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The Secretary General visited Cyprus on 12th February to hold talks with His Beatitude President Makarios and His Excellency Mr Denktas in the UN Protected Area. Dr Waldheim left Cyprus on 13th February taking off from Nicosia International Airport after holding a press conference in front of the Airport Building.

DR WALDHEIM IN CYPRUS



Dr Waldheim was received on his arrival in the UN Protected Area by an International Guard of Honour commanded by Major W Kehrer. He is seen above inspecting the Austrian Detachment

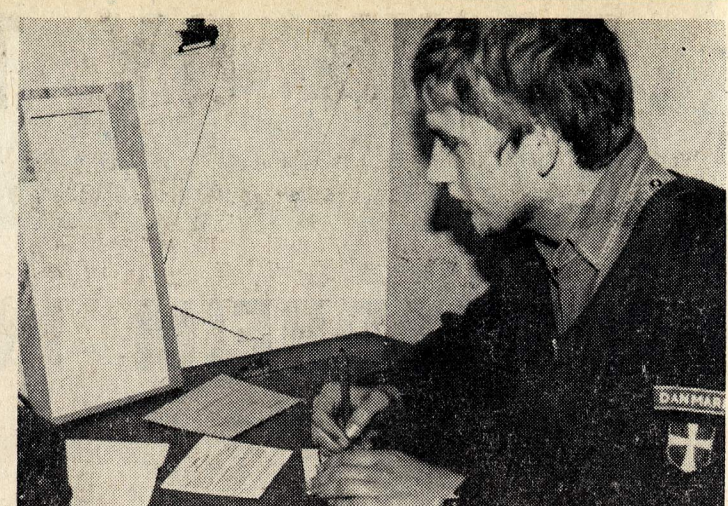
Area by an International Guard of Honour commanded by Major



Archbishop Makarios, Dr Waldheim and Mr Denktas.



After inspecting the Guard of Honour the Secretary General met the senior staff officers and sector commanders.



Danmark havde folketingsvalg tirsdag den 15. februar, og det danske kontingent havde en halv snes dage forinden lejlighed til at stemme. I Viking Camp skete det under kaptajn C. Mortensens auspicier (billedet til venstre). Kaptajnen overlod dog den stem-

meafgivende til ensomheden i det højtidelige øjeblik. På billedet til højre studerer overkonstaebt P.B. Petersen GHR, listen over de 12 valgbare partier og reglerne endnu engang, inden han sætter sit kryds.

General elections were held in

Denmark on the 15th February. Seven days before this the members of the Danish Contingent recorded their votes in Captain C. Mortensen's office at Viking Camp. On the left can be seen Captain C. Mortensen and right Pte P.B. Petersen casting their vote.

DANCON

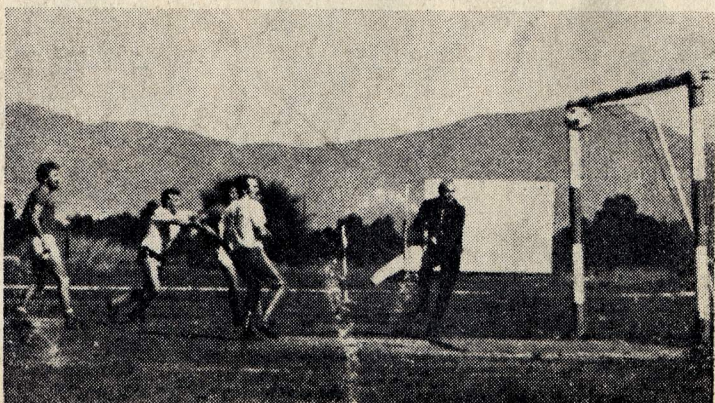


NEWS



Det succesrige danske fodbolddhold — stående fra venstre J. Thomsen, P.M.S. Jensen, S.S. Klemmensen, M. Weihrauch, O.C. Fællid, T. Andersen og A.I. Panduro. Knælende fra venstre N.M. Hansen, M. Ørstrøm, B.D. Jensen, S.J. Hentzel, H.V. Jensen og Jespersen.

Here they are — the ferocious Danish football team! They are smiling and with good reason; the results indicates they are a team with good spirit and excellent playing ability.



DOWN BY THE ROPE....

Wait for the green light! Five soldiers wait and look at the red lamp. The light changes and the first soldier undoes his seat-belt, goes to the open door and jumps out of the helicopter. He is almost immediately on solid ground because the jumping height was just about a metre.

The first phase of the helicopter training outside Carl Gustav Camp in Famagusta was easy. The final exercise was to disembark from a Westland Whirlwind by a rope, while the helicopter

was hovering about 20 feet above the ground. It looked a bit dangerous, but everybody managed to get down with no bones broken, except for some burned hands, a consequence of not using the right technique. The final demonstration given was of the winch system and the length of the wire. The helicopter crew showed their skillfulness by winching in the wire with a soldier hanging on to it and lowering the aircraft at the same time. The soldier's feet were just a little bit above the ground during the manoeuvre.



SWEDCON NEWS

...AND THE SLALOM-SLOPE

A burning sun, mountains, clear air and white snow! What more can a Swedish soldier ask for? That is provided he is a slalom expert, of course. All these desires were fulfilled when the Swedish battalion held its slalom-competition at Mount Olympus, on a wonderful morning in February. From Mount Olympus you could see the North and the South coast of Cyprus and even the snow-covered mountains of Turkey.

Pte Urban Hogberg is the battalion's equivalent of Inghar Stenmark, and he was three seconds faster down the slalom slope than anyone else.



FIRST VISIT TO NEW REGIMENT



The Force Commander Major General J J Quinn being received by a Quarter Guard found by 38 Squadron RCT.



During his visit General Quinn visited the main kitchen where he was briefed by the QM Major Alley and the Force Catering Warrant Officer WO2 B Naylor.



WO2 D Graham explaining the improvements that are to be made to the RE Yard.



Last week a British Bomb Disposal Team visited Cyprus. While they were here they visited UNFICYP to show some of their latest pieces of equipment. In the picture above Major Cooper the Force Ammunition Advisor describes the wheelbarrow.

Bomb Disposal Team Visits UNFICYP



A parachute corporal tries on an anti-blast suit for size.

On 3rd February the Force Commander Major General J J Quinn paid his first visit to the UNFICYP Support Regiment. He was met on his arrival by the CO Lt Col D L Seddon RCT and a Quarter Guard provided by 38 Squadron RCT. During his visit he went to the QM's department in its new location, 38 Squadron RCT, the RE yard, the Ordnance Detachment, Workshops and the Main Kitchen.



MEDAL PARADE AT LARNACA

Im kleinen, feierlichen Rahmen fand am 15. Feb. 77 wieder eine Medal-Parade statt. Die Auszeichnung von Soldaten des AUSCON mit der Medaille "IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE" wurde erstmals von dem neuen Force Commander, Major-General J.J. QUINN, vorgenommen.

Bei dem anschließenden Mittagessen versuchten wir — wie wir

hofften, mit Erfolg — dem Force Commander und den Ehrengästen etwas österreichische Gemütlichkeit zu vermitteln.

AUSTRIAN Battalion on parade on the occasion of a Medal Parade on the 15 Feb 77, the Force Commander, Maj Gen J.J. QUINN is seen here presenting the UN-Medal to members of the AUSCON.

Fieldpost — Office — AUSCON

Seit 15. Nov. 76 wird im Camp Leopold/LARNACA ein eigenes Feldpostamt geführt. Unter der Leitung unseres Feldpostmeisters, Kpl LACHER, einem Postfachmann, hat sich die Neueinführung bestens bewährt. Briefsendungen brauchen nun kaum länger als innerhalb Österreichs. Oldtimer werden dies besonders zu schätzen wissen, ihnen wird noch Erinnerung sein, wie lange man früher auf Sendungen aus der Heimat warten mußte.

Feldpostmaster Cpl LACHER of the Austrian Fieldpost Office is seen here in full action.



Wußten Sie schon,...

daß unsere drei Tel-Crews aus Individualisten bestehen, ja bestehen müssen, um alle dienstlichen Aufgaben erfüllen zu können? Ostv LENK Dietrich (im Bild mit Kpl TURNER und Gfr RUPANO-VITS) befindet sich gewissermaßen noch in einem Umschulungsprozeß zum totalen Individualisten; der letzte Vorschlag seiner Leute, alle Telefongespräche außerhalb des COMCEN abzuwickeln, scheint ihm nicht zu gefallen. Auch die Vorschläge seiner Crew zur Camp-Morgenmusik (Frank ZAPPA) haben ihm bis jetzt nur weiche Eier durch sein Zimmerfenster gebracht. Der zweite Crew-Kdt Ostv BÖHMERLE, kann schon als Fortgeschrittener bezeichnet werden. Seine Gefühlswelt reicht bereits vom "HALB-ACHSENKILLER" bis zum perfekten Gentleman unter dem Motto: "Sag es J.J. Jackson durch die Blume".

Oldtimer Ostv KÖLBL, der dritte Crew-Kdt, hat jede Form der Einschulung schon hinter sich und benützt vorwiegend die Camp-Morgenmusik, um auch allen Anderen seine Stimmungen mitzuteilen. Aufmerksame Zuhörer werden bei der vorwiegend modernen Wiener Welle des öfteren den Text hören: "Ihr kennt's mi olle — Ihr kennt's mi olle miteinander no net".

Hptm WEBER, der verantwortliche Tel-Offizier des AUSCON, wird diesen Trend zum Individualismus sicher auch nicht mehr unterbrechen und als erfahrener UN-Offizier zu schätzen wissen.



No, don't tell me you have got any connection with this system.

UNFICYP PATROL COMPETITION



Two weeks ago the Canadian Contingent organised and ran an excellent Patrol Competition for the Force. The arrangements were made by Captain D L Frausell, and were designed to give the patrol teams that entered a chance to both practice and display their skills. The competition was organised on the same scoring lines as a car rally with each team starting with 1775 points, and losing points for making mistakes. The patrols operated during the hours of darkness, and were required to locate and look at eight different objectives before reporting back to the starting point. Only five teams began the competition which was disappointing for the organisers, but the teams that did enter demonstrated a very high standard of navigation, control and patrolling knowledge. At the end the results were:

1st 1st Bn The Parachute Regiment

2nd B Sqn The 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars

3rd The Danish Contingent

Lieutenant Colonel D B Ellis CD presented the prizes, and on behalf of the competitors thanked Captain Frausell and his assistants for arranging such a testing and well-run competition.



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The Canadian Contingent also received two visits in early February. Mr Debatin, UN Comptroller from New York, took a quick tour of our area as well as other contingents. We were also visited by MGen D.C. Spry, Colonel of the Regiment of the Royal Canadian Regiment.



Lauantaista 12.02. lähtien on YKSP ollut tapahtumien polttopisteessä. Lauantaina saapui Kyproksele YK:n pääsihteeri Kurt Waldheim, joka tapasi neuvottelussa arkkipiispa Makarioksen ja mr Denktashin. Ja turvallisuudesta vastasivat — ketkäs muut — suomalaiset. Pääsihteeri lähti sunnuntaina, samana iltana saapui saarelle oma puolustusministerimme Seppo Westerlund. Tutustumis — ja tarkastusmatka kesti keski- viikkoon asti, mukana matkalla olivat kenrm A Pajunen, kom K. Dahlbo, ja ja kapt L. Karlsson. Matkallaan ministeri tutustui Suomen pataljoonaan, HQ UNFICYPiin, Danconiin, Ausconiin, ja Swedconiin. Tiukan ohjelman lomassa jäi aikaa myös yksityisen sotilaan huolien kuulemiseen — keskiviikkona oli kaikilla YKSP:n jäsenillä tilaissuus estittää kysymyksiä ja toiveita ministerille. Yläkuvassa ministeri tarkastaa OP-ryhmää Keossa ltn Miettisen kanssa. Alakuvassa tulo HQ UNFICYPiin, kavassa vasemmalta suurlähettiläs M. Kahiluoto, ev O. Lopmeri, prikaatinkenr M. Tillotson, kenrm A. Pajunen, kom K. Dahlbo, puolustusministeri, UNFICYPin kofentaja kenrm J. Quinn ja kapt L. Karlsson.



KORKEAN TASON VIERAILU SUOMALAISESSA PATALJOONASSA

ENGLISH SUMMARY



During the past two weeks the Finnish Contingent has had important visitors. Firstly, the visit of the Secretary General Dr Kurt Waldheim and secondly the visit of the Finnish Minister of Defence. The Minister arrived on Sunday 13th February and left for Finland on the 16th. During his visit the Minister met the Force Commander of UNFICYP Major J.J. Quinn, and the SRSG Ambassador Perez de Cuellar. He also visited Dancon, Swedcon and Auscon. In the picture (above) the Minister is seen inspecting the men on duty at OP F46 near the International Airport. He is accompanied by Lt Miettinen from 2 Coy. In the picture (below) Finnish Ambassador M. Kahiluoto, the Commander of Sector 3 Colonel O. Lopmeri, the Chief of Staff Brigadier H. M. Tillotson, Major General A. Pajunen, Commander K. Dahlbo, the Minister of Defence Seppo Westerlund, the Force Commander and the interpreter Captain Karlsson.

POLICE NEWS



Last week the Force Commander presented UN Medals to four officers of the Swedish Civilian Police.



Major General J.J. Quinn seen after presenting UN Medals with Lieutenant Colonel S.B. Friedsan and Superintendent L. Lundborg.

New Sergeant Major for MP Company



A new arrival in the United Nations Military Police Company is Master Warrant Officer J. P. Cripps. Shortly after he arrived he was presented with his "staff of office" by Provost Marshal Major D. Stone CD.

FIRST WIN FOR NEW REGT



The Support Regiment won their first competition, when they beat The Parachute Regiment in the final of the Force Seven-a-Side rugby competition last week. The Canadian Team is seen above during one of the earlier games.

AUSCIVPOL ESCORT

AUSCIVPOL were tasked with escort — and guard duties during the visit of their fellow countryman, the U.N. Secretary General Dr. Kurt WALDHEIM.

A photo was taken when Inspector GRADWOHL, GROLL, KRENMAIR, WITEK and THURNER (left to right) returned to base after an 18 — hour shift.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2 Weeks ending 19 Feb
Same period last year
Total for the year
Total for the same period last year

7

29

LESSON OF THE MONTH
Drive Dangerously and Die
Drive Safely and Survive.

