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U THANT URGES INCREASED AID FOR ARAB VICTIMS

IN A REPORT ISSUED LAST WEEK ON REFUGEES AND OTHERS HARD HIT BY THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, the Secretary-General urged that the humanitarian problem be, as far as possible, divorced from political and military issues so as to facilitate effective aid.

U Thant's report was based on information gathered by Special Representative, Ambassador Nils-Göran Gussing of Denmark, whose rough estimate was that about 350,000 Arabs had fled from areas taken over by Israel during the June hostilities. The report urged increased efforts to help those affected by the war.

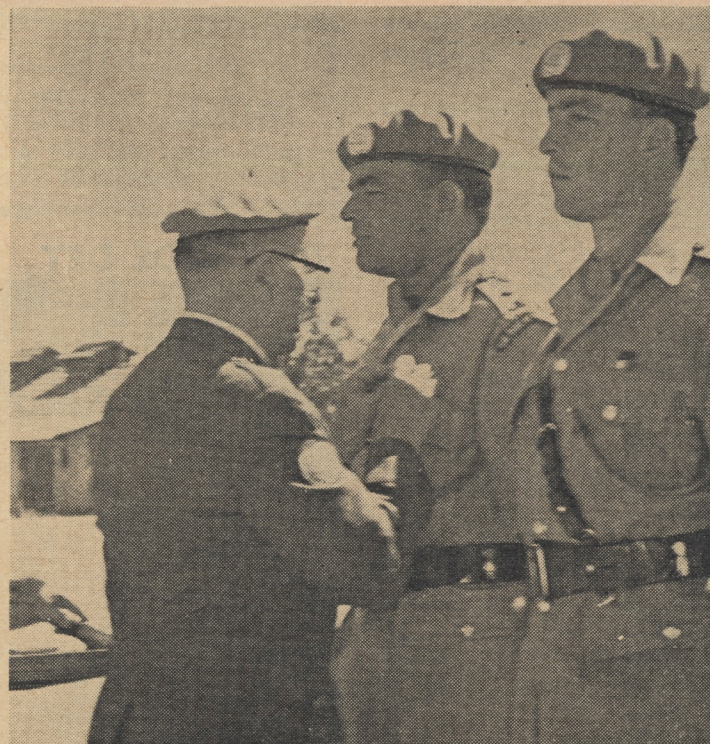
GENERAL DEBATE

VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST, DISARMAMENT, ISSUES OF MAIN CONCERN AT ASSEMBLY

The UN General Assembly's general debate was in full swing at UN Headquarters in New York where more than 50 nations have been heard so far touch on issues such as Viet-Nam, the Middle East, colonialism and racism in southern Africa, and the poverty that afflicts more than half of mankind.

Following are brief excerpts from statements made by some of the countries that have participated in the debate which began on 21 September.

One of the first speakers, the United States urged North Vietnam to indicate if she would be ready for peace negotiations under conditions fair to both sides if US stopped bombing her territory. Reaffirming that the US wanted a political settlement of the Vietnamese war. Ambassa-



WELL DONE! — Lt. Gen A. E. Martola, Force Commander, pins the Cyprus UN medal on Lt Col Donald Isles at a presentation ceremony at Polemidhia Camp last Friday. Standing next to Col Isles is Lt. A. Westcob.

dor Arthur Goldberg noted some governments and individuals, including the Secretary-General, had expressed their conviction that a halt of air raids would bring Hanoi to the negotiating table. However, he declared, no such assurances had been received by the US from Hanoi, despite efforts to elicit them.

On the Middle East, the US delegate hoped that both sides would show a will for peace, and said that the solution must be based on the recognition of the right of all States in the area to exist and the abandonment of all claims to belligerency, coupled with the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied Arab territory.

On disarmament, the US delegate hailed the recent Soviet U.S. agreement on the draft treaty to prevent the spread of

nuclear weapons, and said that he was hopeful that one gap — inspection clause — would be filled in time for action by this Assembly.

The Soviet Union formally proposed an international ban on the use of atomic weapons and fresh United Nations efforts to define international aggression. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko also charged that US aggression in Viet-Nam was a most serious threat to international peace today.

Mr. Gromyko said that last January the Democratic Republic of Vietnam had made a statement about its readiness for negotiations after a halt by the US of air raids and other aggressive acts against her. United States, Mr. Gromyko said, had replied with bombings and troops build up. The US state-

Canadian Defence Minister Arrives To Visit CANCON

THE Honourable Leo Cadieux, Minister of National Defence of Canada, arrived in Cyprus on Monday for a three-day visit primarily to see the Canadian soldiers serving with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force here.

Mr. Cadieux spent most of Tuesday and part of Wednesday with the Canadian troops in Kyrenia, visiting a number of observation posts and other installations in the area.

On Tuesday morning, he met with Dr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, the Secretary-General's Special Representative in Cyprus, and the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, as well as with senior officers at UNFICYP Headquarters.

In a brief statement to the press on arrival, Mr Cadieux said that he will be returning to Canada today "and I am sure that I will be able to bring to Canada the story of our troops here being satisfied that they are accomplishing a worthwhile mission".

EAST-WEST MEET AT DINNER HOSTED BY U THANT

U Thant, UN Secretary-General, was host at a dinner at United Nations Headquarters in New York for the Foreign Ministers of France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States.

A UN spokesman said the atmosphere had been informal, frank and friendly. The main topics raised, he said, were the Middle East, Cyprus and the Secretary-General's suggestion, made in his annual report to the Assembly, that periodic meetings of the Security Council should be held at Foreign Minister level. He added that there had been no specific discussion of the war in Viet-Nam.

The spokesman further explained that the talks had been exploratory and no formal deci-

DANCON NYT

TV - BESØG



DANCON har i sidste uge haft besøg af et TV-hold fra Danmarks Radio. Optagelserne skal bruges i skole-TV og bringes torsdag 26 OKT kl. 0915 og 1315. Deres pårørende i Danmark vil sikkert være interesseret i at se lidt fra "Deres" ø, så skriv hjem og fortæl det. Holdet bestod af programsekretær Flemming Adstoft (tv.) og fotograf Bent Paulsen, der skulle være en af TV's dygtigste fotografer.



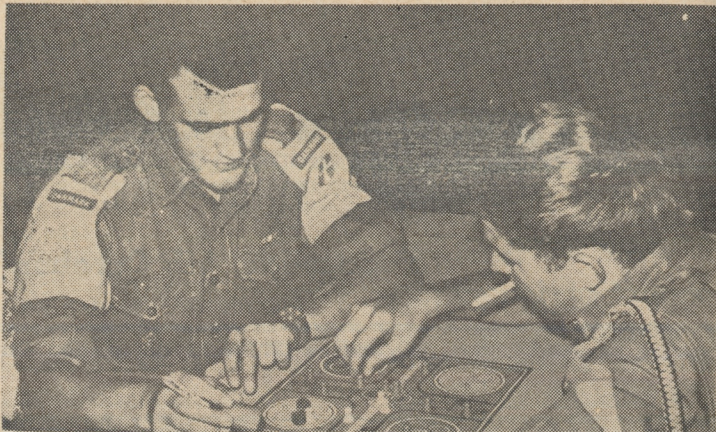
Med på holdet var endvidere en lydtekniker, Ole Petz-Schou.

VIDSTE DE DET?



he Beatles har for nuling været i Louroujina. Onde røster påstår dog, T det i stedet for skulle være konstablerne (fra v.) Laustsen, Pedersen og etelsen, men det er sikkert ikke rigtigt.

VINTEREN NÆRMER SIG

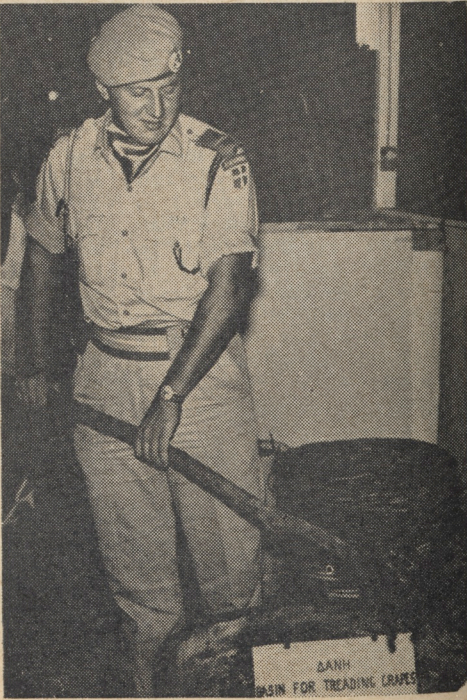


Der er tydelig nedgang i badeturene, siger motorpuljen, og da vinteren nærmer sig, kommer der nok mere gang i de forskellige spil, der undlânes fra velfærdstjenesten. Velfærdsofficeren har forøvrigt og det var ikke helt let-fået sat igennem, at vi får leveret rigtige juletræer, pynt m.v. fra Danmark. På billedet er det (t.v.) KS KS 701040 N. Jørgensen og KS 701026 M. Nielsen, der hygger sig over et spil Ludo.

DE NÅEDE DET



Var de til vinfest i Li-massol? KS 703687 R.O. Schade (tv.), KS 701076 T.W. Rasmusen og KS 701040 N. Jørgensen (th.) nåede det i hvert fald. Her ses de under den lokale fremstilling af vinguden Baccus.

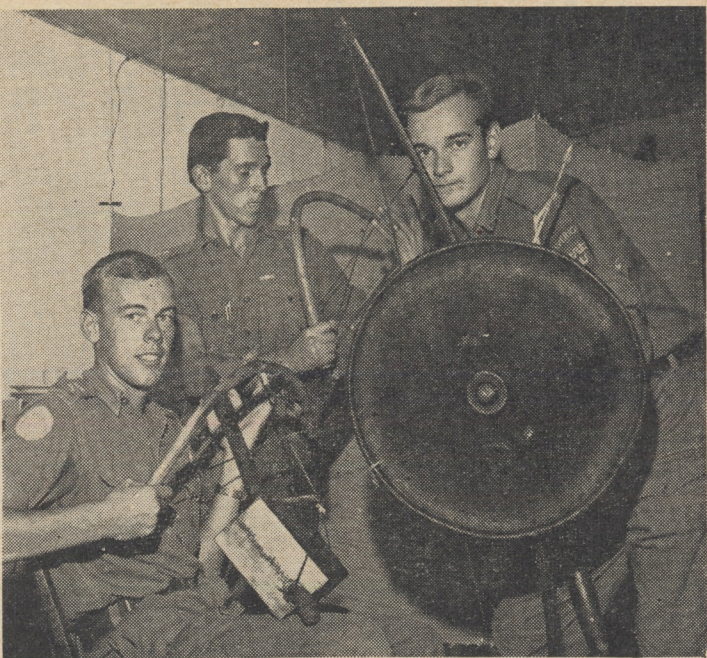


KS Schade faldt i alvorlig forundring over vinens fremragende egenskaber og er her ved at studere grundlaget, druerne.

SWEDISH CONTINGENT NEWS

Vilda djur i Afrika
mötte "38 - or" på safari

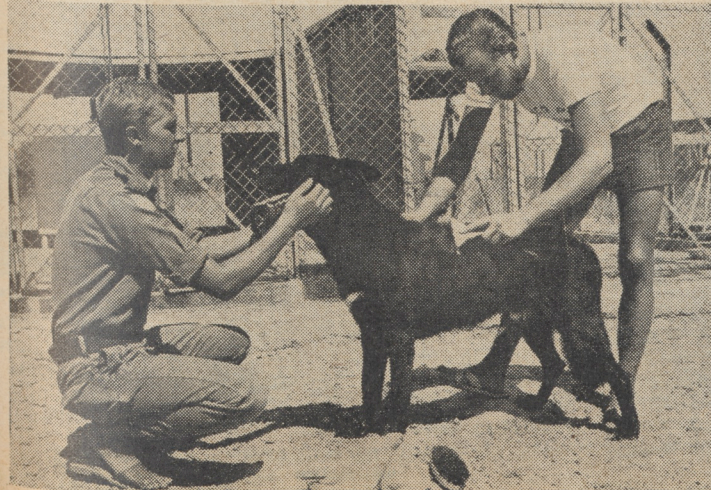
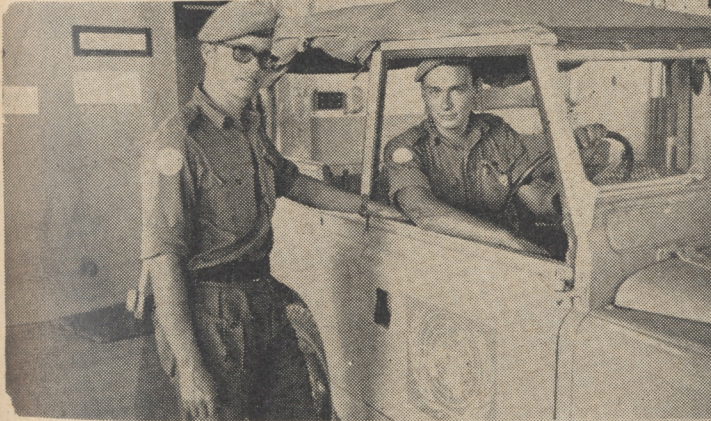
Med spjut, sköldar och djurskinn och många andra underliga prylar plus en hel del väl använda filmrullar återkom 30-talet bat 38-svenskar från sommarens leaveresa nr 1 - afrikasafarin 13-21/9 med deltagare från 5 UNFICYP-kontingenter. —Spännande och intressant! Jag skulle gärna göra om den här resan, kommenterar Kent Lundhall, Tida-holm, hundförare vid HQ och eⁿ av resenärerna. Addis abeba i Etiopien bjöd på visit i kejsarpalatset med de tama leoparderna, och i Nairobi besökte gruppen bl. a. ett par nationalparker. Zebror, giraffer, strutsar och många andra vilda djur - stora och små - fick svenskarna alltså uppleva under sina strövtåg i Kenya. Sådant köper man på en afrikasafari! 3-kompanisterna Pelle Hjort, Tranås, Göran Andersson, Stjärnhov, och Åke Hansson, Kilafors, (fr.v.) förevisar glatt och gärna.



HQ - tjänst till reabuller
för 16 FN - svenskar

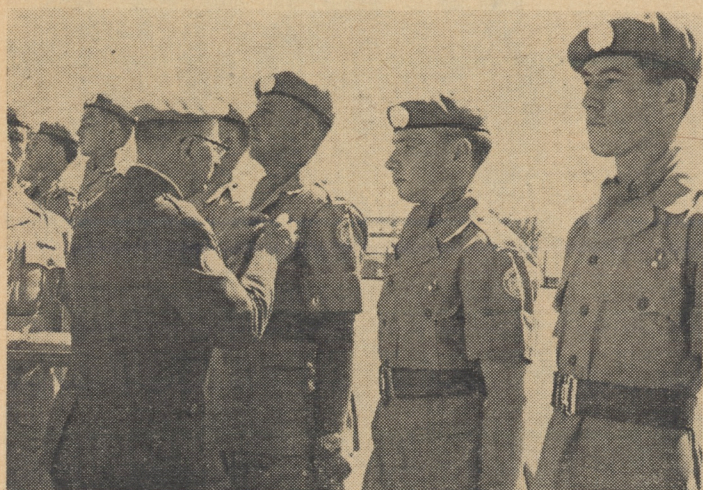
Vid flygplatsen i Nicosia ligger FN:s cypernhögkvarter och där tjänstgör 16 svenskar i olika befattningar, dag och natt till ackompanjering av propellerbullen och reatjutt från start och landbanorna strax intill. Ovan t.v.: Chief Clerk Swedish Liaison Office är den långa och magnifika titeln för Jan-Erik Larsén Ö. Färnäs, i tjänst på svenska kontoret i HQ-hangaren. Bo Hazell (t.v.) från Malmberget och skrivare på HQ:s operativa avdelning hälsar på och frågar efter post. Mitten t.v.: Många mil har Hans Dahlerus, Lidingö, (t.v.) och Curt Karlsson, Skellefteå, HQ:s två svenska bilförare, avverkat under sina cypernmånader, tillsammans närmare bestämt jorden runt drygt!

Nedan t.v.: Ans och puts får Ivado, en av de tre svenska vakthundarna vid HQ, av sin förare Bo Ekholm, Norrköping, (t.h.). Kollegan Stellan Eriksson, Vännäs, talar om för Ivado att det där med ryktborsten inte alls är så dumt. Skördetvister, varustopp, el- och vattenkonflikter och många, många, andra försörjningsproblem är dagliga nötter att knäcka för två av HQ:s sex svenska officerare, Ops Economics-majorerna G.F.V. Kleen (t.h.) och C.F. Wrede, båda med mångårig FN-tjänst.

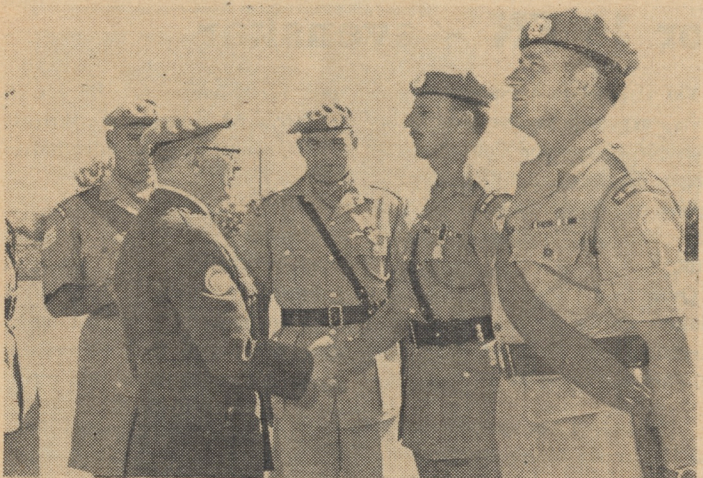


BRITCON NEWS

FORCE COMMANDER PRESENTS UN MEDALS TO "DUKES"



Receiving his United Nations Medal is Sgt Vinson ACC. On his left is Cpl Hart R Sigs, and Lcpl Buckingham REME who are attached to the Dukes.



General Martola shakes hands with Lt Sidney Kirk after presenting him with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. An original "Duke", Lt Kirk joined the Battalion in March 1947 and was shortly afterwards posted to the Green Howards with whom he served in Sudan, Egypt, and Malaya. He then rejoined the Battalion as a Sgt and served with them in Korea, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, N. Ireland, Kenya and British Honduras. In September 1963, he was posted to the Yorks and Lincs and served as RSM of the Battalion in Swaziland and Cyprus. He was commissioned in the Dukes in August 1966 and is at present the Battalion Messing Officer. On the right of the picture is Staff Sergeant John See who was also presented with the L S and GC medal.



The wandering "Aussie" hard at work in the CSO Branch at HQ UNFICYP. His crew cut has the Canadians envious.

ON FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER, THE FORCE COMMANDER LT GEN A.E. MARTOLA PRESENTED UNITED NATIONS MEDALS TO MEMBERS OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT AT POLEMIDHIA CAMP, LIMASSOL. General Martola accompanied by his ADC flew to Polemidhia by Sioux helicopter and was met on arrival by the Chief Of Staff, and the 2IC 1 DWR, Major Rodney Harms. As the Force Commander stepped out of the helicopter he was greeted by a fanfare played by the trumpet section of the Corps Of Drums who were resplendent in the traditional scarlet tunics and spiked helmets of the 'Dukes'. After the presentation, the Force Commander addressed the parade and commented on the fine job the Battalion had done in keeping the peace in Limassol zone. He then presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Lieutenant Sidney Kirk and Staff Sergeant John See. Before departing for Nicosia the Force Commander took coffee with members of the Sergeants Mess.

THE HAPPY WANDERER

IN 1952, JOHN MICHAEL WALKER DECIDED TO LEAVE ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA AND SEE SOMETHING OF THE WORLD. He visited Ceylon, India, Suez, France, Germany, Belgium and finally England where he stayed for two years. Then the unexpected happened and John Walker found himself in uniform in the Pommie army. In 1960 he decided that he liked army life and signed on as a regular soldier with Royal Signals and eventually served in Germany and the Far-East. When the Cyprus troubles began and volunteers were asked for, this seemed like a good opportunity to see a bit more of the world and once again Sgt John Walker was on the move and is at present the Chief Clerk in the CSO Branch of HQ UNFICYP. Sgt Walker enjoys working in Cyprus (perhaps it is the sunny climate) and is prepared to extend his tour if the opportunity arises. A familiar sight to many members of HQ UNFICYP and the nearby contingents, Sgt Walker runs the Happyland cinema and in addition devotes a lot of his spare time in coaching the Signal Troop badminton and squash teams.



The Force Commander takes the salute as the Battalion marches past at the conclusion of the Parade.

"TREBLE CHACE?"

WHEN THE RECENT TROUBLES IN CYPRUS FIRST STARTED IN DECEMBER 1963, the technical support for the British Troops manning and patrolling the 'Green Line' came from 48 Command Workshops REME located at Dhekelia. The REME Element had as Warrant Officer in Charge, WO II (AQMS) Jack Barnes, and the Tels Artificer until 1500 hrs 31 Dec 63 was Ssgt Fred Tomlinson, who at that time handed over to Ssgt Bill Pusey. These three were the only artificers in the REME element until it was finally relieved by the Para Workshops REME on or about 10 Jan 64. Much time has passed since that detachment worked in what is now the main UN

Records our photographer was able to catch (left to right) WO II (AQMS) Pusey, his newly arrived WO II (AQMS) Tomlinson and WO II (AQMS) Barnes, when all three were on duty for the first time since New Year's Eve 1964, when their old working area all three were members of the Force Workshop REME. WO II (AQMS) Pusey departed on 1 September to rejoin his unit.



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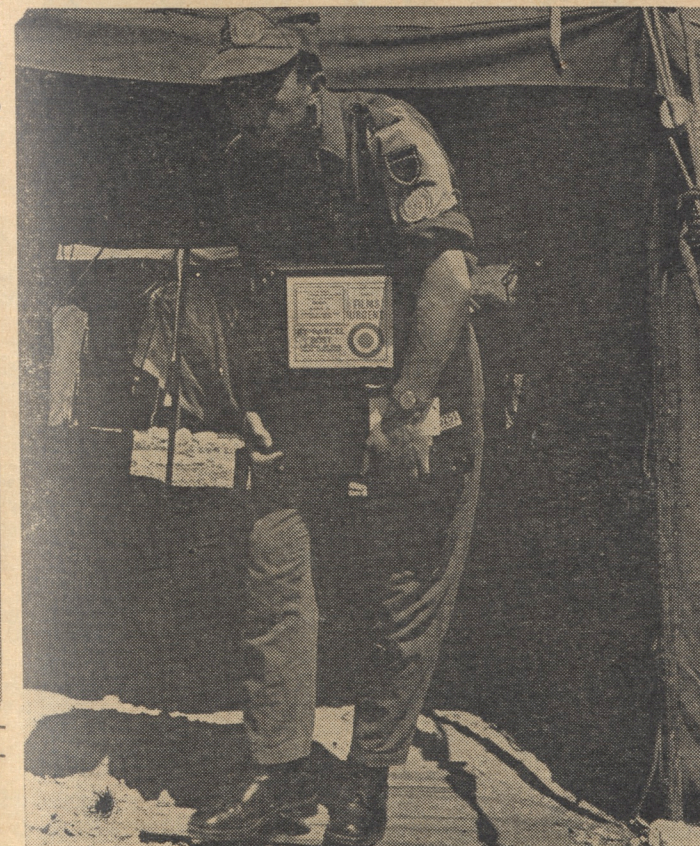
IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS



Keeping the communications in order. Testing a wireless set at Lefka Camp (L to R) Cpl Eddie Moriarty, Pte Brian Curry, Sgt Robert McManus and Cpl Seamus Quigley. At rear Pte Tony Mortimer.



Cpl Joe Rossiter and Cpl Liam O'Shea of MP Coy, HQ UNFICYP catch up on the home news during an off duty break at Wolseley Bks, Nicosia.



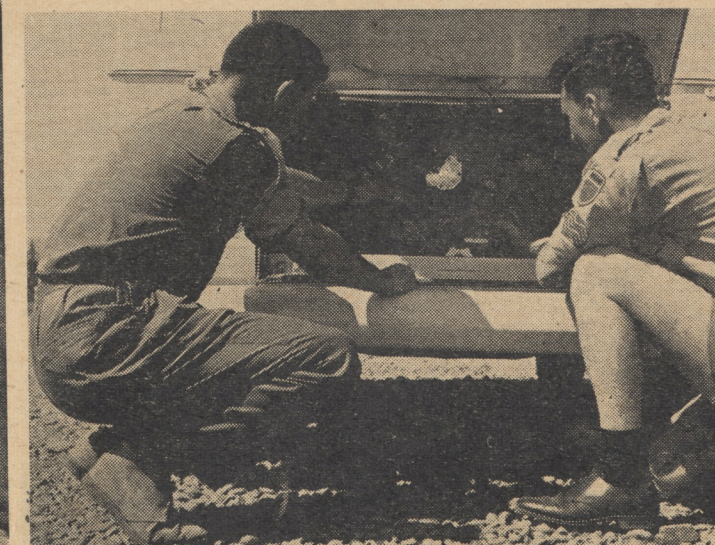
Preparing for a film show at Lefka Camp. Signaller John O'Brien, 9th Inf Gp takes the film to the projector in preparation for the evening show.



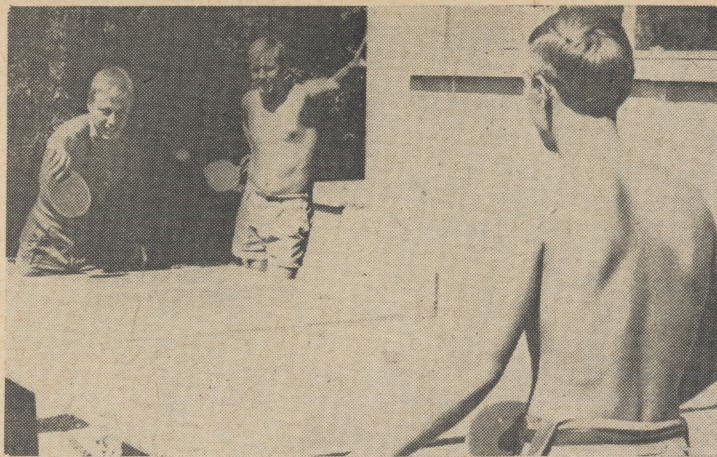
Pte Denny Walsh (L) on arrival for his third tour of duty in Cyprus with Pte Thomas Looby at Nicosia Airport.



Tending the flowers outside the communications centre at Xeros. (L to R) Cpl Frank Mullins, Signaller Sean Finnerty, Sgt Tommy Hurley, Signaller Ken Twamley and Signaller Tom Martin.



V. W. pick-up engine inspection (L to R) Cpl Mick Smith and Cpl John Condon.



Vapaa-aikaa kulutetaan monella tapaa; tässä hakataan vaihteen vuoksi pingistä. Laudan päissä jääkärit Ranta ja Välimäki, katselijaosastona jääk Järvinen.



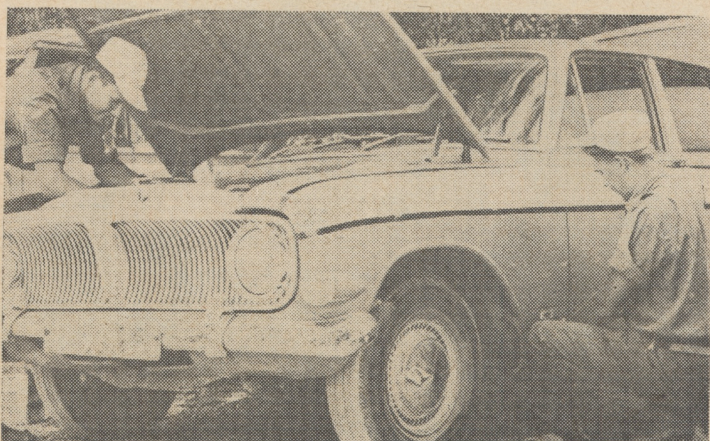
Kenraali Kykossa. —Rauhanturvajoukkojen komentaja kenr Martola oli kunniavieraana pataljoonamme komentajan uusille ja lähteville esiupsereille tarjoamalla lounaalla. Kuvassamme vas. ev Rusanen, kenr Martola ja evl Brask.



FINCON NEWS



Postin puuhamiehiä arkisessa aherruksessaan; ylik Puuronen ja jääk Alanne.



Päivittäisissä puuhissa ollaan myös tässä; auton kimpussa jääkärit Uljanow ja Mykkänen.

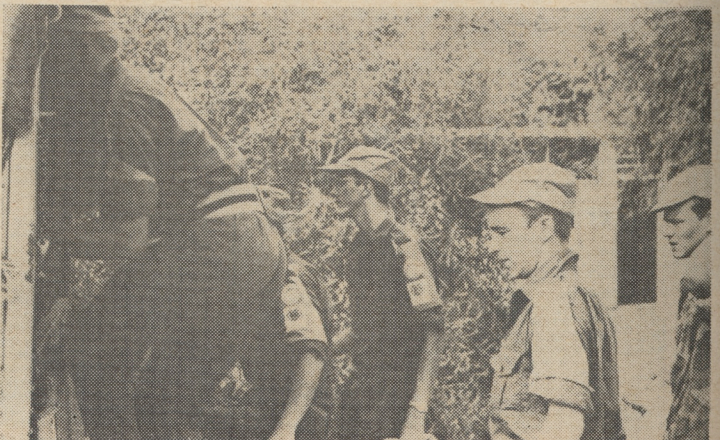


Rotaation viemää.—Viimeisiä hetkiään saaren kamaralla viettävät evl:t Kuosmanen ja Kuosa sekä sotpast Reimaa. Saattomiehinä ev Rusanen ja evl Palmen.

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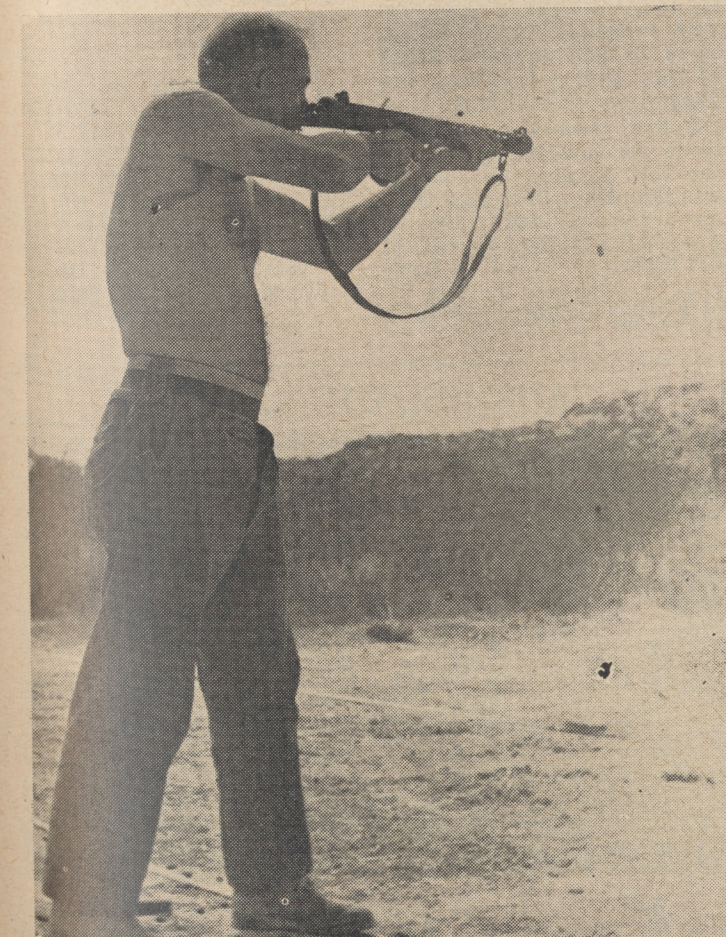
Esikuntaryhmän läksäiset: vas. kapt Kettunen, kapt Sarvanto, evl Brask, maj Vartiainen, kapt Tiilikainen, lehdistön edustaja, maj Maunula ja kapt Hämäläinen.



“Varpaitten” ensimmäinen uintikuljetus. Suuntana Välimeren vihreänisiset ja suolaiset aallot.



Snoopy is more than a comic strip character for the recce squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons serving with the Canadian contingent in Cyprus. To members of the squadron Snoopy is a real live dog, seen here with Lt Bill Schneider. The comic strip Snoopy is painted on the front of squadron vehicles.

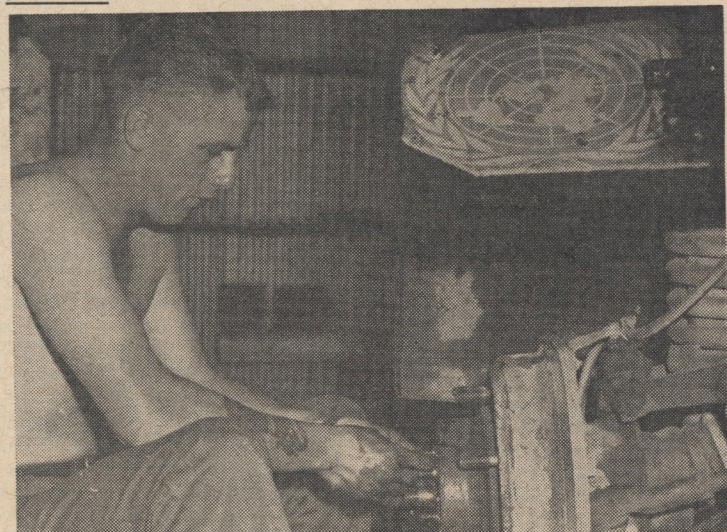


Cpl Bob Knight, a member of the signal corps attached to the RCD Recce Squadron, stripped for action as he fires a 9mm sub machine gun at the Dhekelia ranges.



Cpl T A Battram (left), S/Sgt J W Murray (centre) with Rfn K C Peacock, prepare barrack boxes for shipment back to Canada as personnel of the 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, prepare for rotation next month.

CANCON NEWS



Tps Jim Watt, Calgary, Alta., carries out maintenance on a wheel of Canadian ferret scout car in the maintenance section of the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Camp Maple Leaf. The recce squadron is commanded by Major K.G. Troughton.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE

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ment, he said, attached ultimatum-like demands to a halt in air attacks. Peace in Viet-Nam he declared, could be brought about only by the withdrawal of aggressors.

British Foreign Secretary George Brown urged a cease-fire in Viet-Nam and negotiations for a political solution which would receive international confirmation. He said there was no reason a settlement could not be reached on the basis of the 1954 Geneva agreements, and that it was tragic that North Viet-Nam had declined to grasp one of the many opportunities to negotiate which remained open.

On the Middle East, Mr. Brown said Israel must withdraw from occupied areas but that, equally, the Arab nations must recognize her right to exist. Stating that a settlement could come about only through the United Nations, Mr. Brown endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal for a special representative to deal with the Middle East.

Surveying the African scene, the British Foreign Secretary said his Government remained determined to bring about majority rule in Rhodesia. He acknowledged it was difficult to measure how effective economic sanctions against the rebel white minority regime had been, but reaffirmed that Britain was against the use of force. Furthermore, he declared, Britain could not now contemplate an economic war with South Africa about Rhodesia or other problems of the southern part of Africa.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville told the Assembly no real settlement of any major conflict, and in particular that in the Middle East, would be possible without agreement among the major powers. And the most formidable obstacle to any entente among them, he said, was the war raging in Viet-Nam.

Mr. Couve de Murville said only the decisive initiative on the part of the Great Power which had directly involved itself in Viet-Nam — the United States — could create conditions necessary for a negotiated settlement. That initiative, he suggested, should be the "unconditional suspension, for an unlimited time, of the bombing which is ravaging North Viet-Nam."

On the Middle East, Mr. Couve de Murville said the obvious preliminary toward a peaceful settlement must be the evacuation of the conquered territories.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel told the Assembly that his Government was ready to replace the Middle East cease-fire by a negotiated peace based on viable and equitable proposals, and that a call for such negotiations would be

the most constructive course the Assembly could take.

Declaring there was no other valid choice, Mr. Eban said Israel could not take the "irrational course" of returning to the 4 June situation in which she faced annihilation by the Arab States determined to destroy her. He maintained a Middle Eastern peace must spring up from within the region, and no external declarations or guarantees, and no recommendations by international bodies could replace the sovereign responsibilities of the governments concerned.

The United Arab Republic reaffirmed that unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab areas occupied during the June war must precede any attempt at a Middle East settlement, and that this was not negotiable. Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad said Israel's call for direct negotiations was an attempt to legitimize territorial annexation as well as a violation to past commitments. He said to allow withdrawal of aggressor forces to be subjected to bargaining would negate the principle of territorial integrity.

Canada told the Assembly that a halt of US bombing of North Viet-Nam was a matter of first priority to get peace talks started, but that reciprocal concessions were needed to bring the war to an end.

Mr. Paul Martin, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, said that Canada, a member of the International Control Commission, was ready to help bring about talks.

On the Middle East, Mr. Martin said Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas must be linked with a general settlement which would include an end to claims of belligerency.

Denmark's Prime Minister, Jens Otto Krag emphasized the need for the Middle East solution and supported the idea of sending a Special U.N. Representative to the area, as suggested by the Secretary-General.

For Sweden, Foreign Minister Torsten Nilsson said he shared the view of the Secretary-General that a halt of the bombing of North Vietnam could open the way for a peace settlement. He appealed to the United States "the most powerful party in the conflict", to take the initial step and start a military deescalation process that could end the war.

Mr. Nilsson regretted that the Assembly, during its recent emergency session on the Middle East, was unable to outline the settlement providing for both peace and justice. He suggested that the United Nations set forth two principles that no rights resulted from military conquest and that every state had the right to exist in peace and security.

ADEN EFFORTS WEIGHED AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS

Last week, the United Nations Special Mission on Aden, meeting at UN Headquarters in New York, issued the following statement:

"The United Nations Special Mission on Aden has taken note of the recent efforts undertaken by the leaders of the nationalist movements of the Territory to settle their differences and to establish co-operation between themselves. The Mission considers that the importance of attaining these objectives increases as the date set for the independence of the Territory approaches.

"The Mission accordingly expresses the fervent hope that the efforts under way will be crowned with success and thus facilitate the effective implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions in the interests of peace and unity in the Territory.

"The Mission is currently completing its report. However, if the situation demands, the Mission will be willing and ready to continue its assistance in bringing about the necessary understanding among the parties concerned".

COL. SIILASVUO JOINS UNTSO

FROM THE 15th OCTOBER 1967, COL ENSIO SIILASVUO OF THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF OF THE FINNISH ARMY will assume the appointment of DCOS of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organisation.

Col Siilasvuo has served on three previous occasions with the U.N. Forces. In 1957 he was Finnish Company Commander in Suez and in 1958 he was on the Staff of the HQ of UN Observer Group in Lebanon. In 1964-65 he was CO of Finnish Contingent in Cyprus.

U THANT SENDS GREETINGS TO POPE PAUL

ON the occasion of Pope Paul VI's seventieth birthday, UN Secretary-General, U Thant, sent the following cable of greeting: "On the happy occasion of your seventieth birthday, I offer Your Holiness my warmest personal good wishes for your long life and good health. I also wish you many years of devoted service to the cause of peace and progress of humanity. With profound respect".

SORRY, MR. TAN

THE Editors of THE BLUE BERET feel that their knowledge of the alphabet went somewhat astray last week: We refer to the mix-up in the story published last week about the new UNFICYP General Services Chief, Mr. Mok Sen Tan.

For the record, Mr. Tan — after serving with UNOGIL (UN Observation Group in Lebanon), was assigned to ONUC UN Operations in the Congo), returned to serve with UNTSO (UN Truce Supervision Organization for Palestine), where he was Chief Finance Officer, and has now joined UNFICYP.

Sorry, Mok Sen!

AUSSIES ON LEAVE



Senior Constable Bob Austin and Inspector Joe Bourke (Australian Civil Police) are here shown being farewelled by Superintendent Canney prior to their departure for the UK on Recreation Leave. The question to be answered is, what is the Police Adviser advising? Is he saying, "hurry back Joe, the Island needs you, or is he telling him that he will need plenty of money for London. Probably not, Inspector Bourke is smiling.