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## "OBSERVATIONS" IN SECRETARY - GENERAL'S REPORT

The following is the full text of the Chapter headed "Observations", contained in the report of the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Security Council on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus from 2 December 1970, circulated on 21 May 1971.

"It is with concern that I am compelled to report to the Security Council that in the period under review there has been little perceptible improvement in the situation in Cyprus and no indication of progress toward a negotiated solution of the underlying problems of the island. On the contrary, there has, on occasion, been a tendency on the part of spokesmen both for the Cyprus Government and for the Turkish Cypriot community to adopt uncompromising attitudes in their public statements. This has resulted in an aggravation of tension rather than in the relaxation which can best provide the climate for progress toward basic solutions.

Although the situation in the island remains apparently calm, recent developments have served to show once again the depth of feeling which still divides the two communities. The continuation of this situation is all the more hazardous because of the persistent confrontation of two well-armed military forces which continue to improve in operational capability with the passage of time. UNFICYP has continued, in pursuit of its mandate, to exert its best efforts to bring about a change in this situation and to prevent a recurrence of fighting.

I and my collaborators in UNFICYP have repeatedly urged all the parties concerned in the Cyprus problem to exercise restraint and moderation and especially to avoid the threat, or the use, of drastic retaliatory measures, which at worst would give rise to a renewed and acute conflict and at best can only cause a prolonged period of tension in the island. It is, in my view, essential to preserve the present calm in an effort to foster a genuine improvement in the relations between all the people of the island. Indeed, the increased cooperation in economic matters among various sections of the Cyprus population and the progressive extension of public services to the Turkish Cypriots are among the few really encouraging features of the period under review.

Despite the difficulties of the present situation, I remain firmly convinced that the best interest of all parties lies in continuing — in a genuine spirit of give and take — the intercommunal talks. These talks are unquestionably not only the best, but in the present circumstances probably the only way to an agreed settlement. It seems more than likely that if the intercommunal talks were to break down or to end in complete and admitted failure, a new and major crisis would shortly erupt in Cyprus. Such a crisis would not only have the gravest consequences for the people of the Island, but might well also constitute a serious threat to peace and security in the Eastern Mediterranean. This is an additional reason why progress in the intercommunal talks is so crucially important.

I sincerely hope that both of the above-mentioned considerations will give impetus to the efforts of the parties to the talks to reach agreement on the substantive issues under discussion, on some of which their positions, while still far apart in substance, have in fact been clarified and even brought somewhat closer together in the course of the past six months. What is lacking, and needs to be restored, is the parties' mutual confidence in each other's good faith and ultimate political objectives. I have noted with concern statements both by Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders which have lent themselves to serious misapprehension in this regard and have tended to erode mutual confidence. The fact is that Greek Cypriots find it difficult to accept any agreement which they fear will result, sooner or later, in partition. Similarly, Turkish Cypriots are alarmed at statements suggesting that some Greek Cypriots hope to arrive at the kind of settlement which will be a direct stepping stone to enosis with Greece.

In my view, what is needed to overcome this difficulty is an exercise of statesmanship by leaders of all the parties concerned whereby they would restate publicly their determination that the problem of Cyprus must be solved by arriving, through peaceful means, at a lasting agreement based on the independence and sovereignty of a unitary state of Cyprus. An undertaking of this kind could do much to clear up the present atmosphere of suspi-

cion and hesitation and might thus serve to give a renewed impetus to the intercommunal talks.

In my last report to the Security Council, I recommended for special attention two problems of crucial importance for a return to normal conditions. The first of these is the long-standing question of the Turkish Cypriot displaced persons. On this matter the government has put forward a formula designed to be a first step toward the solution of the problem. At the time of writing the Turkish Cypriot leadership, although it has requested clarification of the Government formula, has stated its disagreement with some of its basic provisions. As a result there has, so far, been little progress in the resettlement and rehabilitation of a substantial number of refugees. The second problem is the question of desecration and deconfrontation by the military forces in the Island. Although this has for a long time now been the subject of persistent efforts by UNFICYP, I regret to have to report that no substantial progress has been made during the period under review. An important factor in this impasse is the contention of the Turkish Cypriot leadership that a return to normal conditions in this field cannot take place without impairing its position with regard to the basic issues of the Cyprus problem which are under discussion in the intercommunal talks.

Another aspect of normalization is the question of freedom of movement through Turkish Cypriot-controlled areas of unarmed Greek Cypriot civilians. I take this opportunity to restate my hope that an early solution of this problem may be forthcoming.

There are strong indications that, unless a bold, imaginative and sincere effort is

made on all sides to bridge the existing difficulties, Cyprus may be entering a new period of tension in which little substantial progress toward the solution of the main problems can be expected and the danger of renewed unrest is seriously to be feared. In such a situation I have no alternative but to recommend the extension of UNFICYP's mandate for a further period of six months until 15 December 1971. It is my understanding that all the parties principally concerned are in agreement with this recommendation. Although the possibility of a further reduction in the strength of the Force has been under constant consideration, it has become increasingly clear that, despite the highly unsatisfactory budgetary situation of UNFICYP, any sizable reduction of the operation would be inadvisable until an appreciable degree of deconfrontation between the forces on the Island, at least in the more sensitive areas, can be achieved.

This is the nineteenth time that I have recommended to the Security Council the extension of the mandate of UNFICYP. The prospect of an apparently indefinite commitment for the United Nations in Cyprus poses fundamental problems for the Organization in facing its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security. I do not believe that it would be either possible or wise to postpone for very much longer a comprehensive review of this problem. I hope that members of the Security Council will give it the most serious consideration in the coming months and will give thought specially to constructive alternatives to the present arrangement.

In concluding this report, I wish to express my warm appreciation to the Governments which have provided contingents and personnel for UNFICYP, and to those who have made voluntary contributions for the support of the Operation. I also take this opportunity to pay tribute to my Special Representative, to the Force Commander, to all the Officers and men and to the civilian staff of UNFICYP, who have continued to carry out with exemplary efficiency a devotion, the important task assigned to them by the Security Council."



• The Secretary-General's Special Representative, Mr. B. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander depart for New York to attend the meeting of the Security Council.



## SLAP USKADT FRA LYNNEDSLAG

Søndag d.16.5. slog lynet ned i OP MOSQUITO, hvor det ramte

### TO KVÆSTET

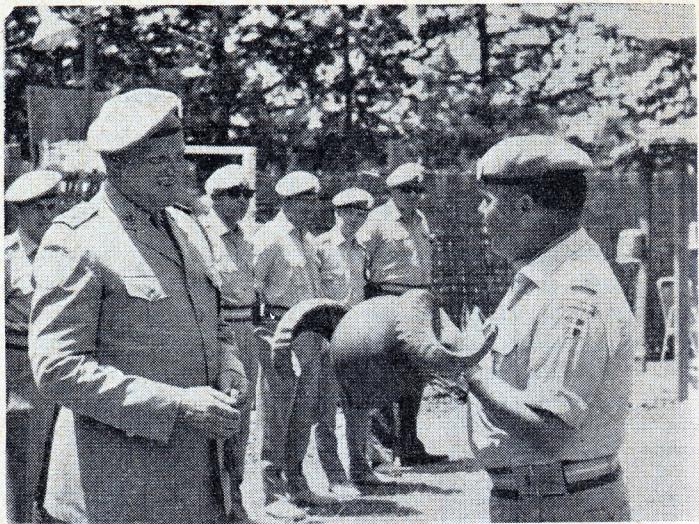
D.20.5 om aftenen styrtede KS K. C. Brix med sin motorcykel. KS A. B. Thomsen var med som passager. Begge pådrog sig så svære skader på benene, at de er indlagt på Austrian Field Hospital og må regne med sygehusophold af længere tids varighed.

Vi har intet fået oplyst om de nærmere omstændigheder ved uheldet, men der er grund til at indskærpe den allerstørste agtpågivens ved al motorskørel, så ulykkernes antal så vidt muligt må kunne begrænses til dem, som vi intet kan gøre for at undgå.

### DANCON NYT



## OVERDRAGELSE AF KOMMANDO



Billedet herover viser den vigtige begivenhed i forbindelse med kommandooverdragelsen i Viking Camp d.15.5. Høvding, OL P.E.P. Skov, overrækker tegnet på høvdingsværdigheden til sin efterfølger, OL N. K. Nørgaard. Billedet t.v. viser den ny høvding i fuld galla.

Andre, som sætter mere pris på det højtidelige, ville måske især have hæftet sig ved den mindre pompøse begivenhed, som er afbilledet t.h. OL Skov overrækker OL Nørgaard fangsoren som tegn på, at han fra nu af som chef for Dancon XV har ansvaret for Lefka District med lejrene Xeros, Limnitis, Kokkina og Gaziveran med dertil hørende OP'er.



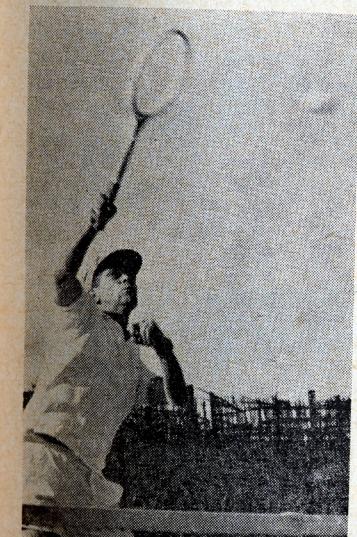
## ROTATIONEN SLUT

Efter en overgangsperiode på ca. 14 dage er alle Dancon XV-folk nu kommet til Cypern, og de sidste Dancon XIV-folk, som ikke skulle fortsætte, er vendt tilbage til det danske forår. Herover et billede fra aftenen d. 22.5. om morgen. Fra venstre til højre ses blandt andre SG K. Aborg, OS H. Børgesen, SSG E. Egemose, KS B.L. Nielsen og OKS T.G. Andersen, som fornøjeligt viser omfanget af sit Cyperntillæg.

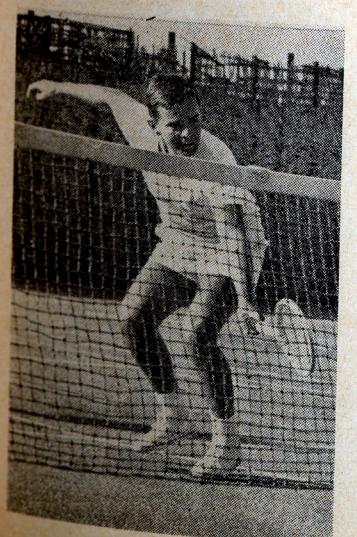
KS J.T. Hansen ser ganske overanstrengt ud, mens han hviler ud midt i en stak rotationsbagage.



### I VECKAN



Med två set mot ett förlorade 46:ans dubbellag i tennis, Torsten Jeppson och Björn Holmqvist, i UNFICYP-turneringens final mot HQ-laget Lino Dodichi och John Murray sedan matchen uppskjutits två gånger på grund av dåligt väder. Nämns bör att italieneren Dodichi även vann singleturneringen. Jeppson ovan, Holmqvist nedan.



Det första numret av Cypressen för bataljon 46 C befinner sig under tryckning. Det innehåller i premiären tolv sidor.

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Det är dags för nästa stora marschgenomgång med 1t Gunnarsson i spetsen. Kantara står för dörren. Släntbjörnarna uppges vara i lektagen varför stora möjligheter finns att se de djur som skapar terassformationerna på slutningarna. ■

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Pastorn meddelar att försäkringskursen i engelska är planerad att starta längre fram. Meddelande om kursstart sänds ut via CYPRESS-EXTRA.

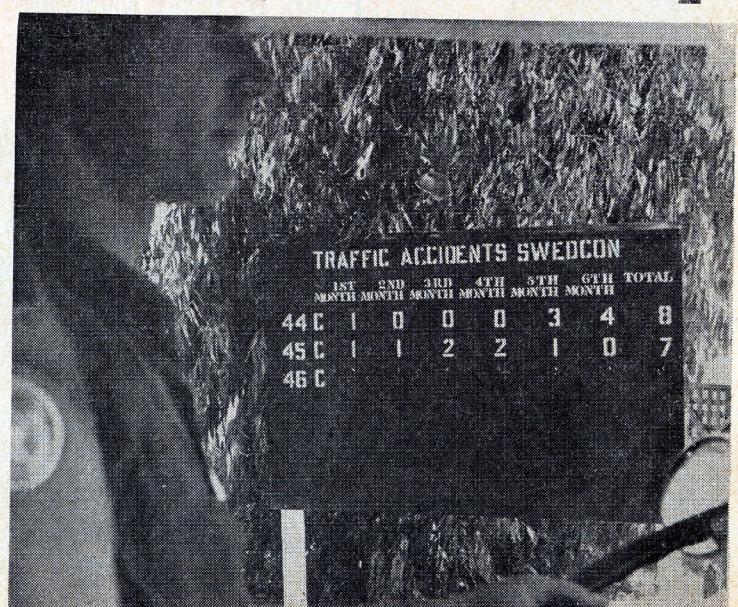
### SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos



### SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

To prevent traffic accidents within the Swedish Contingent, the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col Carl-Gösta Norderup, has given an order to put up a special "statistic-board" as a visual reminder for all passing drivers. The last two Swedish Battalions have been successful in reducing the number of accidents, and it is hoped that the trend will continue. ■



### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS SWEDCON

1ST MONTH	2ND MONTH	3RD MONTH	4TH MONTH	5TH MONTH	6TH MONTH	TOTAL
44 C	1	0	0	0	3	4
45 C	1	1	2	2	1	7
46 C						

## HAKKA PELLÄÄ

Här drager de svenska förbrinnande livet påhejade så det rungar över sanddynerna på Mimosa Beach Bilden t.v. Det handlar om TUG-OF-WAR, dragkamp, mot gästände FINCONS: "chanslös" befäslag. Svenskarna tog hem första draget i huvudsak genom ett stadtigt ankare, Karl-Göran Lindqvist från TPC!

I det andra draget tog de finska befälen i så det knakade, ledda av sin pâdrivare, It Penti Lampinen, och lyckades utjämna ställningen till 1-1. Ingen vet om musten tog slut hos våra gäster med det var absolut omöjligt att få till stånd ett tredje drag för direktavgörande.

I stället spelades en fotbollsmatch som svenskarna vann med 5-0. I övrigt fanns på dagsprogrammet när FINCON hälsade på en rad förevisingar: FN-exercis, närröströvning, materiel och fordon.

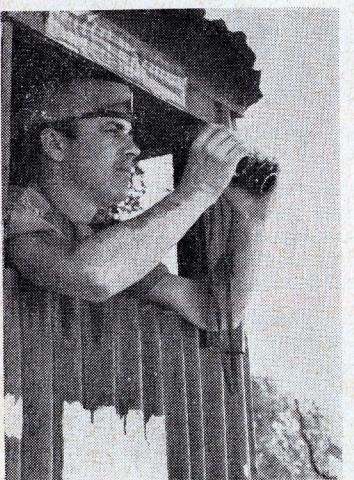
Ungefär samma schema skall följas när IRCON denna vecka hälsar på och skall ta en dust mot dragkampslaget. Här får 46:ans lag möta närmast halvprofessionella kämpar som bör vinna utan svårighet. Detta enligt IRCON:s officerare.

# FORCE RESERVE MEDAL PARADE

The Medal Parade of 'C' Squadron The Royal Hussars on Monday 17th May was a pleasure to watch despite the disappointing weather which at one stage threatened to marr the whole proceedings.

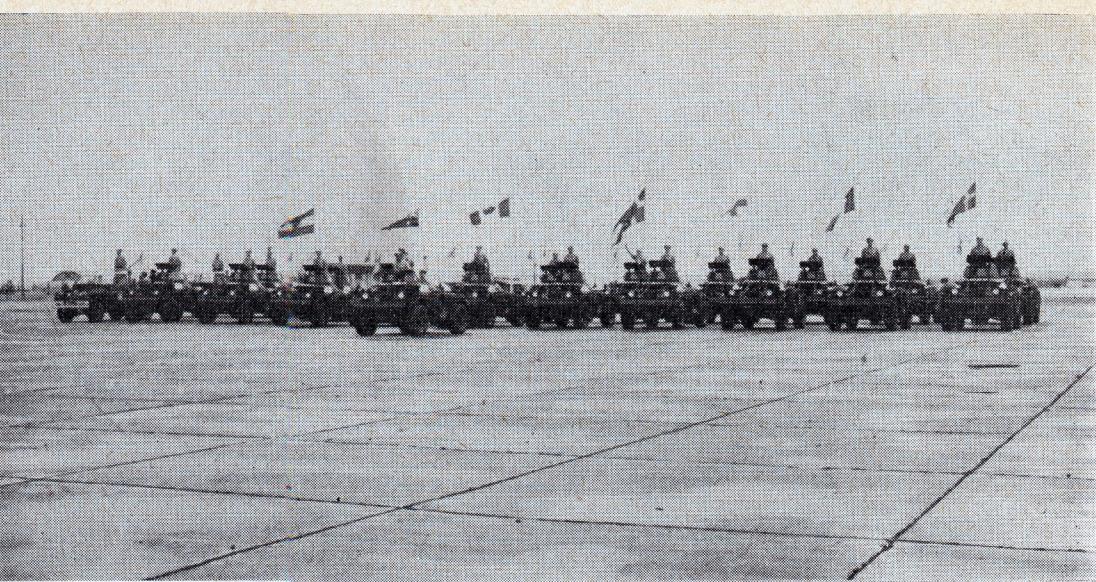
The flags and pennants fluttered proudly in the breeze as spectators sheltered under their umbrellas undeterred by the prospect of an imminent downpour.

Under the command of the Squadron Leader, Major Robin Merton, the parade was drawn up in immaculate formation on the hardstanding at RAF Nicosia to await the arrival of the Force Commander. The Regimental Band of the Royal Hussars on a short visit from England, and resplendant in their crimson uniforms provided a brilliant splash of colour in contrast to the overcast sky.



## LOOKOUT

Observing above from his OP at Stavrokono in the Paphos District is Private Scott of 50 platoon 1st Battalion The Gordon Highlanders. Back in Scotland 50 platoon are the Mortar platoon, but have converted to a Rifle Platoon for their role in Cyprus.



After inspecting the parade, Major General D. Prem Chand presented UN medals to a representative party drawn

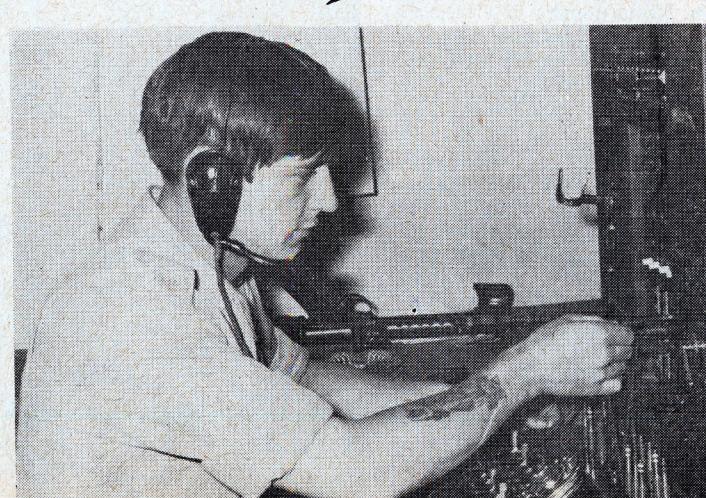
from all ranks in the Squadron. Those who received medals were Major R. Merton, Sergeant D. Brooks, Corporals J. Sykes, R. Stout, R. Mills, Lance Corporals K. Bachu, A. Jones, S. G. Wells, R. Wild, Troopers N. Collins, J. Walters, N. Murphy, E. Curd, Craftsman D. Raine and Private N. Lillis.

The General paid a glowing

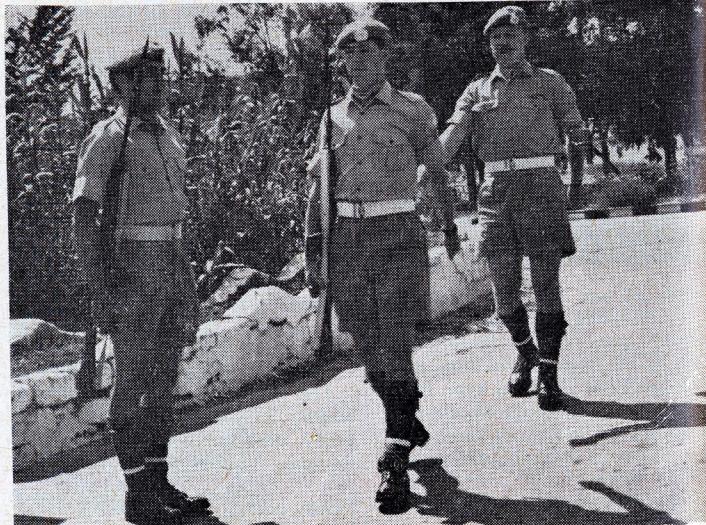
## I GORDONS ON GUARD

1 Gordons this week have been carrying out their first guard duty at HQ UNFICYP. Much to the disappointment of the local lassies, they have not worn kilts, but they have nevertheless put on a very smart showing.

Private J. Scullion prepares to be relieved at his post as Private N. Kellas approaches with Corporal J. Seivwright, the guard commander.



tribute to the way in which the Squadron has contributed to the work of UNFICYP, and recalling the long and distinguished history of the Regiment, he expressed his own personal pleasure at having been associated with them here in Cyprus. He thanked all ranks for their contribution to UNFICYP and wished the Squadron every success in the future.



## ON THE LINE

Operating what looks like the oldest telephone exchange on the island is Private Craig of the Signals Platoon. The Signals Platoon are responsible for running the exchanges at both Polemidhia Camp and Paphos.



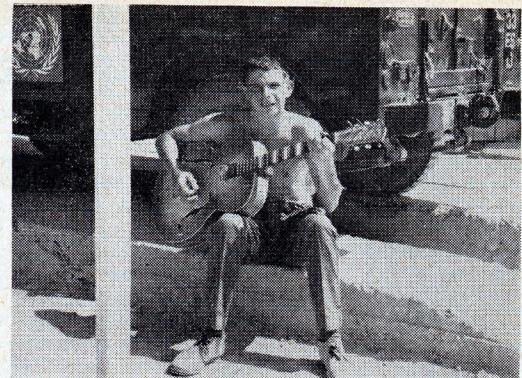
## AHERLOW CAMP

Kophinou Compound, renamed Aherlow Camp, is easily the most compact of all UN Company Camps on the island. Its total area of 90x90 yards enclose a group of buildings, temporary structures and tents which serves as home to 111 men for half of their tour with UNFICYP.

Add to this the fact that Kophinou is on the main Nicosia-Limassol road, with an original "Suicide Corner" outside the gate (there have been a number of collisions at that spot in the past few months) and the extreme sensitivity of the local Turkish Cypriot population, and you begin to feel that this is a sort of "Military Purgatory" from which eventually the

Of the Company's three Platoons, two are drawn from Eastern Command, which, generally speaking, means Dublin, and the other from the Curragh Training Camp.

This makes for healthy competition at a local level, but when they join forces as a Company representative team, all differences between Town and Country are forgotten.



• Private Paddy Brien relaxes in Kophinou after his day's work by strumming his guitar.



WRAP, they are advised (a) to find out what the game is all about, and (b) check that their Life Insurances are paid up to date!



• Behind the barbed wire of Kophinou, Private Eddy Walsh stands guard.



• Kophinou Camp beside the main road to Limassol.

soldier is elevated to the lush pastures of Larnaca.

At best, all one can hope for on a visit to Kophinou is a sense of grinning and bearing things, with hopes and thoughts projecting forward to the day of blessed relief.

Nothing could be further from the truth! 'A' Company of the 20 Inf Group, commanded by Commandant Frank Fleming, is about as cheerful and happy a Unit as one could hope to find.

Kophinou Company has the task of manning OP's at Kophinou, Ayios Theodoros and Mari. In addition there are daily patrols, guard duties and the inevitable chores that are essential for running

low Camp, even though the nearest authorised swimming locale is at Governor's Beach some eight or nine miles away. Typical of the resourcefulness of the Kophinou boys is the fact that they have devised a new form of aquatic sport. Called WRAP, it is a mixture of Water Polo, Rugby, All-in-Wrestling and Physical Training. They have issued a challenge to all and sundry to engage them in this form of friendly combat.

Any interested sportsmen may apply to Kophinou for details, but before going into the water for a bout of



## IRCON NEWS

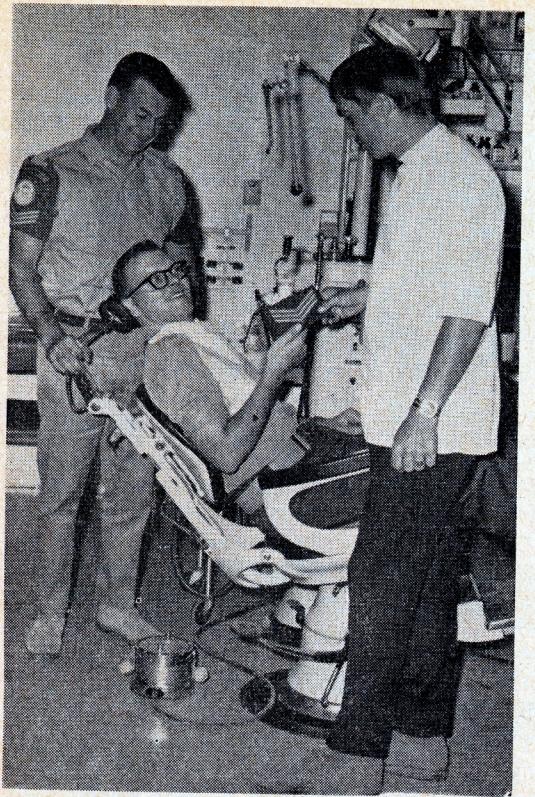
### VOLLEYBALL

• Signals Ircon, were hosts to Cancon signallers in a volleyball match last week, Ircon were the winners.



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## A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE

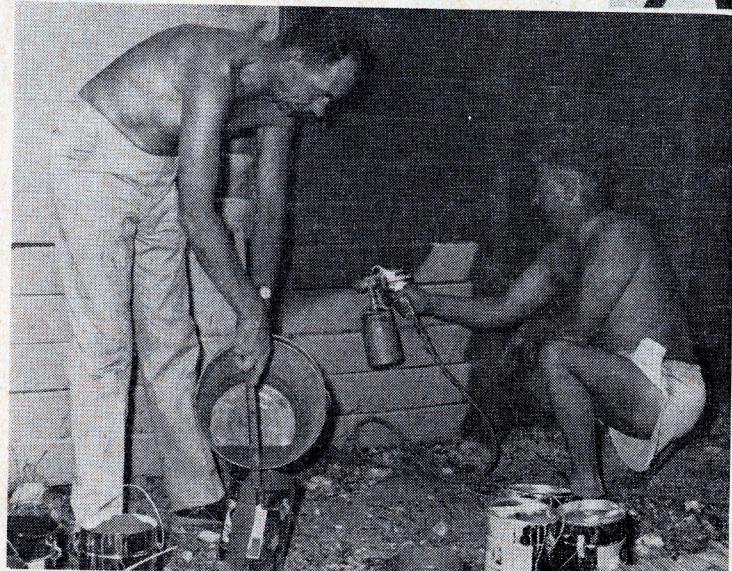
In the last few years promotions in the Canadian Armed Forces have been likened to pulling teeth, painfully difficult to get there but all so simple when it is over. Two days after arriving on the island to join the staff of the dental clinic, Corporal Paul Mehler was in the chair, but this time to receive a promotion to Sergeant and congratulations from his Doc., Captain John Steele. Dental assistant Sergeant Mehler with dental technician Sergeant Harry Ayrest, make up the three man clinic located at Blue Beret Camp.

## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

## HITCHING A LIFT

Preferring to drive, but not always having the option, Suburbia Company, the mobile force, have the biggest territory and the most varied forms of transport. Boots, bikes, jeeps, trucks or buses are all part of the mobility. Departing on a run from the PWD compound are Privates Jerry Doyle, Tony Wenham, Ken Kakki, Earnie Smith, Lee Shaw, Gord Thorne, Lorin Benoit, Graham MacDonald with Corporal D. Hooddikoff in the foreground.



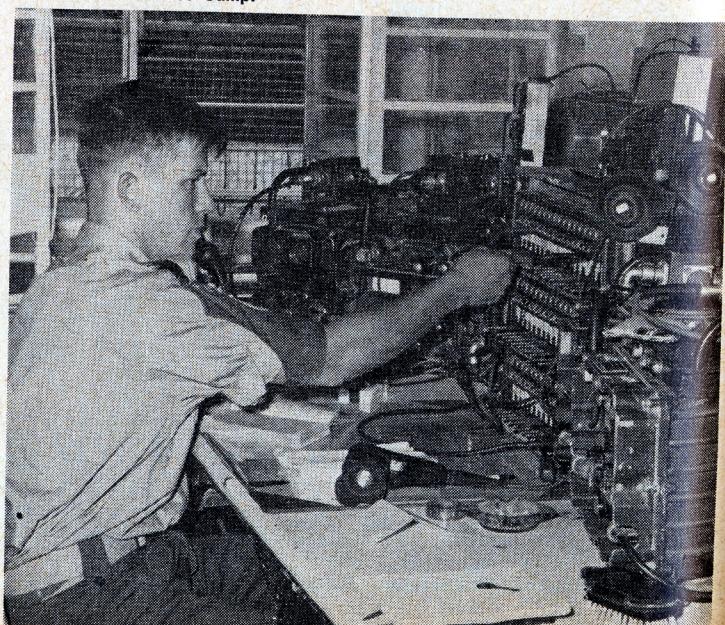
• Standing on the roof of the Flour Mill, one of the highest UN outposts in the Nicosia district, Private Gord Thorne of Suburbia Company scans the city and district area through high powered glasses.

## ONE MOMENT PLEASE!

Private Terry Pawette sweats out his tour on the switch board during the busy morning shift at Suburbia Company. The communications centre, manned round the clock, is in touch with military and civilian centres throughout the island, and ranges from a quiet one to as many as one hundred incoming and outgoing calls in an hour.



• It is not always easy to catch a pair of Master Warrent Officers out of a kit and ram rod straight. MWO Wilf Johnson and MWO Ed Squires were caught cold by the roving cameraman Warrant Officer Bill Kamp redecorating the patio of the Sergeants Mess. MWO Johnson is PMC of the Senior NCOs Mess at Blue Beret Camp.



Eipä ole pitkää aikaa kulunut siitä kun edellisen kerran suomalainen Y-taistelija vihittiin avioon. Lauantaina 22.5. vietettiin jälleen Finconissa, tarkemmin sanoen 2 JK:ssa häätä. 2 JK:n varapääliikö kapt. M. Hossi johdatteli avioon Sveitsistä tänne saarelle tulleen morsiamensa Aila Tuominen. Vihkimisen toimitti kauniissa St Paulin anglikaanikirkossa sotapäi P. Viitanen.

Upseerien muodostamaa kun-



## KORKEITA VIERAITA

Kommodori S. Wikberg ja hallitusneuvos P. Väänänen vierailivat Finconissa. Viikon aikana he tutustuivat pataljoonaan, sen ryhmitykseen ja tehtävään. Ohjelmassa oli myös käynti UNFICYP in esikunnassa ja kenrm Prem

Chandin tapaamisen.

Vieraat kävivät "paikan päällä" OP Hilltopilla, Pilerissä ja Tjikossa. Tutustumiskohdeina olivat myös 1 JK ja Kykon alue. Vieraat lähtivät kotia kohti 27.5.

## KOTOINEN TUNNELMA



Tieteenkin piti myös koetella kumpi on kumpi köydenvedossa. Huolimatta juulmasta ilmestä tuloksena oli tasapeli.

Viime kesviikkona 19.5. suurta simme lantikan ja petterin keulan kohti Famagusta läheen sanoen ruotsalaisten Carl Gustav Campille. Meitä oli kaikiaan 29 henkeä.

Isäntiämme puolesta maj Jeppson toivotti meidät tervetulleiksi, jonka jälkeen huuhtelimme matkan aikana kertyneet pölyt kurkuistamme virvoikkeilla. Samaan aikaan vääp Krobergin trio esitti kotoisia sävellyksiä kahdella haittaralla ja kitaralla. Tunnelma oli kotoinen - melkein kuin juhannussaattana kotikylän tanssilavalla.

Kotikylän tunnelmat alkoivat kuitenkin pian karista kun luutnantti Lindelöw esitti joukkueineen kunnon sulkeisharjoitukseen.

Viestiupseeri kapt Arnesson esitti puolestaan viestiauton ja muiden mielenkiintoisten viestivälineiden toimintaa.

Luutnantti Gunnarsson eräs ko-ko ajan mukanamme ollut isäntä näytti mikä ihmeellinen voima oli hänen pillinsä äänessä. Tarkittiin vain pari vihellystä kun pannsariautoilla liikkuva joukkue teki todella rämäkän hyökkäyksen täydessä taisteluvuurstussa.



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Oho, se ei olutkaan vesitykki... Jääkärit Lutinen ja Sten tutkivat ruotsalaisten kalustoa



## HQ UNFICYP WINNERS OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The UNFICYP Tennis Tournament, sponsored by Cancon, took place between 13th and 20th May at Blue Beret Camp. The first round matches, completed on 19th May, paved the way for stiff competition in the final rounds.

Teams from HQ UNFICYP, Britcon, Force Reserve, Swedcon, Austrian Field Hospital and Cancon competed for the "Colonel Laven Cup", which was donated to UNFICYP by Colonel Lars Laven, Contingent Commander Swedcon for three years until October 1970.

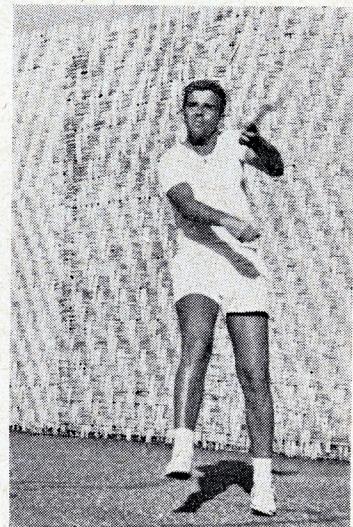
This year, HQ UNFICYP were the winners. The team consisted of Major General Prem Chand (singles), Inspector John Murray (doubles) and Mr. Lino Dodici (singles and doubles).

There was stiff competition in the final rounds between the two HQ UNFICYP teams and the team from the Austrian Field Hospital. However, after two rainy days, Mr.

Dodici defeated Warrant Officer Franz Schienost (AFH) in a close match (6-0), (8-6) to take the single championship. Mr. Dodici and Inspector Murray teamed up to defeat the Swedcon team of Major Torsten Jeppsson and Captain Bjoern Holmkvist for the double championship (6-0), (3-6), (6-2).

This was the first inter-contingent sporting event in the summer schedule and has set a good standard of competition for the following contests. The Cancon organizers are to be warmly congratulated for all the hard work which went into making this tournament such a successful start to another UNFICYP sports season.

• Inspector John Murray (left) and Mr. Lino Dodici receive their trophies from Captain B. Wilson, the Cancon Sports Officer.



• Captain B. Holmkvist, Swedcon, in action.



• Commodore S. Wikberg and Mr. O. P. Väänänen, Under-Secretary in the Finnish Ministry of Defence, last week arrived in Cyprus to pay an 8 day visit to the Finnish contingent serving with the UN Force in Cyprus. The two visitors also had the opportunity to call on the Force Commander. (L to R) are Major General Prem Chand, Commodore S. Wikberg, Mr. Väänänen, and Lieutenant Colonel E. T. Lehtovirta, Commanding Officer Fincon.

### MP NOTEBOOK

#### ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

##### Week Ending

22 May 71 — 6

##### Same Period

Last Year — 3

Total This Year — 123

##### Same Period

Last Year — 153

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION

#### SAFETY TWIST

3 little drivers, were busy, it is true; One neglected car repairs, and then there were two.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, ALWAYS ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE IS KEPT IN GOOD MECHANICAL CONDITION

## DANISH ROTATION

The rotation of the Danish Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus commenced on 10th May with the arrival of the advance party under command of the new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel N.K. Noergaard.

292 personnel, all ranks, were rotated and the rotation was completed on 22nd May 1971.

The new Contingent is named Dancon XV and took over the responsibility in Lefka District from Dancon XIV, which has served there since November 1970 under the command of Lieutenant Colonel P.E.P. Skov.



• Teams from UNTSO and UNFICYP fight it out on the soccer field. This picture was taken on Saturday at Nicosia when the two teams met for a friendly fixture. The result was a true UN compromise — 1 goal each.