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BURNS NIGHT AT SGTS MESS



Burns night at the WO's and Sgt's Mess at HQ UNFICYP held on Thursday 25 January 1968. The photograph shows (L to R) Ssgt Ian Clarke, 1 Bn, Black Watch, CANCON, RSM James Paul, Royal Dragoons, Sgt "Paddy" Hughes (piper) from Dublin, of 9 Inf Gp, IRCON, and Cpl "Jock" Kyne (Sgt's Mess cook).

United States, Greece Contribute To UNFICYP Costs

The United States and Greece have made additional contributions to the financing of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

In a note received by the UN Secretary-General from the Representative of the United States to the United Nations, dated 11 January, the US said it was prepared to make a contribution "up to \$2,000,000" toward the three-month (27 December 1967 — 26 March 1968) cost of UNFICYP. The amount ultimately contributed by the US against this pledge, the note said, "will depend on contributions of other governments toward the cost of the operation".

Greece, in accordance with a letter sent to the Secretary-General, dated 20 January, intends to make a contribution of 300,000 dollars for the same three-month period. In its letter, the Greek Government pointed out that this contribution will raise the total of Greek contributions to UNFICYP since its inception to the amount of 5,950,000 dollars.

UN Concludes World Survey of Drug Problems

THE United Nations Narcotics Commission completed last week its three-week session in Geneva.

During its meetings, it took a number of decisions on questions relating to drug addiction, international control of narcotics and the use of such hallucinogenic drugs as LSD. The 24 members of the Commission represent the main producers of opium and cocoa leaf, the main manufactures of narcotics or States in which illicit traffic in narcotics and drug addiction constitute a serious social problem.

Among the findings of the Commission's report was that the volume of opium annually available for illicit purposes exceeds "by a substantial margin" the quantity produced for medical purposes. It also noted that drug traffickers seemed to have little difficulty in obtaining raw materials for manufacturing morphine, heroin and cocaine.

On the question of hallucinogens, the report stated that non-medical consumption of such drugs as LSD had already become a serious social and public health problem in a number of countries. It fore-

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS ON "PUEBLO" INCIDENT

On Saturday, last the United States formally brought before the UN Security Council its charge that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was responsible for a succession of "aggressive acts culminating in the seizure, Tuesday (23 January), of the USS Pueblo."

Ambassador Arthur Goldberg told the Council that his Government's resort to the United Nations demonstrated its earnest desire to settle the issue by peaceful means. But the danger to world peace, he declared, could only be removed if the USS Pueblo and its crew were immediately released and "North Korea's aggressive actions brought to an end forthwith". It was imperative, he declared, that the Council act with the greatest urgency and decisiveness, as the existing situation could not be allowed to stand.

To support his charge that the USS Pueblo, described as an intelligence vessel, was in international waters when seized by North Korean patrol boats, Ambassador Goldberg presented to

the Council a series of maps and cited reports which he said the United States had in its possession emanating not only from the Pueblo but also from monitored radio signals from the North Korean patrol.

Ambassador Platon D. Morozov of the Soviet Union declared that the United States charges were "completely unfounded", and designed to "conceal the aggression which the United States and its allies in South Korea had been carrying on for years against the North". A statement made by the captain of the Pueblo after his capture, he said, left no doubt as to the vessel's location and "the hostile, espionage objective on which it was engaged".

Security Council meetings called for Monday last to continue the consideration of this issue were cancelled to allow for further private consultations to proceed unhindered, the Council President, Ambassador Agha Shahi of Pakistan, said. That these intensive private consultations — a course suggested by Canada — had taken place over the previous 48 hours, and that the Monday meetings had been cancelled to allow these to proceed on an urgent basis.

Mr Shahi said he had met separately Monday morning with US Ambassador Goldberg and Soviet Ambassador Morozov, and then immediately consulted the ten elected members of the Council.

SG EXPRESSES REGRET OVER SICILY QUAKE

Following is the text of a cable sent last week by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Mr Amintore Fanfani, on the earthquake disasters in Sicily:

"Deeply distressed to learn about earthquake in Sicily and considerable loss of life and property which it has caused. Please accept, and convey to the Government and the affected people, my deepest sympathy".

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VI PRÆSENTERER: DANCON'S NYE DEPUTY



DANCON'S TROUBADUR

Hørte De DANCON's radioudsendelse søndag den 21. januar 1968 kl 1930, ellers gik De glip af en stor oplevelse. Vi blev nemlig her præsenteret for DANCON's egen troubadur: PRLT(S) S.A.S. Nielsen, som sang til eget guitarakkompagnement.

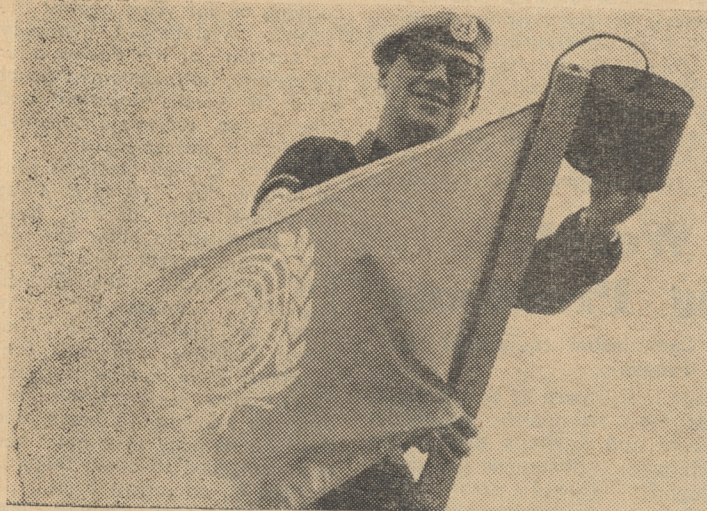
DANCON - NYT

MED BEKLAGELSE

må vi meddele, at vi på grund af valget i Danmark desværre ikke har haft den fornødne tid til at kunne afgøre "næsespøgen"s vinder. Det vil ske i næste nummer!

OL A.K. VILSBØLL

OL A.K. Vilsbøll, der kommer fra Prinsens Livregiment i Viborg, ses her ved ankomsten til Nicosia. OL A.K. Vilsbøll afløser OL P.M.C.Horn, der efter endt tjeneste ved DANCON, rejser hjem til Danmark den 4. februar.



Så for søren, der sprang der en pære! Hvad gør man så? Jo, man rekvirerer blot en ny fra PIDEI. Ligegyldigt hvilken reparation det gælder, så kommer PIDEI og udbedrer skaden, som her SG J. Thorsen fra EL-SEK.



HAR DE SET...? KYRENIA

Jo, det har vi vist alle efterhånden. Denne lille havneby, som er bygget på Cyperns nordkyst kun 16 miles fra Nicosia, har et af øens bedst beliggende badesteder. I forgrunden på billedet ligger Kyrenia Borgen, som giver den lille havn og by en ganske anelig størrelse. Denne borg kan, selv om den stadig bruges som fæstning og fængsel, ses i tidsrummet:

kl: 0900 - 1300 B og

kl: 1415 - solnedgang,

alle dage undtagen mandag. For de særlig interesserede kan der købes et katalog over borgen ved indgangen.

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NY STOR KONKURRENCE

Efter den store succes med "næsespøgen" fortsætter vi med en ny stor konkurrence. Kort og godt: Hvem kan finde den morsomste tekst til dette billede?

Løsningerne, som skal være indsendt inden mandag den 12. februar 1968 kl 2359, sendes i en lukket kuvert til Pressetjenesten, mærket "Løsning". (NB! Ingen frimærker!) Der vil denne gang blive udsat en flaske vin til den bedste løsning. Vinderens navn vil blive offentliggjort i The Blue Beret den 21. februar.

STR zonmästare för andra gången



STR-komp. befäste i torsdags eftermiddag sin ställning som bataljonens bästa fortskubbare genom att ta hem även det andra zonmästerskapet i terrängstafett. Denna avgjordes med start, växlingar och mål vid sjukhusgrinden på Carl Gustaf Camp. STR segrade överlägset med en dryg minut till godo på 1. komp.

Terrängbanan mätte sammanlagt 7.800 m, och slutmännen i de fem lag som ställde upp hade den drygaste uppgiften. De sprang 2.600 meter, medan övriga fyra lagmedlemmar hade 1300 meter var på sin lott.

De fem som bärgade segern åt STR-komp. heter Börje Sköldstedt, Viksta, Björn Johansson, Ljungsbro, Bo Olofsson, Vingåker, Tor Andersson, Skövde, och Boris Carlsson, Torup.

Bilden ovan visar starten vid sjukhusgrinden. Förstamännen är fr.v. Bertil Rohlin, Slöinge, 1. komp., Göran Helmersson, Falköping, 2. komp., Tore Kamgren, Luleå, 3. komp. lag 2, Stig-Ove Karlsson, Mora, 3. komp. lag 1, och Börje Sköldstedt, Viksta, STR-komp.

Till vänster växlar 1. komp - Tord Viklund, Överklinten, ger sig ut på andra sträckan.

SWEDCON NEWS



Svensk marsch förundrade får

I onsdags skaffade sig 24 man på bataljonen extra kondition genom att ge sig ut på en bergsmarsch från Chatos över Ayios Khariton till Kyreniabergets topp, en sträcka på omkring 10 km. Höjdskillnaden mellan start och mål var drygt 500 meter, och deltagarna tog 2 - 2,5 timmar på sig för att avverka denna fältjägarmarsch i miniatyr.

Major Erik Ahlberg, Jönköping, chef för 1. komp., hade arrangerat marschen och ledde den personligen. Det kommer han att göra även i fortsättningen, för avsikten är att genomföra liknande bergsbestigning var fjortonde dag. Den 7 februari är nästa chans för alla intresserade.

På bilden är det överstelöjtnant Börje Wictorsson, Umeå, som tagit täten, tätt följd av bl.a. stabsredaktör Enoc Claesson, Stockholm. En fåraherde och hans hjord stannade upp i förundran över den svenska konditionsövningen.





Cpl Frank Norris of A Company with "Skip" the company mascot. Skip wandered into Lefka camp when a small pup and is now on the inventory and will be handed over at the next rotation.



The Quartermaster's staff keeping the paper work up to date at the Irish Hangar Nicosia. Photo shows (L to R) Cpl Joe Darby who celebrated his 24th birthday on 24th January, RQMS Sean McAlister and Sgt Tom McCarthy from Cork.



Cpl Tom Jinks of Sligo and Pte John Brennan, Bugler, from Dublin sounding the General Salute at a recent parade at Lefka.



THE RIVAL GREEN JACKETS ENTERTAIN THE PRESS

Last week Leslie Lowe from the Southern Evening Echo and John Owen from the Oxford Mail paid a visit to the 1st Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets. The two reporters had a busy three hours touring the observation post and saw all ranks carrying out their various duties.

It was Mr Owen's first visit to Cyprus. Mr Owen had visited the island some ten years ago on a course of following the Battalion's activities since its formation. Both reporters served in the Army during the last war and therefore were no strangers to soldiering.

They now have some good material for the folks at home in Hampshire and Oxfordshire. The United Nations British Contingent in peace-keeping role.

Before Mr Owen said, "I have seen the Battalion's camp as high as it is here."

BRITCON NEWS



Mr Lowe is seen taking down a few notes whilst talking to Lance-Corporal Harold Kinsley from Oxford who may now find himself featured in his home-town newspaper — a far cry from Paphos where the picture was taken.



Regional policeman, Trooper Steve Bodsworth looks as if he is safeguarding the large colourful flag of B Squadron 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards which proudly greets visitors entering the Camp. It is a pity that Blue Beret does not print in colour for all to see the bright regimental colours with the additional UN blue and white.

IRCON NEWS

Lieutenant James Mortell and Sgt Stephen Quain marking the map in the Operations Room at Xeros Camp.



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X COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Happy Valley, Episkopi, on Saturday last, the Inter-Service Cross-Country Championships took place between the British Army and the RAF of Cyprus. Each Service entered two teams.

Sgt Bulley of the RAF was the overall winner of the race over a 6 mile course in a time of 35 minutes 39 seconds, followed only 6 seconds later by L cpl Gue of the Sovereign-Based 9th Signal Regiment who was the winner of the previous week's Army (Cyprus) championships. Cpl John Sabin of the RE Detachment, HQ UNFICYP, was third in the time of 36 minutes 31 seconds.

The course was extremely wet after Friday's torrential rain and the going was tough. To spectators in the valley, the downhill run as the runners rounded the corner of the hill-top to head for home looked deceptively easy. In such a situation, championships are often decided but the first three did not change position from there.

UN supplied eleven out of the sixteen Army runners — the eight from the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, shown in last week's Blue Beret photograph, and three from HQ UNFICYP, Cpl John Sabin, Lt Bob Baynes and L cpl Bonar Law who finished in that order.

The wonderful word 'if' entered into the final placings. IF Lieutenant Bob Baynes of the UN Signal Troop had been in team 'A' instead of 'B' his overall placing of eleventh would have placed the Army 'A' team first. As it was, well done Sgt Bulley and the whole RAF team also a special men-

tion to UN's first home Cpl Sabin (picture below).

The final results were as follows:
RAF 'A' — 37 points
Army 'A' — 43 points
Army 'B' — 112 points
RAF 'B' — 147 points



There was a change of command recently at HQ Paphos District. Major J.R.G.N. (Robin) Eveleigh left for a Staff appointment in the Ministry of Defence (Army) and Major C.J. (John) Holroyd, pictured above has taken over.

"Boys, you've got something good here today" is what Sgt Pete Sherman from Brighton, Sussex, appears to be saying with that big smile, whilst unloading the rations at Kophinou Compound and this is echoed by Cpl Euan Kidd from Oxfordshire. Maybe it's the greatest thing since the sliced bread in Cpl Kidd's arms!



MITALIT SAATIIN

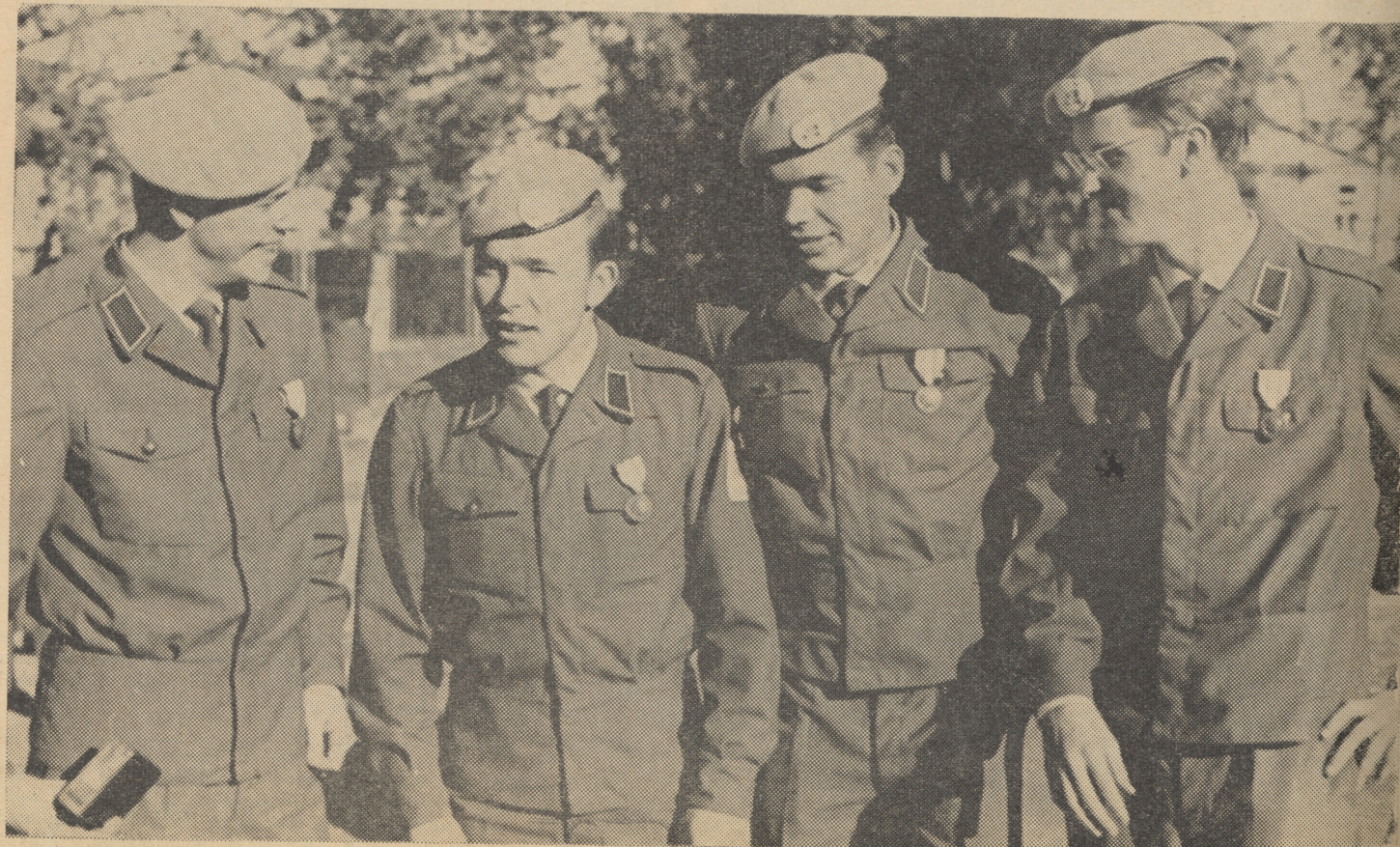
Torstaina 18 Jan 1968 vietettiin Myllyllä juhlahetki. Yhdeksänkymmentä vuorokautta rauhanturvaajina palvelleet olivat kokoontuneet yhteiseen tilaisuuteen Myllylle vastaanottamaan heille myönnetty muistomitalit. Mitalien jaon suoritti tilaisuuden kunniavieras, kenraaliluutnantti A. E. Martola. Suomalaiskansalliseen tapaan juotiin vielä kahvit, minkä jälkeen koruton, mutta mieliinpainuva ja juhlallinen tilaisuus oli päättynyt.



Vieressä: Esikuntakomppanian päällikkö, majuri Yrjölä kiinnittämässä mitalia jääkäri R. Jantusen rintaan.

FINCON NEWS

Alhaalla Post festum. Hymy on herkässä. Iloinen ja hyvätah-toisen näköinen mitaliensaajakvar-tetti koostuu jääkäreistä H. Puhakainen, J. Koljonen, A. Hoffren ja T. Räsänen (vasemmalta oikealle).

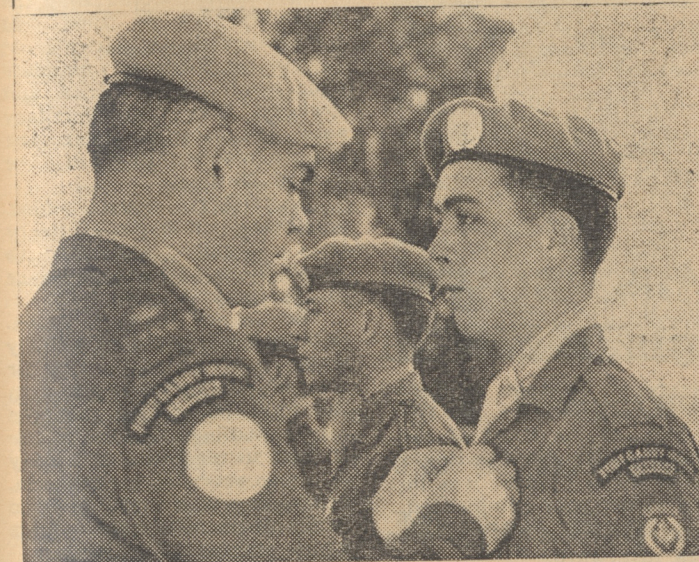


UN MEDAL PRESENTATION

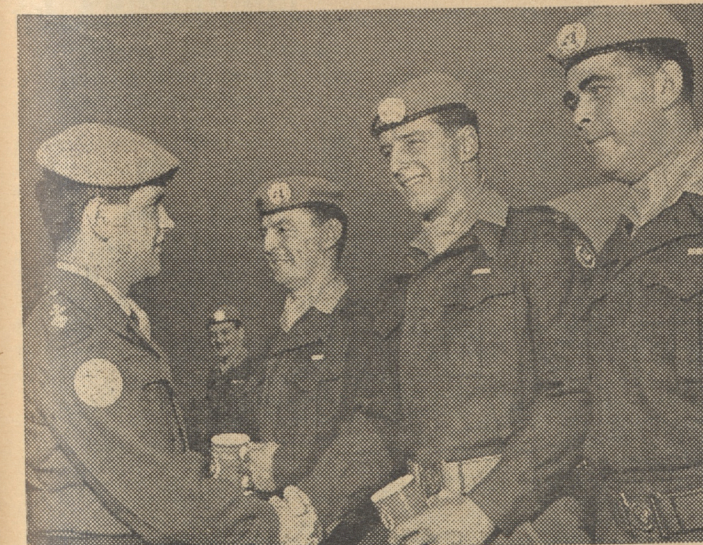
Lt-Gen A. E. Martola, UN Force Commander, presents the UN medal to Lt-Col W. J. Newlands, Commander of Kyrenia District. The Force Commander officiated during a medals parade for the Black Watch held at Oniesha Farm company.



RECCE MEDAL PARADE — Major Ian Galbraith, CO of the Fort Garry Horse Recce Squadron presents the UN medal to Tpr Steve MacDonald during a parade at Camp Maple Leaf. Colonel H.C.F. Elliot, Commander of CANCON also presented UN medals to support personnel at Camp Maple Leaf



SAFE DRIVING AWARDS



Lt Brian Vernon presents driver awards to Pte Henry McKay, Pte Real Mathieu and Pte Ron Stenger for 5,000 miles of accident-free driving. Lt Vernon was OC of the Transport Section at Camp Maple Leaf before taking up current duties at Kyrenia District Headquarters.

CANCON NEWS

(Canadian Forces Photos)

CANCON COY'S MASCOT



WATCH THE BIRDIE! Major Irv Kerr, Commander of Kyrenia Company of the 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, holds a falcon which has become the company mascot. The bird was found on the ground following the recent snow storm and was taken to veterinary specialists for disposal. However, the vets said the bird would recover and Major Kerr accepted it back for nursing.

PHILATELIC CORNER

A S announced in BLUE BERET of 10 January—front page—the new UN postage stamp which commemorates the United Nations Secretariat as one of the principal organs created by the UN Charter, was placed on sale at UN Headquarters on 16 January.

In a statement marking the occasion, the UN Secretary-General, U Thant said the tasks of the 10,000 Secretariat members from more than 120 countries were as varied and complex as the multiplicity of the problems which had to be talked in the interests of world peace, security and human welfare. In the last 21 years, U Thant pointed out, the scope of the Secretariat work had increased with the growth both in membership of the United Nations and also in the demand for services by Member Nations, particularly in the fields of economic and social development.

In connection with the above item, Lino Dodici—who handles the sale of UN postage stamps for philatelic purposes at UNFICYP Headquarters informs us that he has now received some first-day covers which are available to UN stamp collectors.

As may be recalled, Mr. Dodici can be contacted at UNFICYP HQ, Secretariat section, Room 11 (Main Hangar), every Monday, Tuesday and Friday—from 11:00 to 12:00 hours.

Meanwhile, word has been received from the UN Postal Administration that the second stamp to be issued in the "United Nations Art" series is a reproduction of the statue by Henrik Starcke in the UN Trusteeship Council Chamber at UN Headquarters. The statue (see photo) is carved from a single teakwood trunk and the arms are formed from the



STARCKE STATUE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

tree's natural branches. It symbolizes flight towards greater heights and freedom. The statue will be used to illustrate a six-cent Commemorative Stamp and a 75-cent Definitive Stamp.

UNFICYP Sgts MESS BOWS TO GARRISON Sgts IN FINAL

THE European Cup Final was played at Dhekelia on Sunday 27 January 1968 between Garrison Sgts Mess and HQ UNFICYP Sgts Mess. Prior to the kick-off the Band of the DLI entertained the spectators. Mrs Younghusband, wife of the Commander, Royal Corps of Transport in Cyprus, was introduced to the players of both teams before play commenced.

Kicking off with a high wind behind them, HQ UN pressed strongly but were repelled by the Garrison defence. Play saw-sawed from end to end with the wind spoiling any attempts at good football.

Garrison opened their account in the twelfth minute when the wind took the ball away from HQ UN goalkeeper's hand and the Garrison inside forward scored with a header. Garrison increased their lead in the seventeenth minute when they were awarded a penalty.

Half Time: Garrison Mess 2 HQ UNFICYP Mess 0.

The same pattern emerged in this half as in the first half Garrison attacking strongly to consolidate their lead and HQ UN hanging on grimly. The strong wind again made good football impossible. HQ UN's centre-half, Tiley was once again the outstanding player on the field; as indeed he was in all previous rounds.

Mrs Younghusband presented the cup and medals and both teams and spectators we-

NAURU BECOMES SMALLEST INDEPENDENT NATION TODAY

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, has sent congratulations to the tiny Pacific island of Nauru which will become the world's smallest nation when it gains its independence today, 31 January.

In his message, which will be read at the celebrations by Mr I. S. Djermakoye, UN Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Non-Self Governing Territories, U Thant said Nauru's independence was yet another example of the achievement of the objects of the UN's trusteeship system.

Although small and isolated, Nauru had shown the strong desire to chart its own destiny and was confident it had the resources to sustain its independence.

The Secretary-General said circumstances might limit Nauru's role in the international field, but the United Nations would continue to interest itself in the welfare and security of the Nauruans.

Nauru, which has a population of some 3,000 and a land area of only about 5,000 acres, has important phosphate deposits which are expected to be exhausted in forty years' time.

Nauru was one of three remaining UN Trust Territories. It had been administered since 1947 by Australia, acting on joint behalf of New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

UN BODY CALLS FOR RELEASE OF SW AFRICANS

The UN Security Council last week acted unanimously on a resolution calling on South Africa to halt the trial of 35 South West Africans for alleged terrorism, and to release and repatriate them.

The resolution condemned Pretoria for having refused to heed a similar appeal made in December by the UN General Assembly. As had the Assembly, the Council invited all States to exert their influence in order to get South Africa's compliance.

The Council noted that the Assembly, late in 1966, had terminated South Africa's old League of Nations mandate over South West Africa and declared that that Territory came henceforth under the direct responsibility of the United Nations.

The trial, the Council added, was being held under arbitrary laws illegally extended to South West Africa in defiance of the General assembly.

The Council noted the communication from this UN body which said that the matter was of particular urgency in the light of reports that the court handling the case of the 35 was to reconvene Thursday—tomorrow—in Pretoria. Sentencing was understood to be imminent in the proceedings which started last August.

South Africa contends that the United Nations has no right to intervene in South West Africa and has made it clear that we would not coun-

DRUGS....

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was a year of Olympic Games.

The representative of Mexico said his country, as host to the 1968 Olympics, was taking all necessary measures to ensure the elimination of unfair practices. Use of doping by some athletes, he said, would make the Games an unfair competition.

The US representative observed that all sportsmen in his country were subject to various medical tests before taking part in sports competitions.

The Soviet representative said that, although the problem of doping did not exist in his country, the USSR favoured condemnation of this practice.

OTHER

SPORTS RESULTS

Soccer	HQ UNFICYP	—	0
	RAF Flamingoes	—	13
Hockey	HQ UNFICYP	—	1
	English School		
	Nicosia	—	3
(Scorer: Sig Lander)			



Left to Right: Tiley (capt) Feaguro, Menzies, Powell, Dandy, Plumpton, Moon (team manager), Chalmers, Harvey, Ramage, Keohane, Uusitaro.