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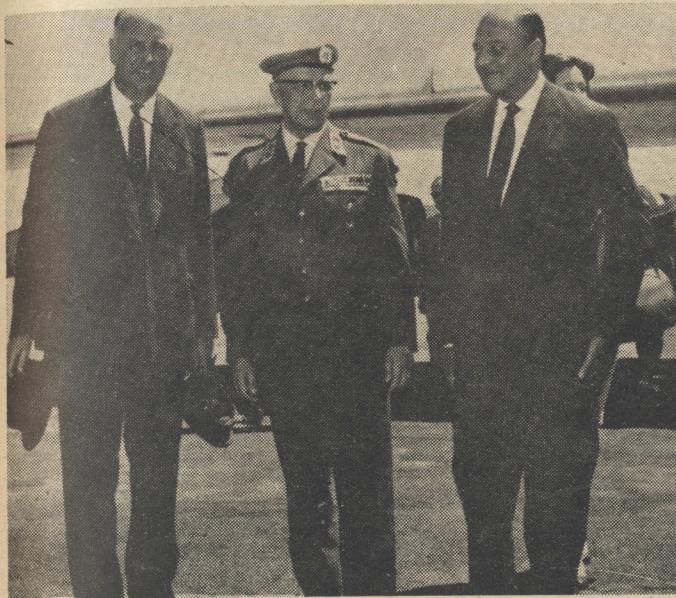


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BRIGADIER WILSON LEAVES CYPRUS



Former UNFICYP Chief of Staff Brigadier Jim Wilson (left) is seen off at Nicosia airport by the Force Commander and Mr Carlos A. Bernardes, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus.

U THANT TO VISIT ALSO TO VISIT ITALY, SWITZERLAND AND ICELAND

It was made known at United Nations Headquarters in New York last week that UN Secretary-General, U Thant, planned to visit Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Union. A formal announcement of the date is to be made after arrangements are completed.

The Secretary-General has visited the Soviet capital on three previous occasions —

PARTIAL FINCON ROTATION

A partial rotation of the Finnish Contingent with UNFICYP took place on Monday (27th June) and yesterday (Tuesday, 28th June). A total of 294 officers and other ranks left Nicosia on board chartered flights of the Yugoslav Adriatic Airlines and were replaced by 253 all ranks. As a result of this rotation, the overall strength of the Contingent has been reduced by approximately fifty all ranks.

HAMILTON LEAVES



Superintendent Jim Hamilton, OBE, popular Australian head of UNFICYP Civilian Police since April 1964 finally returned to Australia on Monday. Pictured above, he is shown before boarding his aircraft at Nicosia. Supt Hamilton, awarded his OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List is returning to Canberra. He is succeeded as Police Adviser and head of UNCIVPOL by Supt. E. Cannay.

PEACE - KEEPING

SECRETARY-GENERAL SPEAKS ON PROBLEMS OF

CYPRUS : NO INDEFINITE U.N. FINANCING: INVOLVEMENT ENVISAGED VOLUNTARY SYSTEM INADEQUATE

Further appeal for UNFICYP funds

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, told a press conference in New York last week that he did not think that the United Nations should be indefinitely involved in its peace-keeping functions in Cyprus.

Later in the week, the Secretary-General again appealed to all UN Member States for voluntary contributions to maintain the peace-keeping operation in the Island.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting with UN correspondents in New York, the Secretary-General said that he had been trying in the past few months to present some ideas to the

MOSCOW AND ICELAND

ation, U Thant also announced other European travel plans for the end of June.

The Secretary-General said he planned to go to Turin, Italy, 30 June for the first global meeting of the co-Administrators of the UN Development Programme and all its resident representatives.

He will then proceed to Geneva to attend a meeting

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SAUDI KING VISITS U.N. HEADQUARTERS

His Majesty, Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia, paid an official visit to United Nations Headquarters in New York last Friday.

He held a private conversation with the UN Secretary-General, U Thant and later was his guest at luncheon.

parties primarily concerned with a view to a solution; but that so far these efforts had not been conclusive. He expressed the hope that the parties would try their utmost to find a peaceful solution before the end of the year, when the new mandate of the UN peace-keeping operation ends. (See text of questions and answers on page eight).

Stating that the voluntary method of financing used in the Cyprus operation had proved to be unsatisfactory, U Thant told reporters that the prospects were not very bright regarding the future potential of the world Organization in the sphere of peace-keeping activities.

The Secretary-General said there was a mood of disappointment and even frustration among many members of the United Nations regarding the very slow progress of the discussions in the 33-nation Committee reviewing the overall problems of peace-keeping operations.

If the UN was to develop into a really potent force for peace, he said, it must have the tools to perform its work; without them, many members felt there would be a stagnation for some time to come, and this was not in the interests of the Organization or of world peace.

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Chefen for detachment Louroujina, kaptajn C. Nygaard og konstabel Flemming Nielsen ved den gode røvers kors i kirken paa Korsets Bjerg, Stavrovouni.



To mand fra Louroujina paa vej ned fra klosteret. De har standset jeepen ved det første haarnaalesving for at fotografere den storslaede udsigt. DANCON-fotografen valgte i stedet dem, jeepen og klosteret som motiv.

ST. HANS VED DANCON



St. Hans blev fejret paa behørig vis ved DANCON. Flere steder havde man baal. Ved Nicosia Club holdt officererne stor fest med damer og dans. T-officeren, major T. Lind holdt baaltalen paa engelsk (af hensyn til de mange gæster), medens heksen paa toppen af baalet flygtede til Bloksbjerget.

Stavrovouni Klosteret

Godt 30 kilometer syd for Nicosia, lidt øst for Limassol-vejen, ligger Stavrovouni Klosteret paa egnens højeste bjergtop. Man kan køre helt til toppen i jeep, og det er umagen værd, for det er en herlig tur, og der er den skønneste udsigt over en trediedel af Cypern fra klosterets terrasse. Og hvis man interesserer sig for lidt mere end blot at nyde en udsigt, har stedet ogsaa et spændende sagn at berette.

St. Helene, kejser Konstantin den Stores mor, var i aaret 327 paa vej hjem til Konstantinopel fra Jerusalem, hvor hun havde grundlagt den hellige gravkirke. En storm tvang hendes skib til at søge læ paa Cyperns sydkyst. Forkommen efter det haarde vejr paa havet lod Helene rejse et telt paa stranden for at hvile ud. Men hendes sovn blev forstyrret af sære syner. En engel viste sig forhende og befalede, at hun, som hun havde gjort det i det hellige land, også skulle bygge kristne kirker, og da hun vaagnede fortalte en tjener, at der var set et mærkeligt lysskær fra bjergtoppen mod nord.

Fra Jerusalem medførte Helene halvdelen af det kors, som Kristus var blevet korsfæstet til, samt de to kors, som det øvere var blevet korsfæstet paa. Det blev nu opdaget, at det ene kors manglede, det som den øver, der tog Jesus i forsvar og som Jesus lovede skulle



komme i Himmerige, havde hængt paa. En efterfølgning blev iværksat, og korset fundet paa bjergtoppen. Nu forstod Helene, at det var Guds vilje, at der her skulle bygges et kloster med en kirke. Stedet havde tidligere haft et hedensk Jupiter tempel, og bjerget hed den gang Olympus, men nu kom det til at hedde Korsets Bjerg, Stavrovouni.

Fra middelalderen er der flere beretninger om pilgrimmes besøg ved klosteret. Det ejendommelige er, at de alle næsten enslydende fortæller, at øverens kors var i en niche i kirken, men det stod ikke paa gulvet, det hæng heller ikke ned fra loftet, det sværende i luften!

Gaar vi i dag ind i kirken, maa vi ikke vente at se mirakler. Der er godt nok et gammelt kors i en niche, men det staar paa gulvet. Det er iøvrigt heller ikke det oprindelige, for det forsvandt under krigshandlinger for flere hundrede aar siden. De fleste af bygningerne er heller ikke særlig gamle, men stedet er det samme, og udsigten er som sagt vidunderlig, og maaske kan man faa en af munkene til at lave sig en kop stærk kaffe og skænke et glas koldt vand.



Alle ved DANCON kender udtrykket "at have fod paa". Redaktionen har hermed fornøjelsen at præsentere læserne for en illustration til et nyt udtryk, nemlig "at have fod paa en fod". Det er kontingents adjutant, kaptajn F.A. Rasmussen, der sidder paa hug paa et mosaiskgulv ved Curium vest for Limassol. I gulvet ses et billede af Ktisis, skabningen, gengivet som en ung kvinde med krøllet hår. I sin højre hånd holder hun et mal, og maalet er en romersk fod. Kaptajnens fod, med sko, holdt maalet præcist.



Hundgruppens stjärna Kant syns här under ett komplicerat dubbelhopp. T.v. hans förare Leif Hansson och t.h. hundgruppchefen furir Klas Källström.



The Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion var ett ovaligt och populärt inslag i midsommarfirandet på Carl Gustaf Camp.



Stor succé i Famagusta för midsommarfirandet

Midsommarfirandet på Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta blev en stor succé. Det var major Nils-Erik Byström i spetsen för en tapper och arbetssam skara som svarade för arrangemangen. Utöver personal från STR-komp och staben med anhöriga, fanns bland gästerna representanter för civilpolisen samt ortsbefolningen. Ca 350 kunde räknas in, när The Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion spelade upp sitt hemlands vilda toner.

Efter detta ovaliga inslag i ett svenskt midsommarfirande var det dags att resa majstången och därefter trädde långdansen till dragspelsmusik.

Primus motor för underhållningen var överfurir Ragnar Johansson, som sedan ledde en flergrensstafett med bl.a. äggglöpning, kexätning och öldrickning. Tpc:s lag drog det längsta strået.

På planen framför huvudförrådet följde så en förmöglig uppvisning av hundgruppen under ledning av överfurir Klas Källström, Mölndal. Det var fem hundar som till sammans med sina förare visade sig på styva linan. Den verklig artisten var hunden Kant som till sammans med sin förare Leif Hansson, Strängnäs svarade för bl.a. apportering av en k-pist och ett ägg (!). Efter väl förrättat värv fick Kant slicka i sig det råa ägget som belöning. Som avslutning företog han en ridtur på sin husses rygg till allmän munterhet.

Kommendanten, major Byström inbjöd till middag, som var dukad på tennispallen och avåts under stort gemyt. För middagsmusiken svarade polisassistenterna Bosse Lindebergh, Uppsala, och Anders Sjöman, Nyköping, samt kapten Harald Broman, Strängnäs. Ett bejublat tal till Kvinnan hölls på engelska af löjtnant Thomas Lörichs. (Vad får han allting ifrån?).

Sedan intogs scenen af överfurir Johansson och hans förmågor som bidrog med sång, musik och sketcher samt en skämtcyklist som upp

trädde på en enhjulscykel. Fyra medlemmar The Pipes and Drums dansade den välkända Sabeldansen och därefter spelade orkestern upp till dans, som varade ända in på smätmimmarna.

Firandet av midsommaren följe i stort sett samma mönster på de övriga kompanierna och arrangörer och deltagare kunde så småningom belåtet somma in i den inte alltför ljusa midsommarnetten.

Ur gästboken

En glädjande nyhet så här i sommarvärmén! Bataljonen får i början af augusti besök af en svensk underhållningspatrull som kommer att roa oss med sång, musik och dans.

Primadonna är sångerskan Brita Borg, Allan Johansson spelar elorgel och Egil Johansen sköter batteriet. Med i truppen är också sångerskan Laila Nyström och balettdansösen Lena Wennergren.

MER SVENSK NYTT
PÅ SID 6



Här trädde midsommardansen av gammal och ung, av civil och militär till åka svenska dragspelsmusik. Det är "Små grodorna, små grodorna" som just nu prövas.

'Human radar'

A ROUND THE CLOCK
LOOK AT LIFE IN ONE
OF 2 BN, THE BLACK
WATCH'S OUTPOSTS

WASHING — soldier style. All washrooms are air conditioned.

The sun was just over the Mediterranean horizon and he squinted into the glare and said "our job is to be human radars"—speaking was a 28 year old corporal platoon leader from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Duncan McLean and the five soldiers in his platoon man an outpost. They had spent the night watching and listening.

The day wouldn't be any different. The job goes on 'round-the-clock like it has every day since Canadian troops arrived in Cyprus on

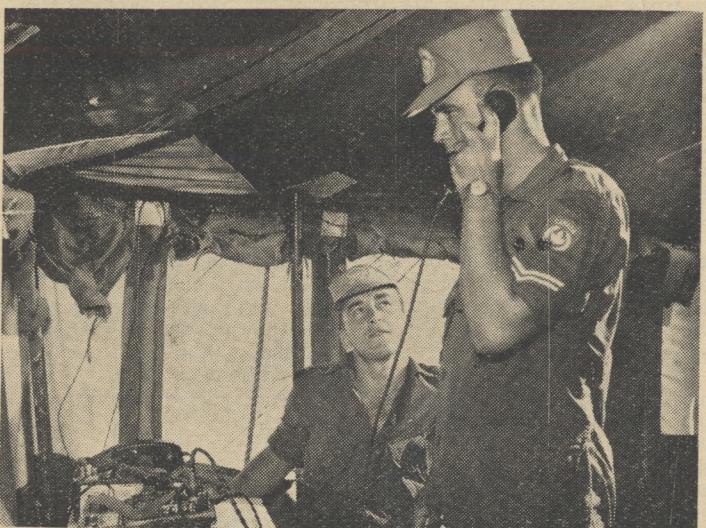
CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

peace keeping duties in March 1964.

Corporal McLean's outpost is code-named Hanley's Hill and its located west of the capital of Nicosia. Called an OP in soldier language, its one of sixteen OP's manned by Canadians. The blue berets and red Canada flashes can be seen from Nicosia to hilltops 15 miles north in the Kyrenia mountains and some are only accessible by foot or helicopter.

A few city blocks away from the Canadian Contingent Headquarters in Nicosia is a Finnish OP on top of an abandoned flour mill and within sight of it is a Danish OP. And so on throughout the 3,572 square miles of Cyprus until you have met the British, Swedish and Irish Contingents.

Tanned and now a veteran of United Nations duty, Corporal McLean will windup his six months tour of duty with the 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch in October when the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment arrives.



THE DAWN — begins a new day as Corporal McLean continues the peace vigil.



ALL'S QUIET — is the favourite report to the command post.



LEAVE — after three months of eating dust the Mediterranean looks inviting.

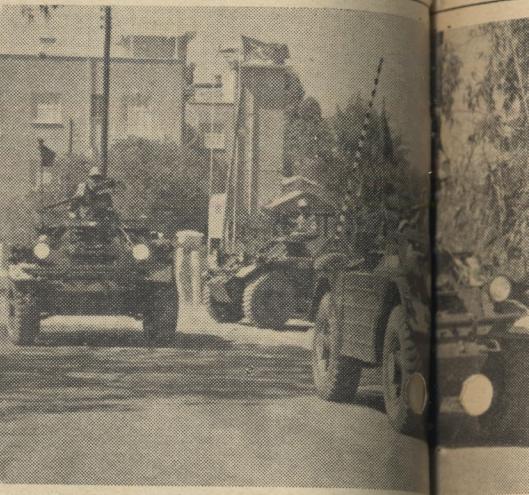


A recovery crew from the RCEME Detachment of the Canadian Contingent are shown at work.

MORE ON THAT NEW CENTRE AT LIZARD

BSquadron wishes to congratulate Lizard Flats on the opening of their new Rec Center and has been assured that all personnel who should visit Happy Flats will de-

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Fourth Troop leaves Fort Worthington for escort duties.

NEWS FROM FORT WORTHINGTON

CONVOY ESRT

One of B Squadron's major tasks is that of convoy escort along the Nicosia-Kyrenia Road. It is an enjoyable job permitting a troop to be on steady employment for two weeks. The convoy departs Nicosia twice daily. As the heat increases every day, the convoy troop has quite a task keeping both the cars and trucks mobile and everyone reasonably cool.

Coffee break is a relaxing portion of the trip as between 0930 hrs and 1000 hrs, the troop enjoys a coffee and a sandwich at the harbour in Kyrenia. The whole of the effect is quite impressive for a soldier from Canada as he drives up in a Scout Car to the harbour; he then looks at the sea, the sidewalk restaurants, and

ancient buildings.

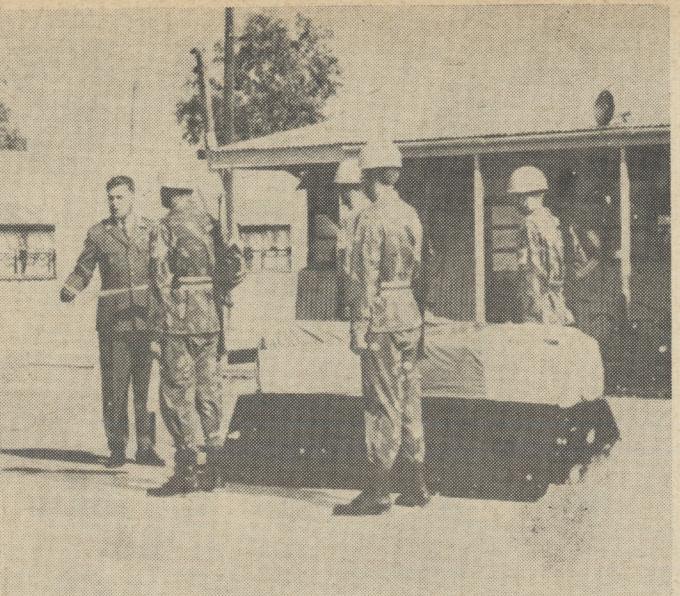
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Eversti Koskenpalo laskemassa pataljoonan sepelettä jääläki Jouko Antero Huhan arkulle.



SVENSK NYTT



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Idrottsnytt..

Volleyboll-serien mellan UNFICYP:s signalister har som bekant gått in i sitt andra varv. Svenskarna ligger fortfarande på tredje plats.

I torsdags förra veckan hade våra "träddragare" en uppgörelse med irländarna på Gold Fish Camp:s arena i Famagusta.

Det blev en meriterande svensk seger med 3-0. Set-siffrorna var 15-3, 15-7 och 17-15. Det är ingen tecken om att det svenska laget nu är bra sampselt - tyvärr kanske litet för sent. En finalplats låg dock inom räckhåll.

Men - irländarna grusade de förhoppningarna genom att på midsommardagen slå favoriterna - finnarna.

Kansainvälisen Tason Kuvaaja

Menneen kolmen kuukauden aikana olemme saaneet tässä julkaisussa mähä hyviä ja naulan kantaan osuneita valokuvia turvajoukkojen uudesta komentajasta, suomalaiskontingentin tapahtumista jne. Kaikesta tästä lankeaa kiitos pataljoonan valokuvaajalle Jorma Lammiselle.

Hänen ottamistaan korkeatasoisista uutis- ja pr-kuvista ei vältä ole päässeet nauttimaan ainoastaan Blue Beretin lukijat, vaan kotimainen ja kansainvälisen lehdistön valikyllä olemme päässeet levittämään Suomen tuntemusta kaikkialla maailmassa.

Tilaisuus kv. uutistoimistot ja YK.

Mainittakoon, että kolme viikkoa sitten Yhdistyneitten Kansakuntien New Yorkin päämajan tiedotuskeskus halusi, kansainvälisiltä tiedotustoimistoilta (Reuter, UPI, AP, AFP jne) saaman vihjeen perusteella nähdä hieman tarkemmin "Linsin" ottamia kuvia. Pinnakaat toimitettiin New Yorkiin ja seurauksena oli 18 negatiivin tilaus yli sata maata käsittävää maailmanlevitystä varten.

Samainen tiedotuskeskus tilasi Jorma Lammisen ottamaan uudet muotokuvat kenraali Martolasta ja pääsihteeriin erikoisedustaja, suurlähettiläs Bernardeksesta. Seurauksena oli negatiivipyyntö kaikesta otoksista, jopa sellaisistaakin, joita Jorma itse ei pitänyt hyvänä. Kultasepästä Kielitaitoiseksi Kuvaajaksi.

Valokuvaaja Lamminen on koti-Suomessa ammatiltaan kultaseppä. Moinen kovalla kansainvälisellä tasolla saavutettu tunnustus ja menestys tulee kuitenkin melko varmasti merkitsemään valitun elämanurun muuttumista.

Jorma Lamminen Sopii maailman luokan valokuvaajaksi myös sänä mielessä, että hän on saarella ollessaan kuvausharrastustensa ohessa hankkinut itselleen hyvän ja monipuolisen kielitaidon. Hän kelpaa muille suomalaisille rauhan sotilaille esimerkiksi myö tässä suhteessa.



Arken ääressä oleva kunniamies oli muodostettu vainajan asetovista ja rumpali sekä sakkipillinsoittaja kanadalaisesta ylmaalaistyrististä. Kuvassa pastori Aarne Huima pitämässä muistopuhetta arken ääressä.



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AUSTRIAN GIFT TO BRIGADIER WILSON



GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK — Colonel Robert Wech presents outgoing Brigadier Jim Wilson with a rare Maria Theresa silver dollar on behalf of the Austrian Contingent. The ceremony took place at the Nicosia International Airport shortly before the Brigadier's departure.... GUTE REISE — Oberstarzt Dr Wech, Kommandant des Austrian Field Hospitals ueberreicht Brigadier Wilson einen Maria Theresientaler zur Erinnerung an die Zeit der Zusammenarbeit mit Oesterreichern in Cypern.

PHILATELIC CORNER

'55 souvenir sheet now \$ 100

UNPA EXHIBIT IN NICOSIA

Some time ago, in this column, David S.J. Alexander, President of the UN Philatelic Society, explained why UN stamp values had increased 60 per cent in the past three months. He goes on to explain which are the most valuable issues.

For years the 3-cent Human Rights Day stamp of 1954 was one of the few "good" items. It is still a good item, of course; a 3-cent sheet, face value \$1.50, sells for about \$450; but the issues preceding and following this stamp are now becoming valuable too. A single 3-cent and 8-cent stamp of the 1954 UN Day issue and 1955 ICAO issue, face value 11-cent each, sell for over \$8.00 — they are as good, in fact, as the 1954 Human Rights Day issue was two years ago.

The 50 cent stamp of the 1951 regular issue (see right) is fast becoming the best UN stamp of all: it sells for anything between \$13.00 — \$19.00.

In fact all the pre-1956 issues are good solid items; all are on the move. Between 1957 and 1960 there was much less interest in UN stamps; the printings were much higher, so the value of these particular

stamps has not risen. Some post 1961 issues have become interesting for a variety of reasons. The 1961 4-cent UNICEF Commemorative was a beautiful stamp, issued just before Christmas, so many were used on mail; although the UN Postal Administration reckons that the life of a commemorative is about 18 months.

The ECLA issue curled badly; for that reason people did not buy it; now it is in short supply and is climbing rapidly in value. The first printing of

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the 1965 25-cent regular stamp had the printer's name in the bottom margin, and the marginal inscriptions forgotten by the printer had to be added locally. It was a fair bet therefore that the reprint would be different so the stamps sold fast. The bottom strip of ten of this first printing face value \$2.50, now costs between \$50.00 and \$60.00 from a dealer; a whole sheet, face value \$12.50, costs \$130.00 — this after eight months.

The 15 cent 1955 souvenir sheet, by the way, only 250,000 of which were printed, sells for between \$92.00 and \$110.00 today!

An exhibit of United Nations postage stamps has arrived in Cyprus and will be on display for a few weeks in Nicosia.

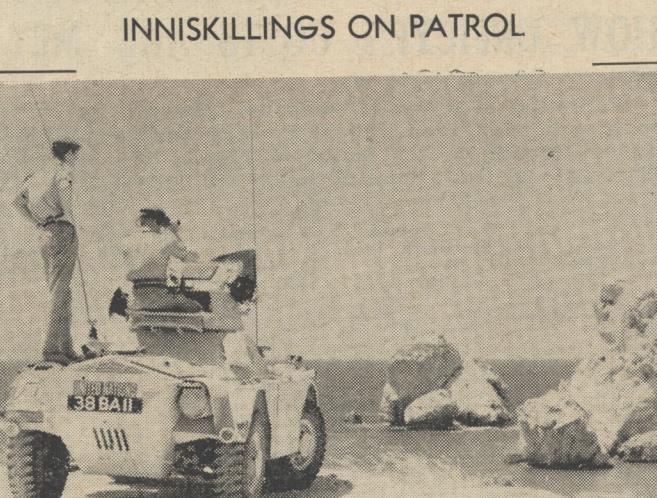
The first exhibit will open on Tuesday evening, 5 July at 1900 hours on the premises of the United Nations Association of Cyprus, at President Makarios Avenue Number 14, second floor.

The exhibit, consisting of six double-panels, is entitled UNITED NATIONS IN ACTION, and will remain open at the UNA from 0900 to 1300 and from 1900 to 2100 hours daily through Saturday, 9 July. Future locations will be announced later in this column.

Soviet space treaty draft submitted to U Thant

A Soviet draft treaty on principles governing the activities of States in the use of outer space, the moon and other celestial bodies was made public at UN Headquarters in New York last week.

Submitted to the Secretary-General, U Thant earlier in the week, it has a number of points in common with a United States draft, also submitted to the world Organization last week.



Pictured here on patrol at Aphrodite's rock near Ktima are Trooper George Galbraith (left) and Sergeant Peter Butterfield of 'A' Squadron, 5 INNIS DG.

SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVES ADMISSION OF GUYANA TO U.N.

Guyana's request for admission to the United Nations was unanimously approved last week by the UN Security Council. Final action on the application is to be taken by the UN General Assembly when it meets this autumn.

The former British colony achieved independence on 26 May, and Prime Minister Burnham dispatched its UN membership application to New York a few days thereafter. The South American count-

ry will be the 118th Member of the United Nations.

Lord Caradon of the United Kingdom, who was the first speaker as the Council met, noted that the 650,000 inhabitants of Guyana traced their origin to Asia, Africa and Europe as well as America. Independence had been delayed by racial conflict, he said, but there was now a strong desire to rise above the past and look to the future. The natural resources of Guyana were pro-

mising, he said, and the people were imbued with a lively vigour.

Speaker after speaker extended a warm welcome to the newly independent State. However, the Soviet Union felt it would have been a happier occasion if British troops had been withdrawn from Guyana and said that the country faced difficulties caused by the long colonial domination.

U THANT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SECOND TERM AS SECRETARY-GENERAL?

Answer after Europe visit

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, said last week that he would make known his decision on whether to be available for a new term of office after he returned to UN Headquarters — after a visit to Europe — on 9th July.

Addressing journalists at a press luncheon in New York, U Thant said he had given the matter a good deal of thought for the last four or five months and his decision would be guided by various official, political and personal considerations.

Stating that he would be very happy if the Security Council was in a position to find someone to succeed him, the Secretary-General said he did not agree with those who said this would be difficult if he decided not to offer himself for a new term next autumn.

If necessary, he added, he would be very glad to help the Council find a successor if it so desired; he did not think it was a very big problem.

But this did not imply, he said, that he had already taken a decision.

PEACE - KEEPING

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The Secretary-General urged more energetic efforts to find a formula by which the UN could be effectively involved in future situations when called upon to perform functions which regional organizations or individual States could not carry out.

In a letter addressed to all Governments, U Thant noted there was still a deficit of some three million dollars facing UNFICYP. The costs to the world Organization since inception of the peace-keeping force in March 1964 has totalled almost 50 million dollars.

Last week the Security Council voted unanimously to extend the Cyprus operation for another six months, until 26 December. Estimated costs for this new period, U Thant said in his letter, amount to over 10 million dollars.

To date, he went on, only a little over two million dollars has been pledged.

The Secretary-General said new pledges totalling some 11 million dollars were needed if the United Nations was to honour in full its commitments and to cover costs involved in maintaining the Cyprus operation during the next six months.

'BARBAROUS CONFLICT' MUST END

U Thant emphasizes need for Viet-Nam settlement

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week again emphasized the need for steps to bring a negotiated settlement of the Viet-Nam conflict, which he described as one of the most barbarous wars in history.

U Thant reiterated his belief that three steps were essential to bring about a situation congenial to the holding of negotiations on the return to the

1954 Geneva agreements.

These were:

- End to the bombing of North Viet-Nam;
- Scaling down of all military activities in South Viet-Nam; and
- Willingness by all sides to enter into discussions with those actually fighting.

These steps alone, he said, could create conditions condu-

cive to the holding of a conference and peaceful settlement — and the need for them was becoming more and more urgent.

The Secretary-General made this statement at a press luncheon held in New York last week.

U THANT ON PEACE-KEEPING

Agricultural reform - urgent for survival

In Rome last week, delegates from 70 nations were warned that a radical agricultural reform was an urgent matter of survival for the developing countries in view of trends towards increasing economic equality in these areas and in the face of a population explosion.

Warnings were issued by speakers at the opening of the World Land Reform Con-

ference convened jointly by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, with the participation of the International Labour Organization.

They stressed that the present critical state of world food and agriculture called for substantial efforts to bring about an agricultural revolution to increase food production in the developing countries.

HOW UNFICYP's COSTS ARE MET

Following is a list of amounts pledged by various countries to the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) Special Account for the period 27 March 1964 to 26 June 1966 (given in United States dollar equivalents):

Government	1-6th Periods 27 March 1964 to 26 December 1965	7th Period		Total Pledges
		27 December 1965	8th Period 26 March to 26 June 1966	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Australia	711,875	75,000	—	786,875
Austria	200,000	40,000	—	240,000
Belgium	823,585	—	—	823,585
Cambodia	600	—	—	600
Cyprus	280,000	42,600	—	322,600
Denmark	525,000	60,000	—	585,000
Finland	75,000	50,000	—	125,000
Fed. Rep. Germany	3,500,000	500,000	500,000	4,500,000
Greece	3,250,000	300,000	300,000	3,850,000
Iran	10,000	—	—	10,000
Ireland	50,000	—	—	50,000
Israel	20,000	—	—	20,000
Italy	943,300	135,000	136,000	1,214,300
Ivory Coast	30,000	—	—	30,000
Jamaica	2,000	2,000	—	4,000
Japan	300,000	50,000	50,000	400,000
Rep. of Korea	16,000	—	—	16,000
Lebanon	997	—	—	997
Liberia	3,000	—	—	3,000
Libya	15,000	—	15,000	30,000
Luxembourg	30,000	5,000	—	35,000
Malawi	5,590	—	—	5,590
Malaysia	5,000	—	—	5,000
Malta	1,820	—	—	1,820
Morocco	20,000	—	—	20,000
Nepal	400	—	—	400
Netherlands	761,000	80,000	—	841,000
New Zealand	42,000	—	—	42,000
Nigeria	7,800	—	—	7,800
Norway	423,316	50,000	—	473,316
Pakistan	2,800	—	—	2,800
Singapore	—	500	—	500
Sweden	910,000	—	90,000	1,000,000
Switzerland	495,000	—	—	495,000
Thailand	2,500	—	—	2,500
Trinidad and Tobago	2,400	—	—	2,400
Turkey	650,000	150,000	150,000	950,000
United Kingdom	8,170,452	1,000,000	1,000,000	10,170,452*
United States	16,100,000	2,000,000	1,495,333*	20,100,000
Venezuela	3,000	—	—	3,000
Rep. of Viet-Nam	3,000	—	—	3,000
Zambia	8,000	2,000	2,000	12,000
	38,400,435	4,502,100	3,738,333	46,680,868

* Includes \$170,452 in respect of an amount of "up to \$400,000" pledged for the second three-month period on a two-to-one matching basis.

* The contribution is subject to a 40-60 per cent matching provision up to a maximum of \$2,000,000.

Following is the text of the questions put to the Secretary-General, U Thant, and his replies concerning peace-keeping and Cyprus (see story on page one)

"Q. Continuing on the subject of peace-keeping, and regarding Cyprus, in your latest report on Cyprus you appear to rule out financing of future peace-keeping operations by voluntary contributions. What would you consider the ideal way, and what do you consider possible in the present political climate?

"A. From our experience in financing the UNFICYP, I have come to the conclusion that the method of financing a peace-keeping operation on a voluntary basis has been unsatisfactory. That has been my conclusion for the last two years, and I have stated this publicly in my reports to the Security Council. Of course, my considerations alone should not influence the entire membership in their decisions on these matters. But for the benefit of the entire membership, I have to say that the United Nations experience of voluntary financing of a peace-keeping operation, in Cyprus for instance, has been unsatisfactory. So it is for the entire membership to devise ways and means of financing future peace-keeping operations on a more satisfactory basis.

"Q. Some members of the Security Council have hinted that this was the last time they would renew the mandate for UNFICYP. What bearing should this have on the search for a solution?

"A. As I have also stated in my report to the Security Council, I do not think the United Nations should be involved indefinitely with its peacekeeping functions in Cyprus as the United Nations has been (faced) in the case of UNEF (United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East), for instance. Apart from other considerations there is the very important financial consideration which is a very heavy strain on the United Nations, particularly on some of its members. And that is the reason why I have been trying in the last few months to present some ideas, if not proposals, to the parties primarily concerned, to bring about a peaceful solution of the problem. So far, of course, my efforts have not been conclusive. But I very much hope that the parties primarily concerned will exert their utmost efforts to find a peaceful solution to their problem before the end of this year."

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of the Administrative Committee which coordinates the work of the U.N. and its agencies and the opening of the summer session of the Economic and Social Council.

On 7 July he will pay an official visit to Iceland and is due back at UN Headquarters on 9 July.