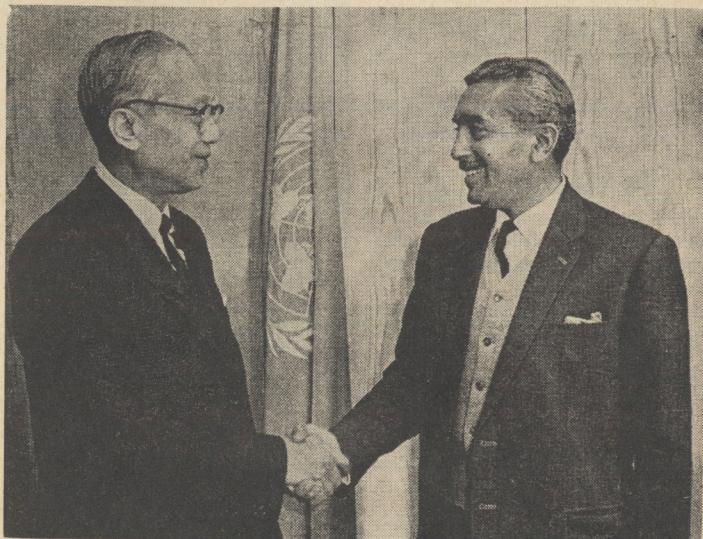




Wednesday  
31st December  
1969

## SECRETARY - GENERAL MEETS FORCE COMMANDER

The Secretary-General, U Thant (left) is seen talking to Major-General D. Prem Chand, PVSM of India who was appointed next Commander of the Peace Keeping force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).



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## STORM SWEEPS LIMASSOL

At 1600 hours on Monday 22 December 1969 a torpedo hit Limassol causing damage estimated at thousands of pounds.

Two people were killed and

over a hundred injured, while shops, houses, streets and cars were among the property damaged and the electricity supply was cut off for several hours.

The United Nations Battalion stationed at Polemidhia Camp, The 3rd Battalion the Royal Anglians offered assistance to the town and erected tents for the homeless and provided blankets, sheets and hurricane lamps to the hospital. Our picture show some of the devastated areas.



## FINCONS GIFT TO DANCON

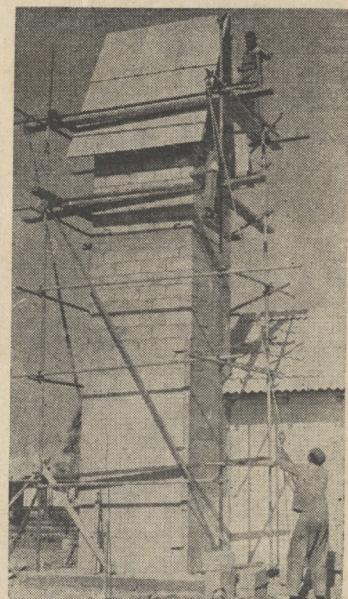
Fincon gave a special Christmas gift to Dancon. On Christmas eve a singing choir visited each coy singing Christmas songs. Later on the Finish choir also payed a visit to Austrian Field Hospital. Our picture (right) shows the choir singing in Nicosia Club for members of the Danish HQ Coy.



## UNFICYP CHAPEL BELL TOWER COMPLETED

The Bell Tower of the UNFICYP chapel has just recently been completed. Contributions from all contingents of UNFICYP made this possible. The Tower has been built by members of the Austrian Field Hospital.

**BBC RADIO INTERVIEWS**  
Miss Anne Catchpole and Miss Rosemary Hart, both BBC reporters paid a visit in Cyprus recently and recorded a programme about UN Peace Keeping Forces. The programme will be broadcast on Radio 4 on Wednesday 7th January 1970, at 1745 hrs.



## 500,000 US DOLLARS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

The Permanent Observer of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations, Alexander Baker, in a letter dated 15 December informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has decided to make a further contribution of 500.000 US-dollars to the costs of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus. The total contribution of the Federal Republic of Germany to the cost of the Force in Cyprus now amounts to 8.500.000 dollars.

## Blade af julens dagbog

Så blev det alligevel en god jul, vi fejrede hermede. Midt i de fremmede omgivelser følte vi julefeltaugen til en sejrig afslutning.

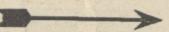
Det er svært at trække nogle enkelte frem og sige, at det var deres skyld, at det hele lykkedes så godt; thi vi var faktisk alle i ilden. Kønerne, der bare kom; staben, der grubled; velfærden, der sled i det, ligesom samarbejdsudvalg, messemænd og ditoforstandere og pionerer og kokke, der udrettede det helt utrolige. Jo, vi satte alle kraften ind for at hygge om hinanden. At det lykkedes, ses tydeligt af alle de billeder, vor fotograf fik slæbt med hjem fra sine travle ekspeditioner.

Og så vender vi blikket fremover mod nytåret og det nye tiår, der nu banker på vor dør. Gid det må bringe afklaring på mange problemer, der i så høj grad har præget tresserne.

GODT NYTÅR.

- og TAK for det gamle.

■ Major Sørensen byder velkommen til julefesten for ALFA, der begyndte aftenen med en fælles fest i Roundel club



## JULEBADNING HOS MAMMY



DANCON  
NYT

HVOR  
ER FAR?

■ Der var forventning og glæde i lufthavnen den morgen, koneflyet endelig kom.

Titte til hinanden - eller "God aften, DANCON"



■ Et varmt håndtryk og et GLÆDELIG JUL kan gøre godt, når man står på post juleaften. OL gjorde, hvad han kunne, for at ingen skulle føle sig glemt. Her hilser han på vagten ved Paphos Gate, KS O.F. Andersen



### Godt begyndt - halvt fuldendt

Chef/DANCON har bedt os bringe fig: Jeg sluttede min julehilsen over radioen til Dem med at give udtryk for både min glæde og min stolthed over at være chef for Dancon XII. Jeg vil gerne i anledning af nytåret takke Dem hver især for den måde, De har grebet tingene an på hermede. Som jeg sagde: godt begyndt er halvt fuldendt.

Lad os da stå sammen om at fuldføre løbet i det år, der nu tager sin begyndelse. Tak for året, der svant og

GODT NYTÅR

## Så gick vi runt kring et julegransträd...



■ På CGC stämde enmansorkestern Arne Nilsson upp dragspelet och så trädde dansen kring julträdet.

I en snöfri och helt annorlunda miljö än den vi är vana vid firade vi alltstå jul på Cypern. Och trots en strålande sol från en klarblå himmel sjöngs de välkända sångerna och på julbordet fanns alla de läckerheter vi väntade oss.

Under den dragspelande enmansorkestern Arne Nilssons ledning gick också dansen på CGC i gammal traditionell still runt julträdet.

Bat pastor Günther Niemeyer har haft en bråd tid och reste bl a runt

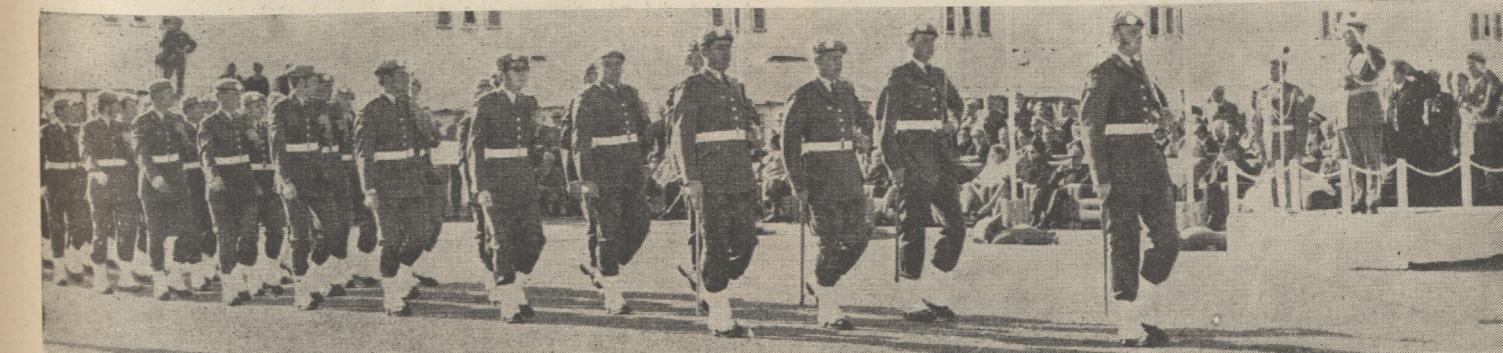
till de längst bort liggande OP:na med julkappar. Likaledes gjorde mj Olle Malmgren med julkappssäck till en enhet ur 3 komp som hade vakten i HQ. Julkappsutdelare var också mj Björn Runberg och övl Sven-Erik Roos.

### ...och till julottan



■ Bat past Günther Niemeyer hälsar kn Boris Hilbertsson och kn Hans Johnson välkomna till julottan.

## SWEDCON I AVSKEDSPARADEN FÖR LT GEN MARTOLA



■ St.f. kommandanten för CGC, kn Bengt Mollstedt, förfälet över den styrka ur svenska bataljonen som paraderingshyllade den avgående Force Commander, Lt.gen. A.E. Martola, den 18 dec.



■ Tommy Lövenius, 2 komp, prickar in ett av målen mot STR och lämnar mälvakten Lars-Göran Jönsson chanslös.

2 komp överraskade stort och slog STR-komp med 5-2 i en match under helgen. Resultatet kom än mer överraskande sedan STR let med 2-0 i början av matchen.

### ...och kring julbordet



■ Runt det väldiga julbordet på CGC gick ett tåg av julätare på bortåt 200 personer.

Här liksom hemma vaknade många med julottan och "När julmorgon glimmar". Den religiösa högtid som julen också utgör högtidslighölls även med julbön på julafoton. Och platsen där ceremonierna genomfördes var offmatsalen på Carl Gustaf Camp.

### SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos





### Pay Day In The Hills

Making the rounds of the outposts each payday to pay Canadian soldiers serving there presents hazards for the paymaster. Using a rock to hold down the cash while he checks a name against the aquittance roll is Lt. Jim Heffernan while next to him Cpl. Glenn Kennedy assists him. The soldier first in line to get paid is Cpl. Gerald Ripley of Pacquins Hill observation outpost. (Picture above).



### Beard

### Collection

This fine collection of beards belong to the Pioneers at Camp Maple Leaf. Left to right they are: Cpl. Don Marsden; Sgt. E.J. Long; Cpl. Gordon Watts; Sgt. Harold Kirkham; Cpl. Bill Timbury and, centre, MWO Glenn Austin. Sgt. Long will also be acting Santa Claus over the Festive Season. (Picture below).



### CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

### A FEATHERED FRIEND

Getting acquainted with a pet bird at the Red Cross Hospital for Crippled Children in Kyrenia is Cpl. John Stevens. A friendly bird, it opens the cage door itself and sticks its head out to be petted if anyone approaches the cage. (Picture left).

### Highland Dancing

Giving a demonstration of Highland dancing are Marilyn Rodwell who was here with the CBC concert party and Sgt. Bill Harvey of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. (Picture right).



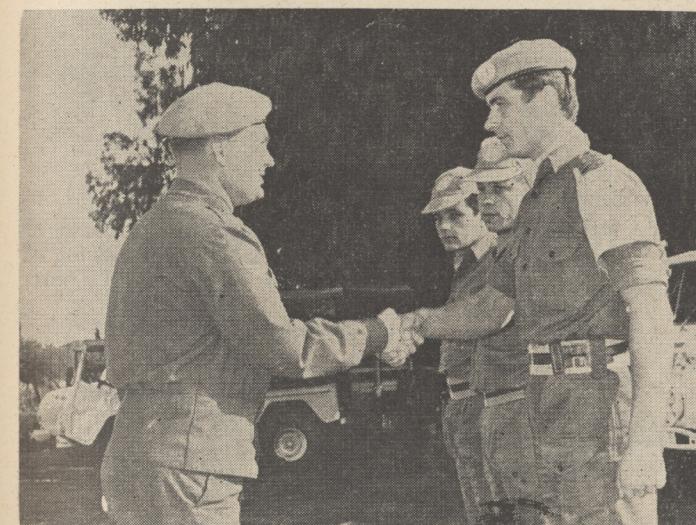
### A GIFT FROM CANCON

Lt. Col. W.D. Little, military advisor to the Canadian High Commissioner in Cyprus, points out interesting feature of a Canadian Eskimo soapstone carving to the Force Commander Lt. Gen. A.E. Martola. The carving was a farewell gift from the Canadian Contingent to General Martola. (Picture below).

### JOULU TULI — JOULU MENI — JA MEILLÄ KAIKILLA OLI NIIN MUKAVAA



Joulua vietettiin yksiköittäin koko Suomen Pataljoonassa. Jokaisen työ oli viihtyisyyden väärä. Rituuali siellä - rituaali täällä, tulos oli sama. Rauhallista joulua, -viihtyisää mieltä - ja - kosketus ihmillisyydestä. Kuka ei olisi viihtynyt ja lapsenmielininen.



Joka mies sai joululahjoja. Toiset pieniä - toiset suuria. Tällä kertaa suuria saivat Julmala, Laapas ja Orava, -kersantti, ylikersantti ja vääräpeli. Onnea.

### KUNTOMARSSI

Suomalaisen luonteeseen kuuluu sisu. Sisun ohella tulee kova ruumillinen kunto. Käskyksen mukaan suomalainen on suomalainen ja kunto sen mukainen. Kymmenen ensimmäistä sijaa kuntotakilpailussa. Pataljoonan sisäinen koetus on aina ollut kuntomarsi. Taas voitti ykkönen. Toinen kolmonen. Kolmas kakkonen. Neljäs EK ja viimeinen HK. Sillä lailla. Kuvassa voittanut joukkue alkutaipeella "Paskaojan" tunnussa.



"ARSKA" lähti. Nicosian kansainvälisellä lentokentällä jätti kenr. I.A.E. Martola jäähyväisensä Kyproksella palveleville joukoille. Suomalaisille ja Muillekin.



### FINCON NEWS

KUVIEN KERTOMAA

Näiden vuosien aikana olemme antaneet kuvan isänmaastamme kansainvälisille "markkinoille". Joulua on vietetty jokaisessa kontingentissä eri tavoin. Joulu siellä - joulu täällä. FINCON vieraili Danconissa ja AFA:ssa suotuisin menestyksin. Kaikki kontingentit ovat täällä rauhan tähden.

Kaikki kontingentit tekevät sen omalla tavallaan. Rauhanpuolustusta on sotilaallisuus. Rauhanpuolustusta on myös ihmillisyyss. Ihmillisyyss on suurin rauhanpuolustaja.

## CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER'S CUP SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

### POMPADOURS 45 — THE HACKLES 0

Although the final score showed a resounding defeat for the Hackles, the Canadians put up a good fight throughout the match. In the first half of the game, whilst they were still getting used to the pitch, the Canadians were dominated in mid-field by Sgt Plumb and Cpl Gilbert for the Pompadours; Pte Cannin was allowed too much room to manoeuvre on the right wing. In the second half Sig Milsom, always in position waiting for the long pass was able to score 5 goals because he was not effectively marked.

For the Canadians the man of the match was undoubtedly their goal-keeper Lt Monahan who played a very brave game diving onto the hard stoney pitch to make some excellent saves.

Goal scorers for the Pompadours were Sig Milsom (5) Sgt Plumb (1 and a penalty) Cpl Gilbert (1) Pte Cannin (1) and Sig Rimmer (1). Most frustrated man of the match was the Pompadours Centre forward who had to jump off against his opposite number who was at least twelve inches the taller.

### IRISH HARPS 34 — HARMAN HAJYT 0

The first ten minutes decided an early win for IRCON, in this game at FINCON with the score of 17 points to Nil at half time. Ircon continued to double the score in the second half, goals were scored by Davey (3) Brown (2) Flanagan 3.

### LEAGUE TABLE

	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	W	D	L	F	A	
Irish Harps (Ircon)	2	1	0	0	9	5	1	0	0	34	0
Pompadours (Britcon)	1	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	2
Danish Sig Pl (Dancon)	1	1	0	0	27	1	0	0	0	0	2
Vikings (Swedcon)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
The Hackles (Cancon)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	0
Harman Hajyt (Fincon)	2	0	0	1	0	34	0	0	1	127	0
Mercurians (644 Sig Tp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



### CHILDRENS PARTY AT HQ

On Sunday 20 December 1969 a childrens party was held in the HQ Sgts Mess for some children from both a Turkish and Cypriot orphanage. Children from the Officers and Warrant Officers and Senior NCO's also attended and our picture shows Santa Claus distributing presents to the children.

### MP NOTEBOOK

#### Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 26

DEC 69 — 7

Same period last year — 5

Total this year — 350

Same period last year — 445

Main cause of accidents this week:

#### IMPROPER PASSING

Are you a good driver? If so, you should have no difficulty in answering the following questions:

1. Most fatal traffic accidents take place

at speeds of (a) over 60 mph (b) between 50 and 60 mph (c) under 40 mph.

2. A dual braking system stops the car in a shorter distance than a single conventional system. True or False.

3. The correct highway following distance — one car length or 20 feet for every 10 mph of speed does not apply to city traffic because of the higher

traffic density. True or False.

4. The number of traffic accident fatalities is higher in urban than in rural areas. True or False.

5. After a collision, the greatest single cause of traffic deaths is (a) ejection from the vehicle, (b) collision with the windshield, (c) collision with the steering column.

6. (a).  
7. (b).  
8. (c).  
9. (d).  
10. (e).  
11. (f).  
12. (g).  
13. (h).  
14. (i).  
15. (j).  
16. (k).  
17. (l).  
18. (m).  
19. (n).  
20. (o).  
21. (p).  
22. (q).  
23. (r).  
24. (s).  
25. (t).  
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27. (v).  
28. (w).  
29. (x).  
30. (y).  
31. (z).



### CAROL SERVICE AT DHEKELIA

On Monday 22 December 1969 an Inter-Denominational Carol service was held at St George's Church Dhekelia. Members from all contingents attended the service and music was by the band of the 3rd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment.

After the congregational hymn "O Come all Ye Faithful" a lesson was read by the Padre of each national contingent.

The service was read by Rev B.W. Howarth and to finish all the contingent members joined to sing "Silent Night".



### SANYA AND ZOUKY

On Saturday 27 December 1969 an All Ranks Dance and Cabaret was held in Headquarters UNFICYP. The Cabaret consisted of Eastern dances which were performed by Sanya (Cindy). She also captured the crowd when she performed her speciality which was the snake dance. Zouky also had everyone in fits of laughter when he did his pickpocket act.

● Sanya performing the snake dance.

