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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SWEDEN'S REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS ON FIRST DAY

At the opening of the 23rd Annual Session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 2 October, 1968, one of the first countries to begin the debate was Sweden.

Foreign Minister Torsten Nilsson of Sweden said that the invasion of Czechoslovakia was a clear violation of the UN Charter and a tragic political error.

He also urged the United States to halt the bombing of North Vietnam as a step towards peace.

Mr Nilsson spoke of the Middle East and in this area of the world he hoped for a settlement which adhered to the principle that military conquest did not establish territorial rights, but also recognized the right of all states to live in peace and security.

As the general debate was under way, the Assembly's Social Committee gave attention to the specific problem of capital punishment.

The committee dealing with the problems of Decolonization opened a debate on Rhodesia on Friday, and the Economic Committee is to begin intensive reviews of the problems in its field.

In Washington last week, Mr Robert McNamara, President of the World Bank, described plans by the Bank and Associated United Nations Agencies to lend twice as much during the next five years as during the past to

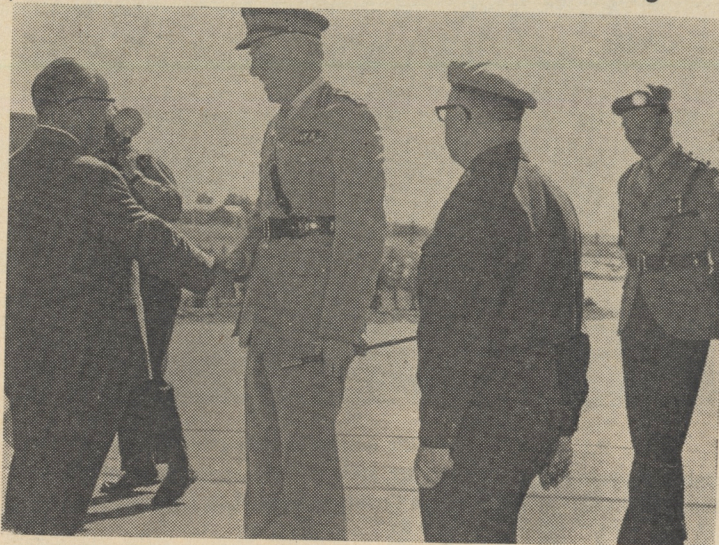
give a spur to development in the poorer countries.

Addressing the Agencies Board of Governors, Mr McNamara said that the rapid growth of the population was one of the main barriers to progress and that the Bank should impress this fact on the developing countries and join with others in support of the birth control programmes.

United Nations Secretariat Appeal for contributions to the Nigeria relief fund.

A total of \$77.20 had been received on 2 October, 1968, and was forwarded to New York on 5 October, 1968.

BRITISH CGS AT HQ



Mr Osorio-Tafall, U Thant's Special Representative, pictured above greeting Chief of the General Staff, British Army, General Sir Geoffrey Baker, KCB, CMG, CBE, MC., on Wednesday 2 Oct 68. Looking on is Lt Gen A. E. Martola, Force Commander and behind, Col D.B. Riddell-Webster, Deputy Chief of Staff. The visit by the CGS was very brief and after meeting personalities of HQ, he spoke to British Officers before departing.

OFFSHORE FIND

For those of all contingents who have visited the beaches to the East of Kyrenia during the summer, an answer to a frequent question. What is going on offshore by that anchored boat?

The University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania by permission of the Cyprus Department of Antiquities, has been carrying out underwater excavations on the wreck of a Greek merchant

ship, dated fourth century B.C.

The ship was transporting mainly amphorae and a cargo of hopper type grain mills. This was eventually found after removing the matting of eel grass and sand which covered four-fifths of the wreck site and a series of grids were placed over the area, to make reference easier. The wreck was then systematically photographed as the excavation progressed.

307 whole or fragmentary amphorae were raised, dating to the fourth century B.C. In twelve of them were found preserved almonds.

Bronzed tacked lead sheets brought up, indicated that the hull of the vessel bore a sheathing of lead as protection against marine life. The hull structure in some sections is in an excellent state of preservation and next season the team will embark upon the lengthy process of raising it.

Meanwhile the site has had sand and plastic covering put over it to withstand marine life and winter seas. Amateur divers are requested to respect the area and not to dive over the wreck.

HURLING - THE GAME

HURLING ("homanai ocht" in Irish), the national game of Ireland, features in ancient Irish mythology and is known to have been played by the legendary figure Cu Chulainn of the Red Branch Knights.

The game is played by two opposing teams of 15 each - 1 goalkeeper, 6 backs, 2 centre field and 6 forwards. Each player carries a "Caman" - a Hurly stick - 36 inches long with a wide "bos" at the end. The ball, called a "Sliotar", is about the same size as a cricket ball; it is bound in leather and is said to be of much more ancient vintage!

Every Irish person knows that Hurling is the forerunner of all games played with sticks, bats or clubs! It is, with the possible exception of Ice Hockey, said to be the fastest game known.

The "Caman" - Hurly stick - is fashioned from the ash tree: hence the expression "the clash of the ash", as players vie with each other for possession of the ball.

However, spectators are not

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CMO VISITS AFH



On Saturday, 5 October, 1968, the Chief Medical Officer, Col T.A. Pace, visited the Austrian Field Hospital he is pictured above with, L. to R. back row; SO Gerhard Buchinger, 1/Lt's Helmut Amsuss, Laurie Luchner and Qermot Moser, Capt Walter Koch-langentreu, 1/Lt's Friedrich Töglhofer and Josef Funovics and Capt Johann Baumgartner. L. to R. front row; Major Franz Dieger, Lt Col Leonhard Effenberger, Col Pace, Lt Col Walter Umfahrer and Capt Hans Widhofner.



Major P.E. Höffeldt overrakte mærket til delingsførerne og en konstabel fra hver deling. Her hæfter majoren mærket paa konstabel Hugo Buur's uniform. Til venstre ses premierløjtnant R.F. Læntver.

"PARADE" I C-COY

Som Louroujina har sit mærke har Charlie-kompagniet i Nicosia nu ogsaa faaet sit. Mærket blev overrakt til alle i kompagniet ved en lille "medalje-parade" i forbindelse med appellen fredag morgen.

Selve mærket er tegnet af en af kompagniets egne folk og derefter fremstillet af et dansk firma. Der viste sig at være store vanskeligheder forbundet med denne fremstilling, saa leveringsfristen blev overskredet med et par måneder, men omsider kom mærket.

Mærket symboliserer ringmuren med de 11 bastioner, og inden i er et stort C samt den grønne linje. Mærkets grundfarve er mørkeblaat.



Og saadan ser mærket ud.



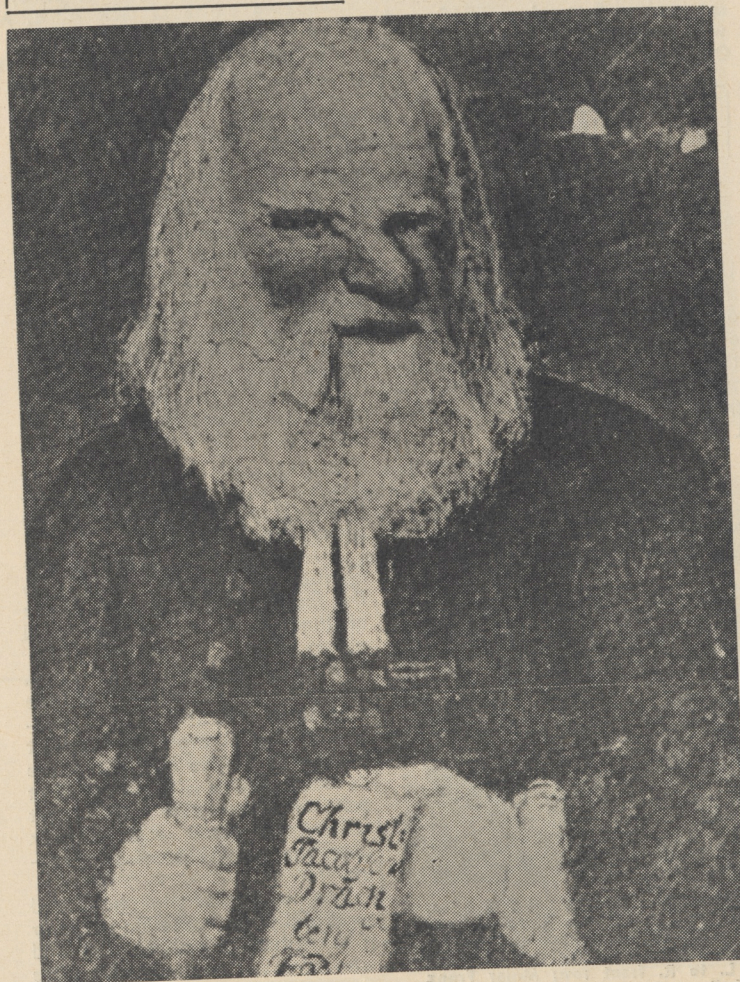
Premierløjtnant F.S. Jensen, delingsfører for Støttedelingen, giver Charlie-mærket til konstabel S. Aa. Madsen.

DANSK OLDING - SLAVE PAA CYPERN

Omkring den tid da Henrich Ovesen Pflug udgav "Den danske Pillegrim" befandt en anden dansker sig i slaveri på Cypern. Det var oldtiden Drakenberg. De følgende oplysninger om hans mærkværdige liv og levned bygger hovedsagelig på en artikel i det danske tidsskrift SKALK, og The Blue Beret benytter lejligheden til at takke for venlig tilladelse til både at benytte uddrag fra artiklen og at reproducere Drakenbergs billede.

Christian Jakobsen Drakenberg døde i Aarhus 1772, og hvis man tør tro hans ord og den udskrift af kirkebogen, som han skaffede sig fra sit fødesogn Blomsholm i Bohuslen, var han født i 1626 og altså 146 år, da han modstræbende lukkede sine øjne.

DANCON NYT



Drakenberg, som gik paa frierfødder som 132-aarig.

Sin ungdom, manddom og del, der svarer til almindelige menneskers alderdom, tilbragte Drakenberg til søs. Både Holland, England og Danmark nød godt af hans tjeneste, og som underofficer i den danske flåde deltog han først i Frederik III's svenskekrige og senere i Skånske krig. 1694 fangedes han af algierske sørøvere og måtte tilbringe 15 år i slaveri dels her på Cypern, dels i Aleppo i Syrien og Tripoli i Libanon.

Omsider lykkedes det den nu 83-årige at flygte. Næst til Bordeaux erfarer han, at der igen er krig i Norden. Han iler hjem, og atter indrulleres han i flåden, som han dog forlader efter nogle års tjeneste på grund af svigtende syn. Det er i 1717. Han er da 91.

I en alder af 111 giftede Drakenberg sig med en skipperenke, som han overlevede. 132 år gammel gik han igen på frierfodder, men hans følelser blev ikke gengældt, og han måtte se sig vraget. Sine sidste 14 år tilbragte han i Aarhus, og det ser ud til at byen har skønnet på sin efterhånden meget berømte borger, for da han omsider døde, henses hans kiste i domkirken åben begravelse. Selv efter døden viste han sit usædvanlige talent for at holde sig. Besøgende i domkirken kunne - mod et mindre vederlag - få lov til at lette på det løst pålagte kistelåg, betragte det forunderligt velbevarede lig og danke det på panden, hvilket gav en hul lyd.

Overleveringerne skildrer kongen som en kraftkarl og anlæg for bersærergang. Om hans nationale tilhørsforhold kan man strides. Han var født i Sverige, men i en landsdel, som på det tidspunkt hørte under Norge, der igen var forenet med Danmark, og sidstnævnte blev hans fædreland af gavn.

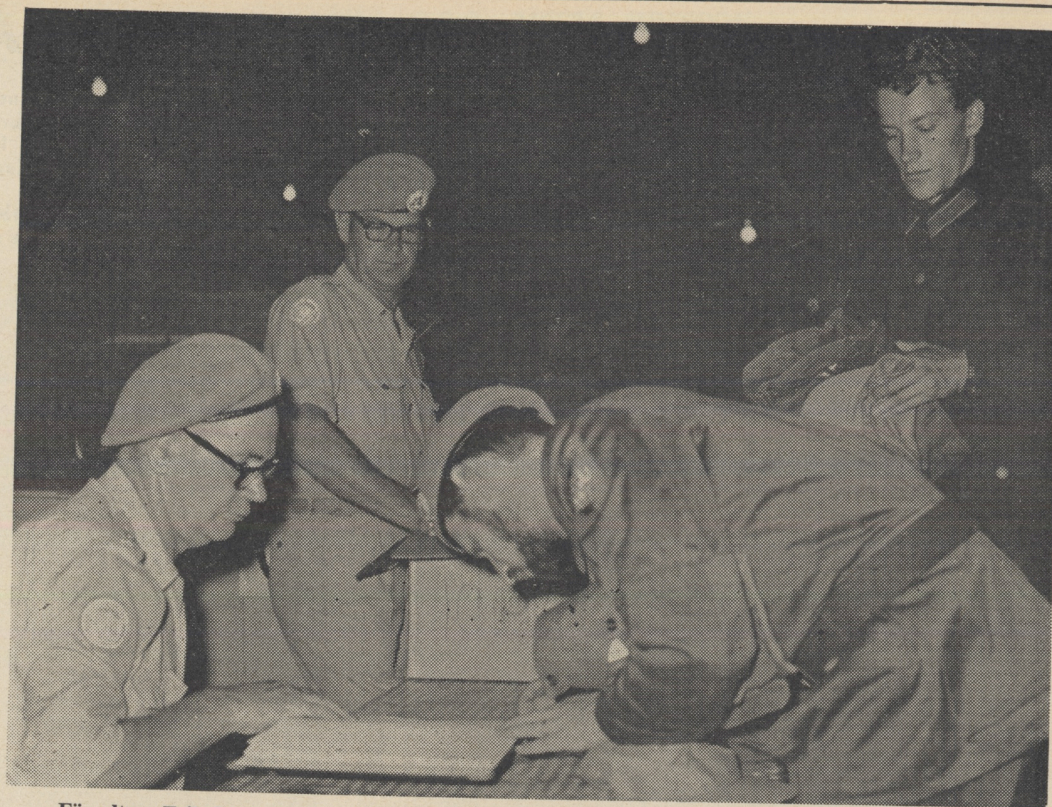
CYPERNS RADIO PÅ SÖNDAG

Det har återigen varit förse-
ning i sändningen av önskepro-
grammen från Sveriges Radio -
det har säkert många av er
märkt. Förra gången det
hände var otillräckligt porto
anledningen till att några
program uteblev för att sedan
komma i en bunt med Scacyp.

Den här gången har några program varit feladresserade och hamnat på Arméstabens FN-avdelning i Stockholm, varifrån de sedan eftersänts.

Detta betyder att vi nu på söndag den 13 sänder ett önskeprogram i stället för Bataljonsradio, som vanligt varit var tredje söndag. Även dagen därpå, måndag den 14, sänds önskeprogram över Cyperns Radio. Tid: 19,30 båda gångerna.

SWEDCON NEWS



Förvaltare Erik Lindquist, Kristinehamn, och fj Lennart Fredriksson, Huddinge, delar ut utrustning till nyanlända serg Krister Bernadsson, Kiruna, och furir Ola Andersson, Skellefteå.

'NYA KVASTAR SOPAR BÄST'

Så har det då börjat igen. Det där med rotation och så vidare. Förtruppen har redan varit här en vecka och några har hunnit bli lätt röda om kinderna av den starka solen. Några har varit här förut, andra inte.

Mycket har ändrats på denna ö sedan sist - för de ur förtruppen, som har varit här tidigare. Flera posteringar har t ex dragits in, ett

led i övergången från fasta bevakningspunkter till rörlighet.

Det har varit en lugn Cyperntid för oss i 40:an. Vi har fått uppleva en successiv avspänning och vi har fått se de båda parterna sätta sig vid förhandlingsbordet. Men i vissa kretsar finns pessimism. Några lokala tidningar har förutspått oroligheter efter den fredsbevarande styrkans nedskärning.

Samtidigt har dock andra tidningar uttryckt optimism och instämt med presidenten efter dennes optimistiska uttalande om lösning av problemet inom någon månad. Hur det blir med den saken får väl framtiden utvisa. The Blue Beret ber i alla fall att få hälsa hela förtruppen välkommen och önskar lycka till.



Ny man i Nicosia

Från och med nästa nummer av The Blue Beret redigeras den svenska sidan i tidningen av major Leif Hallberg, som efterträder major Finn Rideland som zonpressofficer vid press- och informationsavdelningen på HQ i Nicosia.

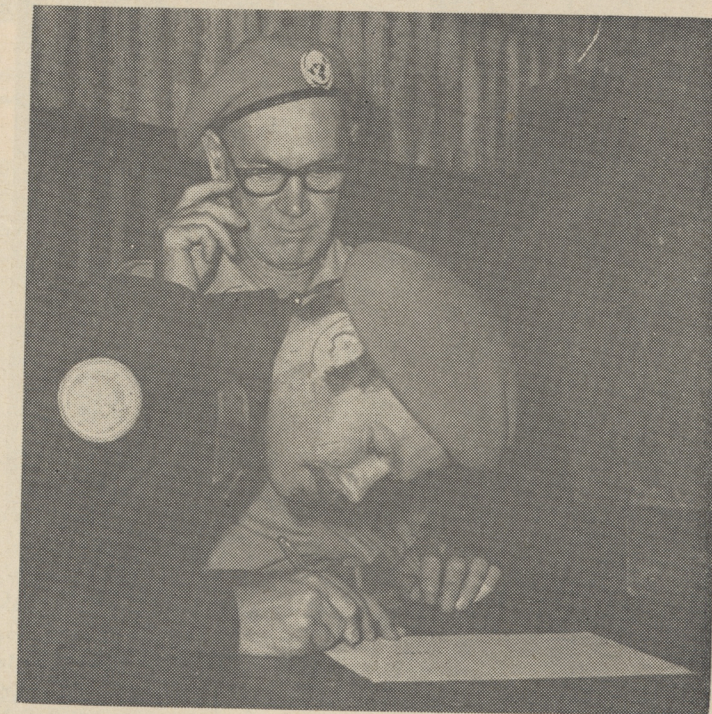
Major Hallberg har tidigare tjänstgort vid svenska FN-bataljoner på Cypern, nämligen som bataljonsstabsredaktör i 36:an, som zonpressofficer i 38:an och ett par månader även i 39:an. Han har varit lärare vid folkhögskola men är sedan några år journalist. Tidningen "Dagen" och FLT-press återfinns bland hans senare arbetsgivare. Till bat 41 kommer han från ett halvårs tjänst i Paris.

MINNESBOKEN

Det har kommit många förfrågningar såväl till bataljonschefen som till zonpressofficern om tillgången på överskottsexemplar av Bat 40 C:s minnesbok FN-VAKT PÅ CYPERN. Men, tyvärr, tyvärr: endast ett mycket begränsat antal har tryckts. Vi är ledsna att säga att vackra ord och böner inte hjälper...

Upplagens storlek baserades på en intresseundersökning som företogs innan det beslutades om boken. De som då antecknade sig för extra ex (69 st) kommer att inom kort kunna lösa ut detta eller dessa till ett pris av C £1.500 per styck.

Förvaltare Lindquist kollar en albyl - serg Lars Klingberg, Danderyd.



"HOW COULD THE TRANSPORT LAST"



Fr Brophy performing the ceremony.

With the above quotation in mind Capt T. Watters, Transport Group considered that with a start in the right direction his transport platoons had a better hope of survival over the hazardous roads around the Lefka district. A better many was witnessed at Xeros last Sunday when all vehicles and drivers were blessed by Father Brophy.

Before the blessing the Unit Chaplain emphasised the necessity of handling vehicles and the grave responsibilities of the drivers of such vehicles.



A view of the vehicles drawn up for the ceremony with Drivers and T. Watters standing in front of their cars.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

Newly promoted officers of the 11 Infantry Group chatting outside the Mess at Xeros and no doubt discussing their future prospects in the Army. (L to R) Lieuts Anthony Power, Colm Doyle, Michael Sheehan and Capt Charles Cunningham.



IRCON NEWS

Engaged in checking stock at the Canteen Stores at Xeros is CQMS M. Roche assisted by his storeman Pte C. McDonagh. With a wide range of commodities to be provided for, in order to meet the needs of a big number of men the task of the CQMS is no easy one. Rumour has it that so far at any rate the supply is able to meet with the demand.



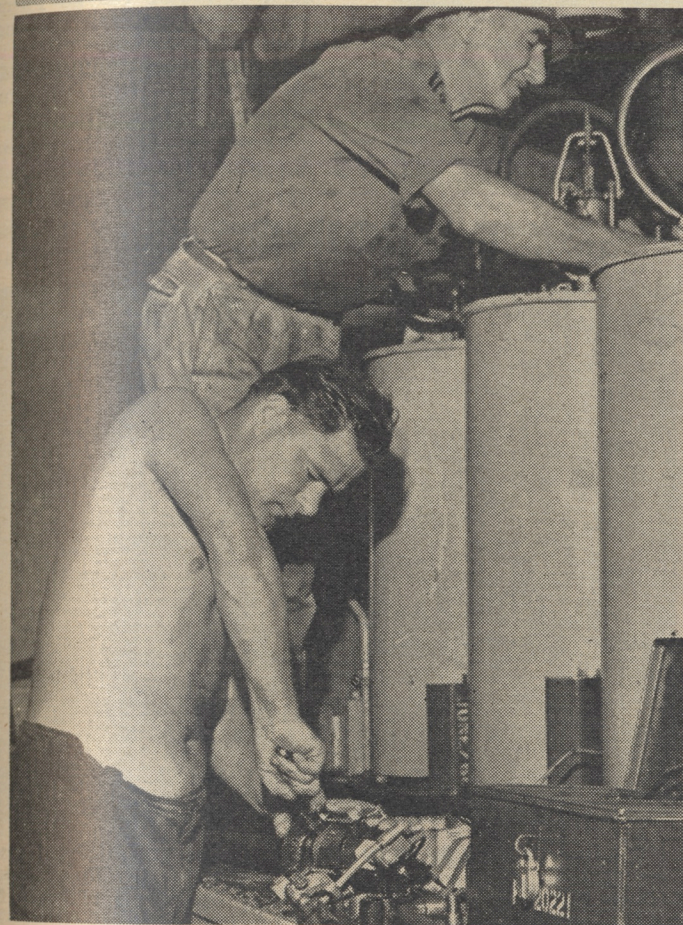
Guarding the entrance to the Camp at Xeros is Sgt J. O'Sullivan M.P. Section. Jim is a well known hurling referee who has officiated with distinction at three All Ireland Hurling finals. In addition, he has taken charge of innumerable Nation league, Oir-eachtas and Club games. He now uses his whistle in a policeman's role.

CGS MEETS BRITCON

BRITCON NEWS

HALF A MILLION MILES

Paying a brief visit to Cyprus on the 1st and 2nd of October General Sir Geoffrey Baker KCB, CMG, CBE, MC found time to spend a few minutes with British officers serving with UNFICYP. Pictured left he meets Maj Peter Cra-croft, (Squadron Leader of 'C' Sqn 4/7 DG). Looking on, left Maj. Ken Parker Force EME who has just handed over to Maj. Mike Cannon, and Maj. Mike Robertson-Young, Force Ord Officer.



Responsible for the smooth running of A Tréops vehicles, Lcpl Geoff Rance re-assembles an oil dispenser on his mobile servicing machine. 'Pop' who was at Monte Cassino, gives a loyal hand.



"THE UGHI-MEN COMETH" Teaming up on duty, left Lcpl Pete Olivant and Cpl Bob Cosgrove.

The formidable title is fact to the men of 42 Squadron RCT, who have covered this distance in less than three months. They feel no need to talk about work, they just point to their mileometers which speak the truth!

Commanded by Maj 'Dusty' Foster and under the fatherly guidance of SSM Paddy Whelan, the Squadron on their third tour with HQ UNFICYP cover a variety of tasks and please a variety of people, literally all over the island. Some of these tasks and indeed the men who carry them out are little known outside the bounds of "The Wheel 'Em In Club", and HQ UNFICYP. The Squadron is divided into two troops. Lets take a look at 'A' Troop, 43 men with 2Lt Tony Smith at the helm, have twenty-three 4 tonners, a collection of sillage carriers, fuel bowsters and a ten ton cargo vehicle. They average 50,000 miles a month.

Of the many details carried out by 'A' Troop, their ration run to Dhekalia collects no less than 1500 rations and 4 tons of potatoes. Their 'Ughi' (Continued on page 8).

BRITCON WELCOMES HOME TEAM

On Wednesday last week, Dunfermline Athletic visited Nicosia and won through to the second round of the European Cup — winners Cup by winning the second leg and an aggregate of 12-1. The Scottish Cup holders caused a fair amount of excitement and later on in the day held a celebration, for members of Britcon who attended the match. They were playing Apol Amateur Football Club, the Cyprus Cup holders, who put up a strong defence and spirited performance before conceding a goal in the 57th minute. The second goal was scored 6 minutes from time.

The football was attractive to watch and enjoyed by a large crowd, who were also entertained by the Pipes and Drums of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and some impromptu singing by Dunfermline's supporters!

The team invited their Brit supporters to an evening celebration and no doubt after showing such stamina on and off the pitch we shall watch them closely in the Scottish League table, and wish them luck in the next round of the competition.

One man delighted to see some friendly kinsmen from the Highlands was Cpl Alex Reid, 644 troop from Oakley, just down the road from Dunfermline.

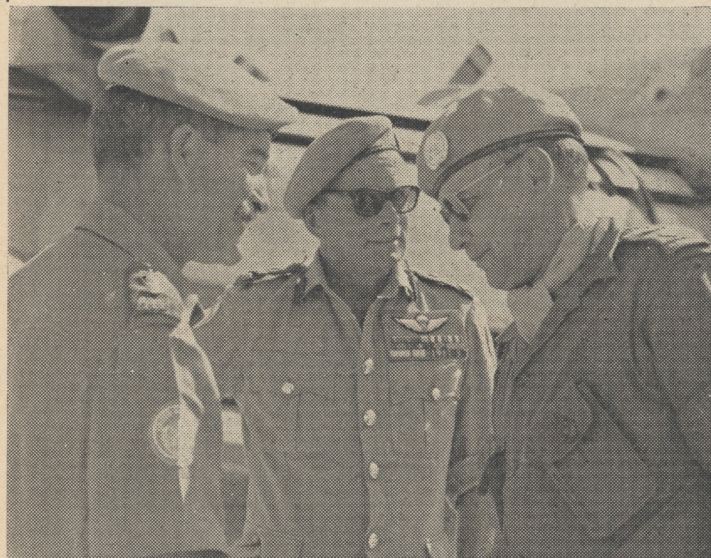




GUNNERS DONATE TO CRIPPLED CYPRIOT CHILDREN

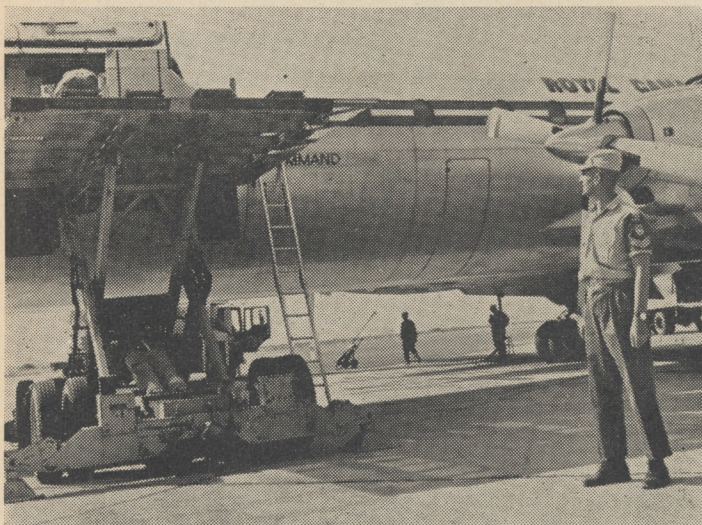
Prior to leaving the island of Cyprus after completing six months as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force, the Gunners of X Battery 3rd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, from Winnipeg, presented to the Cyprus crippled children's hospital in Kyrenia, a cheque for \$250.00. In the photo presenting the cheque is Bombardier Roger Dubuc who resides at 1105 Taylor St., Standing at the back is Major Claude Parenteau, (Battery Commander), Miss Hilda Bufton, (Matron), Sergeant Lloyd White and Master Warrant Officer Jim Turner.

NEW CO ARRIVES



The rotation of the Canadian Contingent is now underway. The 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry under the command of Lt. Col. A. Potts is returning to Canada, replaced by the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22 Regiment (Van Doos) under the command of Lt. Col. Jean B. Riffou. The new commanding officer was welcomed on arrival by Lt. Col. Potts, left, and Brigadier General Leslie, Chief of Staff.

BAGGAGE MASTER



With the rotation of CANCON, in coming and out going baggage is the order of the day. To supervise the loading and unloading of the Canadian Yukon Aircraft is Transportation Sgt. John Jenkins.

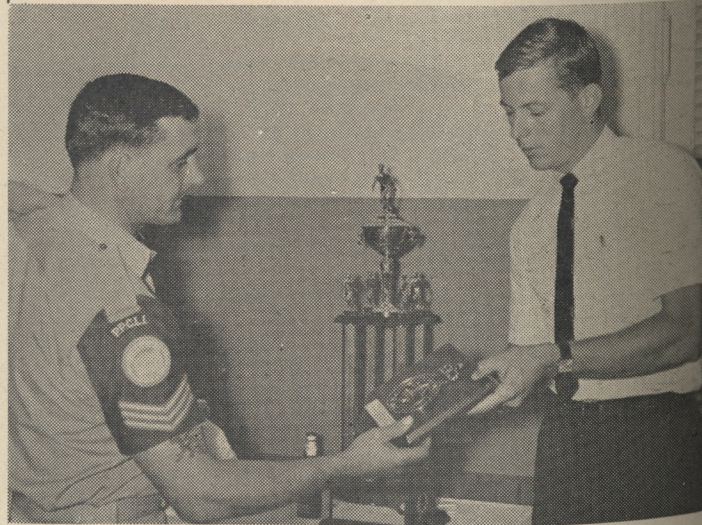
CANCON NEWS Canadian Forces Photos

GOING, GOING, GONE.



After six months duty with the United Nations Forces in Cyprus the men from X Battery Royal Canadian Horse Artillery say farewell as they board the aircraft for the flight to Canada.

EXCHANGE OF TROPHIES

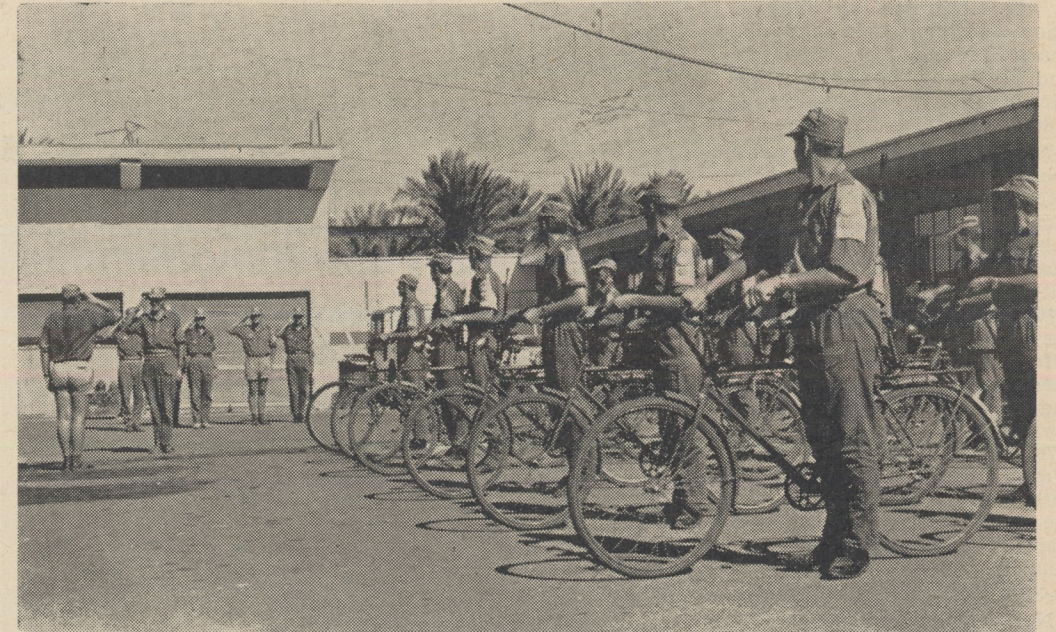


Sgt. Ken Villager PPCLI presents Lt. Charlie Brown USN with the Battalion shield and crest as a memento to their participation in the Nicosia softball league. The trophy in the background was won by the PPCLI.

PYÖRÄSULKEISTA



Hyvä on ojenus, kun osastoa ilmoitetaan harjoituksen johtajalle. Mylly on osoittautunut tarkoituksenmukaiseksi paikaksi miltei kaikenlaisiin tilaisuuksiin, viihdeillasta pyöräsulkeeseen.



Jääkäri ja polkupyörä kuuluvat yhteen. Sukset vielä tietenkin li-
säksi, mutta niitä ei täällä Välimeren tuntumassa tarvita. Pyörä on nopea ja käyttökelpoinen liikkumaväline myös Kyproksessa. Siksi on arpeen myös kunnolla tutustua mainittuun ajovälineeseen.

Aukeamamme pyöräsulkeiskuvat ovat Myllyllä toimeenpannuista IJK:n sulkeisjärjestysharjoituksista joita johteli leppoisasti mutta asiallisesti IJK:n varapäälikkö, kapt Hirviniemi. Hän kertoi, että monille pojille on kaikki opetettava aivan alusta. Kyprosjääkärien joukossa on paljon sellaisten ase-
lajien edustajia, jotka eivät varus-
mies-aikanaan ole polkupyörää tarvinneet. Siksi tämä pyörätouhu on monelle uutta ja erikoista, ja siitä johtuu, että miehet ovat todella halunneet oppia. Polkupyörä-
sulkeisten ja -marssien järjestäminen on samalla ollut hyvää jatkokoulutusta komppanian upseereille ja aliupseereille.

IJK suorittaa kerran viikossa myös polkupyörämarssin Kythrean kylään ja takaisin, matka on noin 30 km. Tällöin paikallisilla asukkailla on ihmettelemistä, kun pyörilläkin pystytään liikkumaan ryhmittyneenä ja hyvässä järjestyksessä.

Joskus on sanottu, että kaiken muun kaman lisäksi jääkäri joutuu raahaamaan vielä pyörääkin pitkin metsiä ja rämeitä. Kuitenkin on niin, että tosi paikan tullen jääkärit pyrkivät käyttämään teitä ja polkuja. Heidän valttinsahan on nopeus. Silloin ei ole tarkoituksenmukaista mennä kävelemään esim. suolle pyörät olkapäällä.



Ojentakaa ojentakaa.....virinää virinää.....liike loppuu jo, jälkipää hiljaa! Taustalla seisoo kantapäät tukevasti maassa harjoituksen johtaja, kapt Hirviniemi.

FINCON NEWS

Tyylikäs näkymä, mukavaa katseltavaa. Sellaisetkin, jotka eivät ole varusmiesaikanaan tutustuneet polkupyörä-nimiseen liikkumavälineeseen, ovat päässeet hyvin juonesta kiinni IJK:n harjoituksissa.



BRITCON NEWS

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vehicles, the nickname for sillage or cess-pit clearers, clearly perform a vital task in the interests of hygiene. They consume, hold and discharge 4 tons of sewerage and the troop having four vehicles, give the Squadron a holding capacity of 16 tons!

Not so long ago, a fire broke out in a house next to FINCON. 42 Sqn were contacted for water, local supplies being low. 'A' troop dispatched the bowzers plus one 'Ughi' with their water cargo; some 2,400 gallons to the scene of the fire. The fire was out before much water had been used. A bystander officer suggested to Capt Roger Scrimshaw-Wright, Squadron 2i/c, that the water from the 'Ughi', he was unaware of its daily task, be pumped into the swimming pool which was empty. After 'toying' with the thought, the Squadron second-in-command tactfully declined.

Next week we will examine the irregular happenings in 'B' Troop, master-minded by Squadron HQ!

Road Safety Corner

We are passing on to you twenty points of good driving which have been prepared by a panel of experts.

Last week we gave the first five points.

Here are five more:-

1. MIRROR AND SIGNALS

A good driver, by making full and frequent use of his mirrors is just as aware of following traffic as of that in front. He will not neglect to indicate any alteration in course or speed for the information of those behind.

2. SPEED

At 60 M.P.H. you have 6 times the punch you had at 25 M.P.H. You require 6 times the braking distance and — if a flat tyre bursts you could roll over 6 times — in other words, the higher the speed, the greater the potential danger. Relate your speed and conditions and the distance you can see to be clear, particularly at night.

3. OVERTAKING

Before deciding to overtake, a clear view of the road ahead is the first essential, hence the advantage of the hang back position described last week.

The second is to check on traffic behind which may be about to overtake you. The third is correct judgment of comparative speeds.

OFFSIDE



Young Apollon goalkeeper Savvides is outjumped by Paton, left winger. He scored, but was ruled offside. The Apollon goalkeeper put up a fine performance and made some great saves.

UNFICYP XMAS CARDS 1968

Supplies of the 1968 UNFICYP Christmas Card have now been sent to Contingent Welfare Officers. In addition, the canteen at UNFICYP Headquarters has a supply for sale rather than the Personnel Office as previously announced.

If in any doubt — don't go.

4. DAWDLING

This really comes under Consideration. So many drivers on our congested roads must of necessity keep up a reasonable speed, and unreasonable slowness, particularly in narrow main roads, results in traffic queues, frayed tempers and dangerous overtaking.

5. LANE DISCIPLINE

This means keeping to the left lane unless about to overtake or turn right. Before changing lanes for either purpose, check in your mirror that it is safe to do so and signal your intention.

GIVE THESE POINTS THE ATTENTION THEY DESERVE!

HURLING

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to be alarmed as skill, wrist-work and speed avoid what to the newcomer might appear to be a violent passionate encounter. Unlike Hockey the "Caman" may be raised and swung at any level and players may jump as high as possible together to strike the "Sliotar" in an endeavour to score a goal or effect a clearance.

The goal posts are similar in appearance to rugby posts. A goal is scored when the "Sliotar" passes under the bar. Over the bar counts as 1 point and 3 points make one goal.

One of the greatest events in Ireland is the Hurling finals at Croke Park which is attended by all national dignitaries of the land and even by exiles. This event is a national day and the crowd watching the final numbers some 80,000.

CYPRUS FOOD, WHAT IS IT?

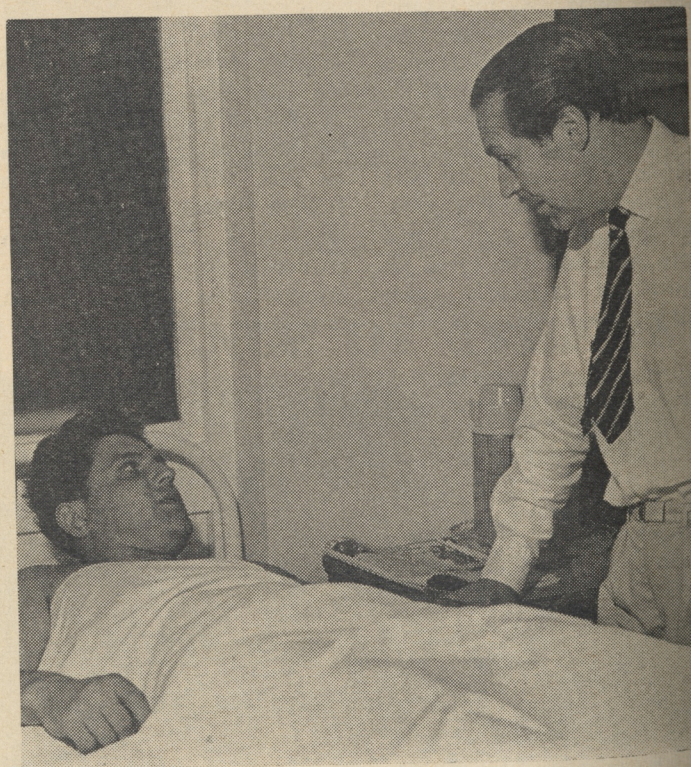
Şiş Kebab (Shish Kebab):

Small pieces of meat sometimes alternating with pieces of tomatoes arranged and broiled on a spit.

Döner Kebab:

Meat broiled on a big vertical spit and cut into thin slices with a large knife. Very popular and typical.

HOSPITAL VISIT



When the Members of Parliament recently visited BMH Dhekelia, one patient who had a chat with Mr Anthony Grant (Conservative) was Cpl Peter Ellison. Cpl Ellison is due for several days more on his back, which he injured in a football match. From 42 Sqn — get well soon, we need you at the "Wheel 'em in"!