneste.
2. Motorkørsel og alkohol er, som alle ved, heller ikke nogen god kombination. Ikke destomindre har næsten hvert DANCON-hold haft straffe inden for dette omraade.
3. Det er altid betryggende, at være flere sammen naar man gaar ud og morer sig. Mangen DANCON-soldat er hjemsendt med minder om glade og fornøjelige aftener og nætter, som er endt godt, fordi en mæssig kammerat har hjulpet ham det sidste stykke vej hjem.

Ikke alene straffenes antal vil falde, hvis man følger disse leveregler, men det vil ogsaa indebære, at størstedelen af det personel som skal hjemsendes med DANCON XI vil kunne se tilbage paa en god og fornøjelig tid

paa Cypern, og at alt det personel som har søgt forlænget tjenesten paa DANCON XII vil leve endnu et halvt aars begivenhedsrig tjeneste ved DANCON/UNFICYP.

Hilsen fra ADJUDANTEN.

SALTSØEN VED LARNACA

... hvor saltet for øjeblikket "høstes".

Vandet i en saltsø kan kun forsvinde ved fordampling, hvorved saltet lades tilbage.

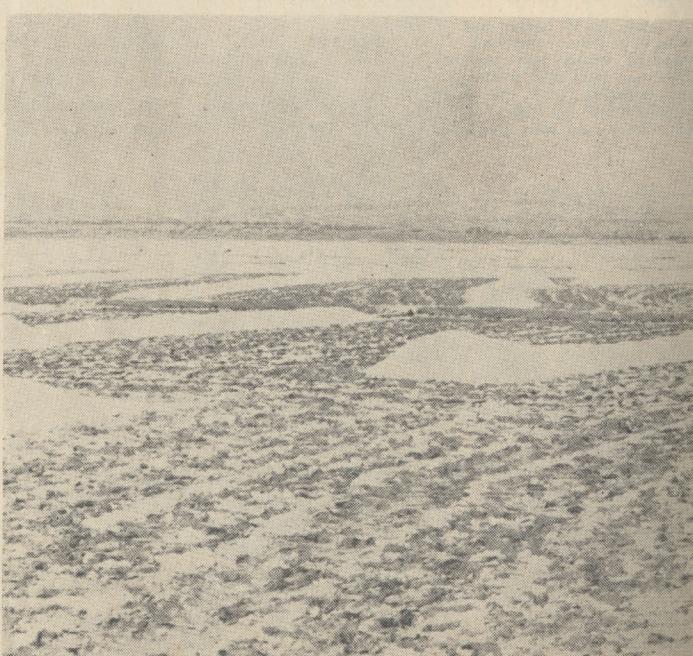
En af de øer der har mest saltindhold ligger i Tyrkiet. Den hedder Tuz Gøl. Saltindholdet er her 30%.

Derefter følger "Det døde Hav",

hvor saltindholdet er ca. 25%.

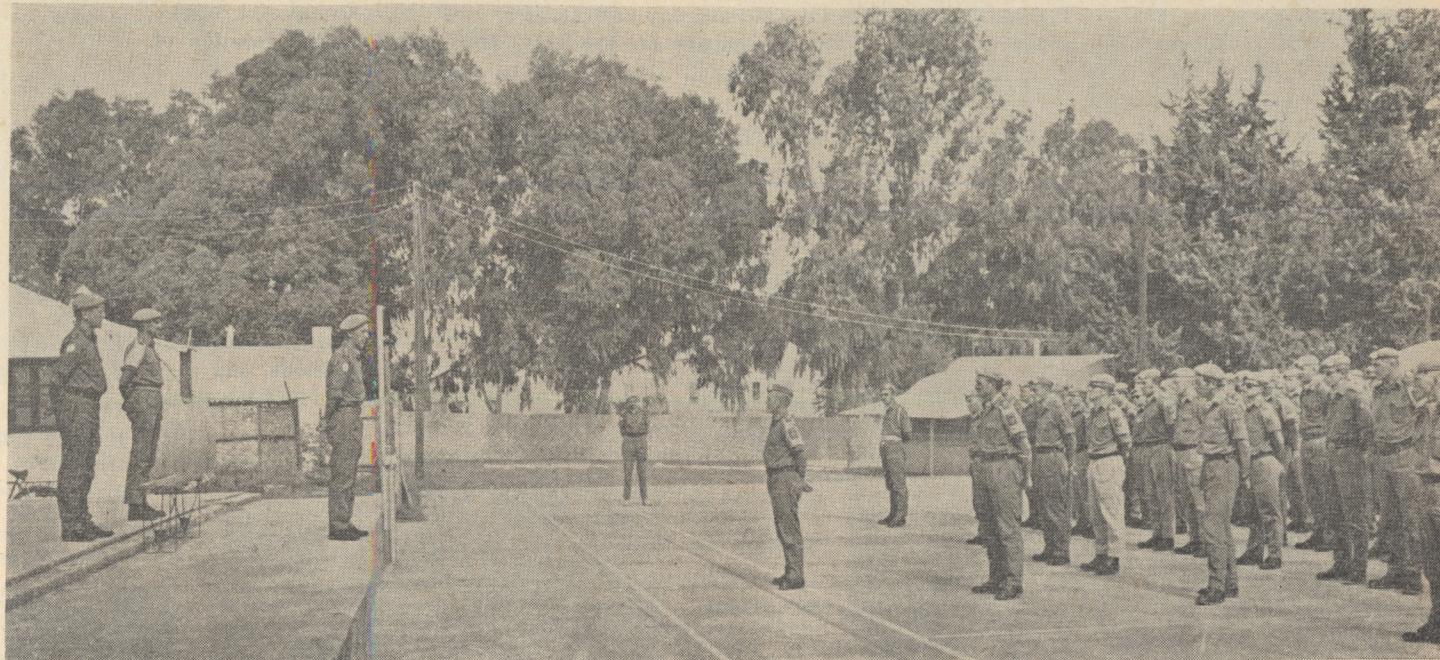
Virkningen mærkes naar man bader, som mange DANCON-soldater efterhaanden har gjort det. Det er umuligt at synke i en saltsø.

Kommer man til saltsøen ved Larnaca, er der ikke ret langt til den gamle muhammedanske helligdom TEKKE. Man kommer ind - hvis man lægger skoene.



ZONCHEFEN:

FN-bat 42C har löst sin uppgift bra!



■ Bataljonschefen, överste Lars Lavén har tagit avsked av 42:ans personal med bl a orden: "Det har i stort varit lugn inom den svenska zonen, och det betyder att bataljonen löst sin uppgift bra". På bilden avtackas STR-kompaniet.

Färgrik co - driver i veterankörd bil

Förre stabschefens förare, Hasse Andersson, rekår och har blivit zonchefens chaufför. För att sätta ämmer sprätt på den tillvaron har han skaffat sig en färgstark co-driver, nyligen "Stabschefen".

Det är en herre som växlar färg alltefter omgivningens skiftningsar. Sittande på sin beskyddares vänstra arm följer han ljussignalernas växlingar från det stoppröda till det kögröna med motsvarande utstrålning.

En liten hake är förstås att det tar "Stabschefen" ett par minuter att hetsa upp sig till rött för att sen

vrva ner till grönt. Att det tar

ett litet tid, det har vi full förståelse

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos

fr, vi vanliga dödliga. Men Hasse

fr, för zonchefens och bataljonens



SIFFERSYMBOLIK

■ En ändring av siffror - och en nybataljon har övertagit uppgiften på Cypern!

Avgående kasernoff, kn "Swille" Sundblad och hans efterträdare, kn Börje Ohlsson, representerar var sibataljonssiffran.



■ Stabschefen vid FN-bat 42 C, major Lars Helmertz, som också är en färgstark herre, fann en solig dag denne monströse frände vid Fig Tree Bay. Om det sen berodde på skilda uppfattningar ifråga om färgval i olika situationer, det har inte redaktionen lyckats luska ut. Men mj Helmertz överlätt vårdan av herr Kameleont till sin förare, som gav adeptionen namn efter givarens befattning.

bästa, mer hålla ögonen på signal-lamporna än lita till sin co-driver, hoppas vi.

Zonchefen och Hasse har för övrigt mer gemensamt än att de kommer att sitta i samma bil. Veteranen Hasse har nämligen tjänstgjort vid samma bataljon som överste Lars Lavén 1966.

- PRESSTOPP -

"Stabschefen" bytte sent på söndagskvällen ägare.

Vid den middag som den nya bataljonens officerare höll för de avgående överlämnade major Lars Helmertz sin skyddsling till överste Lars Lavén som ett tecken på zonchefens förmåga att anpassa sig till olika situationer och göra det bästa av dem.



1st Bn The Worcestershire Regiment Return To UK

On Saturday 25th October 1969 the last group of 1 WORC R will depart for the U.K., thus completing the rotation of the Battalion after 6 months service with UNFICYP.

The last week has seen final and Social events in the many signs of rotation; packing cases ready for despatch, stores laid out for handover and members of the Battalion accompanied by their counterpart of 3 R ANGLIANS carrying out the routine checking of stores and accommodation that goes with rotation.

Since their arrival, the Worcesters have played a full part in all the activities of the UN Force. Their participation in the sporting activities has met with great success — highlights being winners of the UN Swimming and Athletic titles in one week.

In UNFICYP circles the Worcesters became well known. A factor contributing much to this was the Regimental Band and Corps of Drums who travelled many miles to take part in Ceremo-

New OC REME Wksps

Picking up the threads of his new appointment at Unficyc; Capt. Ian W. Dunn, REME is being shown round the workshops by ASM Andy Brown, who himself completes his tour with Unficyc shortly. (picture right).

"The Pompadours" Take Over

With the handover complete the commanding officers of the outgoing and incoming British Battalions shake hands.

Lt Col Richard Leman commanding the 1st Bn The Worcestershire Regt returns with his battalion to Bulford in Southern England.

Lt Col Keith Burch commanding the 3rd Bn The Royal Anglian Regt has arrived with his Battalion, also known as the "Pompadours" from Aldershot where they were serving with the 16th Parachute Brigade.

Local Brewery Visit

On Saturday 18 Oct 23 members of 644 Sig Troop departed from their normal activities and descended en masse to a local Brewery.

On arrival the party was split into two groups for the tour which was conducted by two foremen of the Brew House. Unfortunately, it being Saturday, the brewery was not in full production. However, the full process was clearly explained; taking into account the three and a half months needed to brew the beer from the initial stages until ready for consumption.

After the talk 23

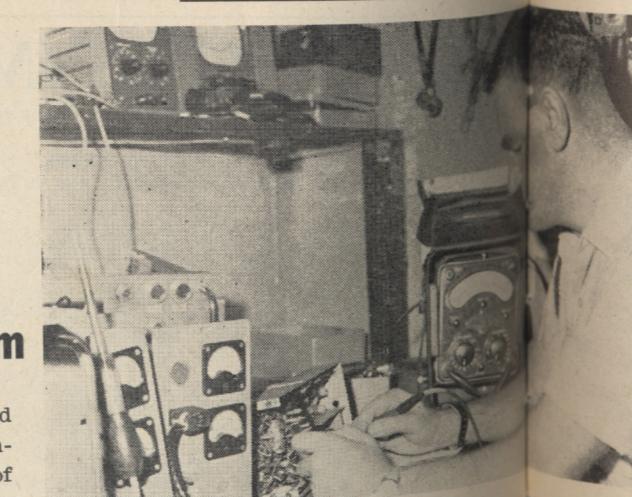


WOI (SSM) Alan Harper of the RAOC Stores Section has been with Unficyc for nearly two months.

He returns to HQ Base Org. Didcot, on completion of his six-months tour. (picture above).

ROAD SAFETY

"A Moment of Carelessness May Mean a Life-time of Regret".



Jumble Problem

An ingeniously designed jumble of nearly 3,000 individual parts, any one of which may be faulty, poses no problem for L Cpl Colin Ross of 644 Signal Troop.

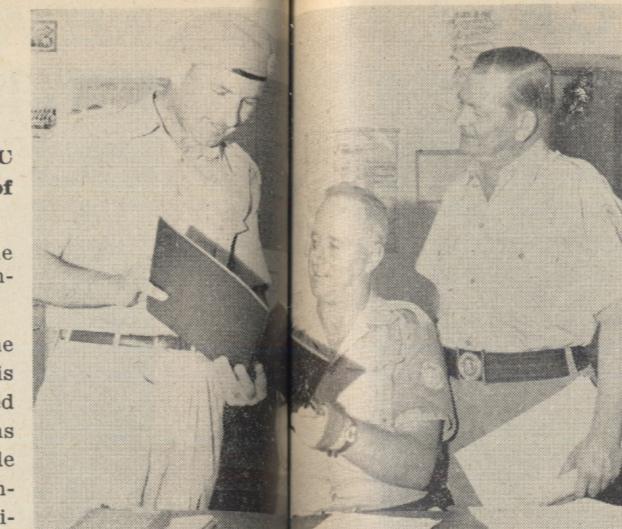
With the aid of test instruments and thorough training he will have this teleprinter "back on circuit" in a very short time.

(Picture left)

A Dream Come True

A "Forman of Signals" dream come true! WO1 (F of S) B.T. Flint gets down to a partial rebuild of a radio receiver as part of its six-monthly overhaul.

This makes a pleasant break from the German's normal routine of supervising telecommunications planning and maintenance.



WO1 Leslie Tuck (left) Chief Clerk Ops A at HQ Unficyc talks over an administrative matter with Comdt Tom McDunphy IRCON who recently taken over a liaison appointment at the HQ.

Comdt McDunphy previously with UNFICYP in 1967 when he worked with Mike Devaney (right) the PA to the Chief of Staff. Three come from Ireland.

Commandant, T. Gleeson, Camp Comdt, Xeros Camp, introduces C/S Des Nolan, A/Car Group, to Mr Colley. (Picture right)



Mr Colley accompanied by Mr P. Slattery, Assistant Secretary Department of Industry and Commerce, being met on their arrival at Xeros Camp by Lt Col P. J. Carroll, OIC 13th Inf Group.



Irish Minister Visits IRCON

The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr George Colley, led Ireland first trade mission for Capital Goods Industries, to the Middle East last week.

The party visited Cyprus on weekend 10/11 October 1969, and made a special visit to IRCON at Xeros Camp.

During his flying visit to 13th Inf Group, Mr Colley inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from members of HQ Coy and A/Car Group, toured Xeros Camp and met officers, NCOs and men of the group in their respective messes.



The Minister inspects the Guard of Honour commanded by Lt K. Kelly, A/Car Group.



Lt Col P. J. Carroll makes a presentation of a handmade Cyprus Copper Picture, to Mr Colley as a memento of his visit to 13th Inf Group. (Picture right)

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Mr Colley addressing some of the men of 13th Inf Group. Also present are Lt Col P. J. Carroll, OC of Group and Mr Slattery Assistant Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce.

Secretary General's Message

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On this twenty-fourth birthday of the United Nations, let us remember that the deep and urgent concerns which led us to create this Organization almost a generation ago are even more valid today. And let us match this realization with concerted international action in the days ahead.

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Barbeque Chef

Cpl Robin W. Goose, newly arrived member of the Black Watch, tries his hand at some chicken barbequing.



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photo



Black Watch Tour OPs

Officers of the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada receive a briefing at Hilltop Observation post. (Picture above left.)

Returning to the helicopter after a tour of Martin's Mound observation OP are officers of the 2nd Battalion the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. (Picture left.)

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Lt Col W. B. MacLeod (right) presents Regimental badge of the 2nd Battalion the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada to Lt Col C. H. Belzile.

Lt Col MacLeod has just assumed command of the Kyrenia District from Lt Col Belzile, who is returning to Canada with the battalion after completing a six month tour with the UN Peace Keeping force in Cyprus.



Fire Guard

Private Herve Ramsey, waits for the helicopter to land at Hilltop Observation Post.



FINLAND NEWS

KORJAUS:

Edelliseen lehteenme oli päässyt painovirhepaholainen iskemään kyntensä. Sellaistahan aina joskus sattuu. Pihvejä ei paistellut jäälä Pallonen, vaan jäälä ROMPPANEN. Joka tapauksessa pihvit olivat maukkaita ja jäälä Romppanen on kakkoskomppaniassa ja jäälä Pallonen löytyy kolmostesta - sovitaan, että haastattelemme Pallostaa joskus myöhemmin.



MIESTEN VAIHTO ALKOI

ja toiminta jatkuu . . .

Etuleko on jälleen saapunut. Tällä kertaa odotettiin oikein "tiukan päälle", mutta kone tuli kuin "tauti". Ja kaikki parikymmentä miestä mukana. Tällä kertaa ei lämpö enää tyrmänyt Suomesta tulijoita. Syksy se näet on saapunut etelänkin. Kone kaarsi kauniisti Nicosian valojen yllä ja

kosketti kiitorataa 19.10. klo 00.10. Paluu kotimahan alkoi samana päivänä klo 12.00. Tervetuloa saarelle. Kova työtahti jatkuu uusin vereksin voimin vahvistetulla. Tuli miehiä. Tulee vielä lisääkin pian. Ja tuli tavaraa. Mikäs' on taas ollessa ja työtä tehdessä.



Kunto kunnon kohottaa. Moni on havainnut pieniä kiristystä vaatteissaan muutaman kuukauden saarella oltuaan. Jääkäri Mattila on yksi niistä, jotka eivät ole jääneet sormi suussa odottamaan kilojen karttumista. Hyvä idea. Suosittelaan sitä kaikille muillekin.



Kuinka sattuikin tuollainen kirja kouraan. Vuosi on täynä jo jääkäri Kekkosellakin ja kotiin paluu edessä. Hyvä matka ja terveisä kotimahan.



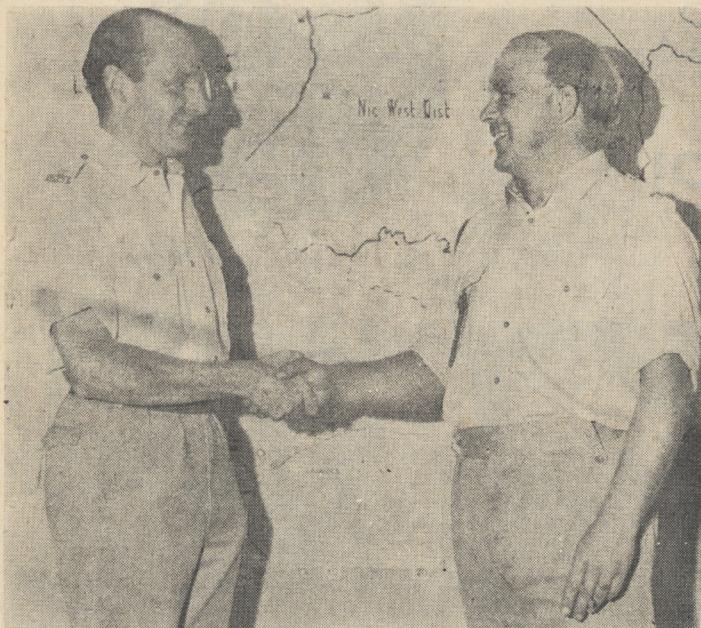
... ja pyöräilyn jälkeen on mukava mennä saunaan. Makoisista löylyistä saa paremman tyydytyksen, jos on nähty hiukan vaivaa saunaakeikan ansaitseen. Puuta pesään ja kuumaa tulee. Pesän täytöstä huolehtii majuri, - saunamajuri jääkäri Purhonen.

Rugby Trials

On Wed 1 Oct 69 a rugby trials match between 9th Sigs and HQ Unficyp took place in Famagusta.

9th Sigs team had played together last season and fielded a team for the second time this season and looked capable of beating the HQ side.

Once the HQ team had settled down they played some very good rugby and gave 9th Sigs a good clean match. The final score being 9th Sigs 3 HQ Unficyp 3. (Sig Parton scored a penalty for the HQ side).



Ops Info Rotation

Major David Lavery Lan R has handed over his staff appointment at HQ Unficyp to Major Michael Brooks 16/5L who has recently been serving with his regiment in Germany.

Major Lavery is going to

take a staff appointment in 2 Division in Germany.

Message by President of General Assembly

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holocaust. There have been times when, if the United Nations had not been here, a third world war would have been almost inevitable. The Organization has thus had a role in keeping the peace. This is despite the fact that one of the main assumptions on which the United Nations was originally based soon proved to be false. That assumption was the continuing harmony of the Great Powers. In overcoming poverty, too, the United Nations and its specialized agencies have made a contribution: modest though it may be it is surely the greatest multilateral endeavour of its sort in the world today. For human rights, the Organization has sought to keep some of the glaring violations before the eyes of the world, and to jog the conscience of mankind.

The United Nations declarations and conventions on human rights are today the core of world practice on this subject. Also the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peo-

ples — a corner-stone of our Organization — has had a lasting impact on the winding up of the colonial system.

I therefore see no reason to abandon hope. The millennium could never be built in a day. Our Organization is not perfect, but there exists in the noble purposes and principles of the Charter, and in the machinery of the United Nations, the way to strive for perfection. Perhaps it is that after 24 years there is some feeling of weariness that the world is not better, some sense that the old arguments and ideas are stale and unprofitable. However, our Organization is certainly capable of accommodating new ideas, new arguments. It is for us to strive to find those ideas and arguments. Our starting point should be that the fault lies in ourselves, not in the Organization. If we can move forward from this point I do

not fear for the future.

Finally, on this United Nations Day, speaking as President of the General Assembly, and as a fellow human being, I cannot close my heart to the suffering of so many innocent victims of war. I make a special appeal for peace to the parties directly concerned in the troubled areas of the world, for it is not enough just to be "for peace". We must care, understand and persevere. I wish to state that I am at the disposal of the delegations concerned who are trying to arrange peace in various quarters of the world, if they feel that I can be of any assistance to them, and am ready to go anywhere in order to help and alleviate the sufferings of human beings. I have here also in mind the alleviation of sufferings of my African brethren who live almost across the frontier of my native land.

ANGIE E. BROOKS

Maple Tree Planting

Nicosia, Cyprus — Commanding officers of two Canadian battalions take part in a tree planting ceremony at the main gate of Camp Maple Leaf in Nicosia.

The young trees are maple leaves and those planting them are, at left Lt Col Charles H. Belzile, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion Royal 22nd Regiment, whose Bn is returning to Canada after completion of a six month tour of duty with the UN Peace Keeping force in Cyprus.

At right Lt Col W. B. Mac-

Leod, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch, (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada) who has just assumed command of the Kyrenia District from Lt Col Belzile.

In the background is Black Watch, piper, Sgt J. P. Johnstone.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents — Unficyp

Week Ending 18 Oct 69- 6
Same Period Last Year- 9
Total This Year - 294
Same Period Last Year- 364
Main Cause of Accidents this Week: FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE.

DRIVING ON SLIPPERY ROADS

On wet or icy roads your vehicle cannot be stopped as quickly as on dry roads.

When slowing or stopping, pump or apply the brakes quickly (but gently) and as quickly release them.

Keep repeating this on and off braking until you come to a full stop or the speed you desire.

Do not apply hard, steady brake pressure as this will lock the wheels and start you skidding.

On slippery road surfaces, take the following precautions: (1) drive at slower speeds; (2) keep a greater distance from the vehicle ahead; and (3) avoid all sudden driving acts — steering, braking, accelerating, or shifting to lower gears before vehicle speed is greatly reduced.