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THE GENERAL GETS KEY TO OFFICES

On arrival at his new office in Blue Beret Camp on Monday 18th January, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM, was greeted on the steps by the Secretary-General's Special Representative, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and senior members of the military and civilian staffs.

He was presented with the keys to the building by the Force Engineer, Commandant Jim Murphy, and in a simple ceremony he unlocked the main door and led the way into the new Headquarter building.

● The Force Commander receives the keys from the Force Engineer.



Canteen Problems

Last week those hard headed officers in the Force who have the responsibility looking after unit canteens and shops, met at Swedcon for an exchange of views on common problems. They discussed local contract arrangements, business methods and the quality of goods and services which they provide.

The picture shows Lieutenant S. Halk Pedersen, Dancón, Major Lars Tideman, Swedcon, Captain Frank Whyte, Ircon, Captain Dennis Williams, Briteon, and Warrant Officer Stig Axelsson, Swedcon, judging the quality of taxfree cigars sold in the Swedish canteen.



● Major General Prem Chand unlocks the main door.



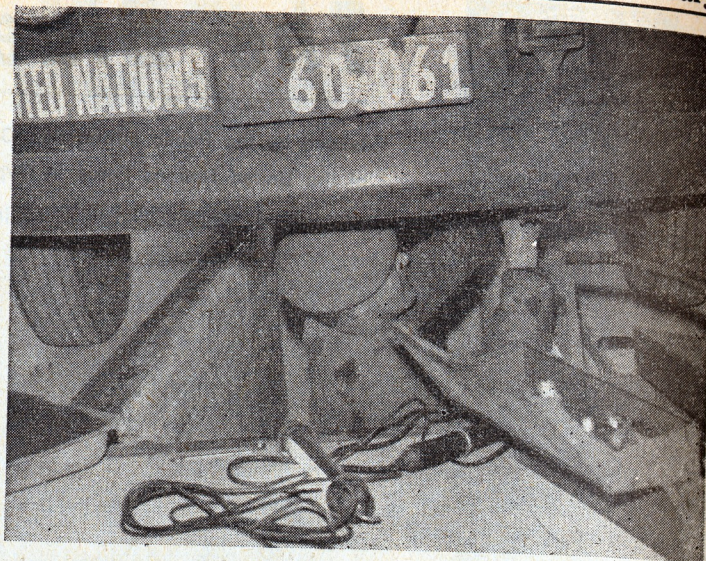
● The Force Commander pictured at OP Saddle with Lieutenant Colonel E. Lehtovirta, the Commander of the Finnish Contingent, when he made a tour of positions in the Kyrenia District last week.

250 REPARATIONER PÅ TO MÅNEDER



dag og nat står til rådighed med kørsel, hvadenten det er tjenstlig eller blot sight-seeing.

●GARM/STKMP SSG¹Jensen, der til daglig administrerer KMP køretøjspark og herunder bl.a. "vognmandsforretningen" motorpuljen.

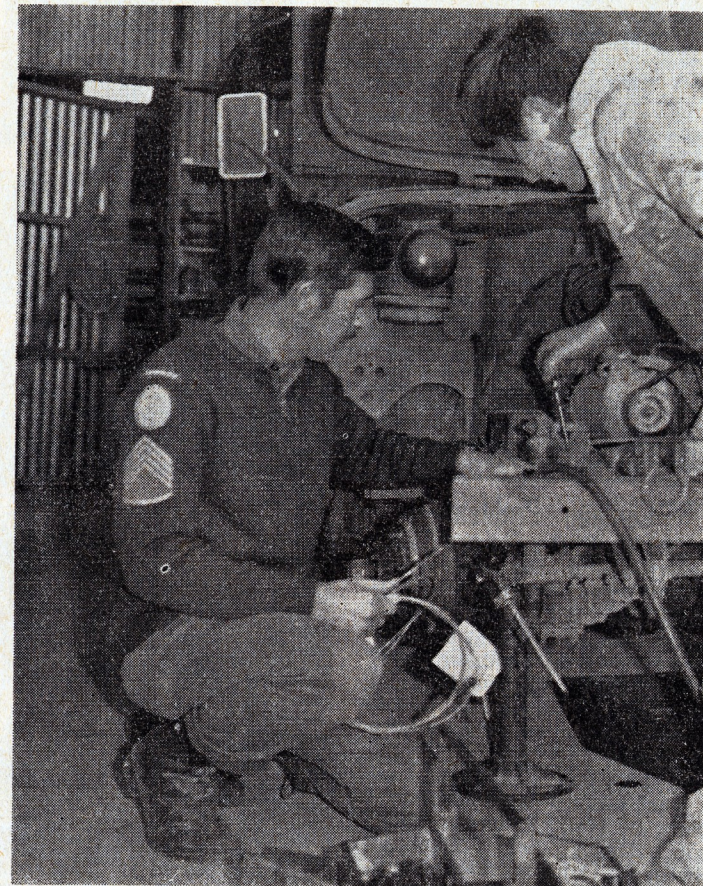


●OKS Svendsen foretager reparation af et veltjent "rugbrød".

KONEFLY IGEN

Samtidig med afviklingen af det sidste konefly, gik velfærds-tjenesten i gang med planlægningen af den næste konefly-periode. Man har været i kontakt med fly-selskabet, og såfremt der bliver den nødvendige tilslutning, vil man igen gennemføre tre rejseperioder til og fra Danmark. Den første periode bliver af en uges varighed, fra 27. marts til 3. april, den næste bliver på 10 dage, fra 3. til 13. april, og den tredje mulighed er at udnytte hele perioden, som således bliver på 17 dage. Velfærdstjenesten beder om tilmelding til turene snarest og senest den 25. januar.

●OS J. Christensen og OKS T.G. Larsen diskuterer en detalje, før diagnosen stilles m.h.t. reparationen af jeepen.



For de falige SEK ved Dancon-XIV er tiden ikke faldet lang. Efter en hurtig opgørelse viser det sig, at vi på nuværende tidspunkt ved motor-, saddelmager-, våben- og radioværkstedet er oppe på ca. 250 udførte reparationer, hvori endda ikke er medregnet de udførte tidskrævende årseftersyn på køretøjerne.

Vort materiel er ikke nyt og kræver stadig større og større indsats af vore forsynings- og vedligeholdelsesinstallationer, og vi må foreløbig se i øjnene, at det skal holdes i drift endnu lang tid. Enhver kan derfor hjælpe til ved gennem de periodiske eftersyn og omhyggelig vedligeholdelse at forebygge større og tidskrævende reparation.

Til servicefunktionerne må jo også henregnes motorpuljen, som

KRANSE - NEDLÆGNING



CH/Dancon-XIV, OL P.E.P. Skov, nedlagde den 10/1 en krans i Troodos-bjergene, hvor en dansk sergent under patruljekørsel mistede livet, da hans spejdervogn i et sving væltede ud over bjergsiden.

**DANCON
NYT**



●ITO/OPS-E MAJ J. Lau, som nu forlader øen efter et 1/2 års resultatrig tjeneste, der har bragt ham til de fjerneste steder i Lefka Distrikt og som har givet kontakt i hele området. Vi ønsker majoren en god hjemrejse og god vind fremover, og byder hans afløser, MAJ Rams, velkommen til Dancon XIV.

Medaljeparad

I lørdags hölls en liten medaljeparad på Carl Gustav Camp. Då fick nämligen de medlemmar av bataljonen, som kommit till Cypren med förtruppen, sina FN-medaljer för minst 90 dagars prickfri tjänstgöring inom UNFICYP. Samtidigt avtackades också tre kamrater, som i och med denna vecka slutfört sin tjänstgöring, nämligen överstelöjtnant Axel Klingberg, major Erik Lundqvist och fanjunkare Olle Sjöstrand.

På bilden överlämnar kontingentschefen medaljen till korporal Lennart Ulin. I bakre ledet igenkänns i övrigt korporalerna S-I Svensson och Bengt Bernefalk samt C-A Andersson och Malte Abrahamsson. I ledet framför ses kapten Sture Aurell och förvaltarerna K E Kristoffersson och Nils Torkelson.



Badmintonseger

Swedcon mötte Dancon i en vänskapsmatch i badminton i idrottshallen vid 4-miles-point utanför Famagusta. Svenskarna vann med 4-2 efter en jämn och spännande match. Resultat:

Stig Axelsson-Leon Blumensaadt 5-15, 17-14, 8-15, Ingvar Gustavsson-I.V. Petersen 15-13, 15-8, Lars Strandell-T. E. Hansen 10-15, 16-17; Conny Ljunggren-C. Brus Jensen 15-9, 15-6.

Axelsson/Strandell-F.M. Sørensen/F. Plet Hansen 15-10, 15-9; Gustavsson/Ljunggren-Skovbjerg/E.B. Hansen 10-15, 15-9, 15-13.

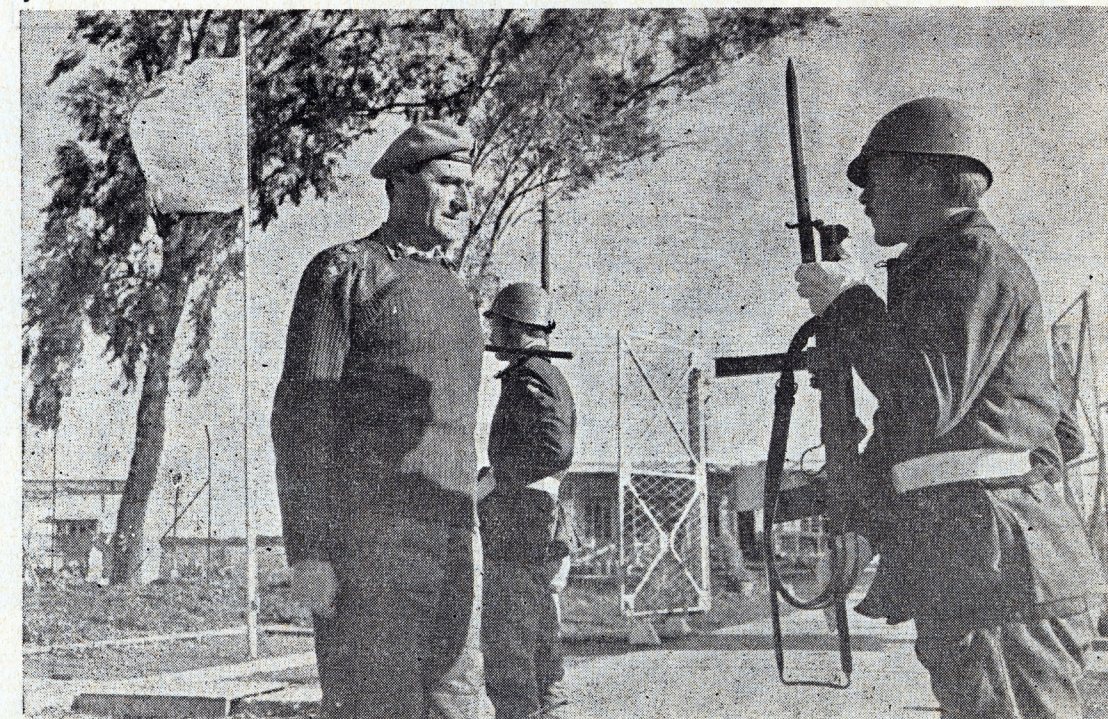
Bilden visar singelsegrarna, fr. v Ingvar Gustavsson, Leon Blumensaadt, T.E. Hansen och Conny Ljunggren.

Inspektion

Ställföreträdande stabschefen vid UNFICYP HQ och tillika kontingentschef för Britcon, överste D E Thornton, besökte Famagusta distrikt förra veckan. Han gjorde tillsammans med svenske distriktschefen en inspektions resa inom distriktet.

På bilden visiteras FN-soldaten Lars-Åke Trulsson av överste Thorton. I bakgrunden ses korporal Börje Svensson.

SWEDCON NEWS
Swedish Forces Photos



Orienterarseger

En fin svensk orienterarseger vann civilpolisen Leif Bäck och FN-soldaten Leif Söderqvist (bilden till vänster) när de strax före jul vann BRITCON:s stora orienteringstävling i Dhekelia i konkurrens med 37 andra tvåmannalag. Överfurir Rune Ekvall och FN-soldat Jan Fredriksson kom på sjätte plats.

LOCAL PRESS VISIT 3 RGJ

East London reporter Martin Taylor, who works for the Stratford Express, paid a flying visit to the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets last week.

During his three day stay he visited the Headquarters of both Limassol and Paphos Districts, and then went on to make a tour of all the outposts in the Zone.

He interviewed many East Londoners and we hope that his visit will foster an even closer relationship between the Regiment and the people of East London. Martin Taylor has visited the 3rd Battalion

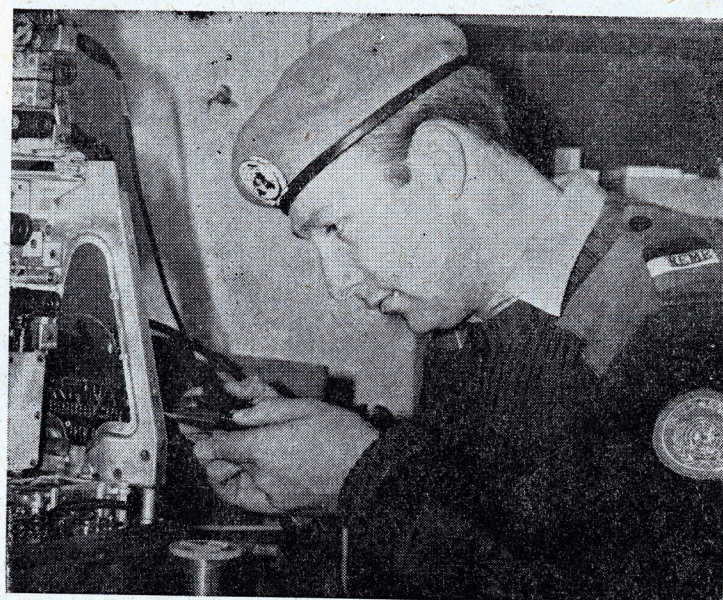
before, and he met again many friends which he had made last April while the Battalion was in Germany.

● Rifleman Terry Dove, an East Londoner, is seen here being interviewed by his local Newspaper Reporter, Martin Taylor, at St. Patrick's Camp in Ktima.



HANDYMAN

Sergeant Stewart Thompson of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers attached to the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets in Polemidhia not only maintains the battalion's radio equipment. He is also much in demand from his friends to repair anything from cameras and tape recorders to washing machines. This is the price he has to pay for being the most skilful electrical engineer in Limassol Zone.



MPIO DRIVER

Lance Corporal Steven Scott of 1 Squadron RCT is the new driver attached to the MPIO. A married man, Steven's home is in Plymouth. He has had

six years service with the Army which has already taken him to Aden, Borneo, Singapore and Germany.



BRITCON NEWS



NEW GROUP IN CYPRUS

A new talented group of musicians from the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets has arrived on the Cyprus scene.

From left to right, Corporal Jim O'Shea, Rifleman Ben Brown and Lance Corporal "Buzz" Bushby specialise in Country and Western, but their repertoire also includes a good selection of Folk Songs.

Their popularity is not only high in their own battalion, but is also steadily increasing in the Limassol area as a result of several successful outside engagements. Jim and Buzz have sung together in messes in Germany and England over the last few years.

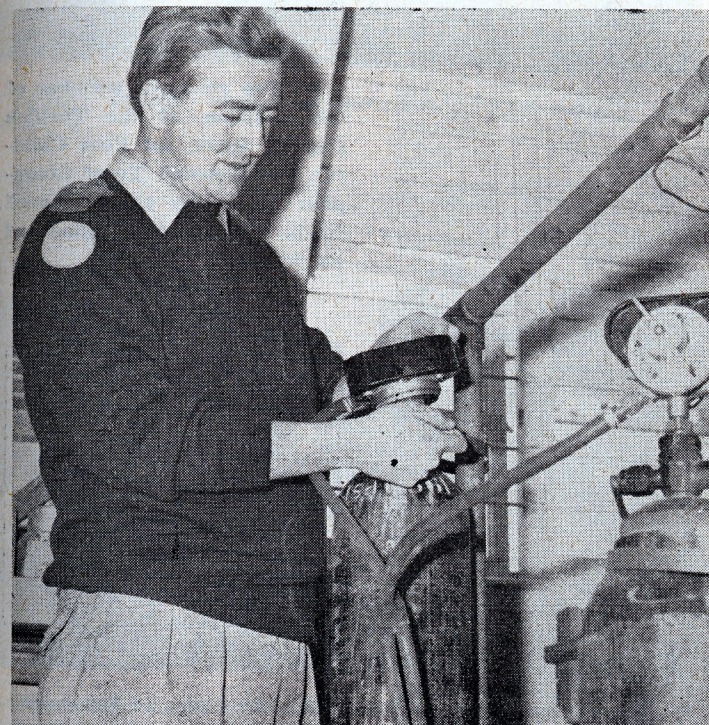
Ben joined the group here in Cyprus to add a little colour to the scene. They hope to perform for other UNFICYP Contingents and would welcome any offers of engagements.

ORDNANCE SECTION

The Ordnance Section forms part of Headquarter Company and is located in Zygi Camp. It is composed of highly efficient and skilled staff who can turn their hands to almost anything.

Commanded by Captain Padraig Trears, the Section has contributed in a very big way towards making 19th Infantry Group's tour in Cyprus a happy and comfortable one. Our photographer visited them last week in their different locations of employment and we now publish the results of his visit.

● Left to right, Sergeant D. Finn (1 AA Regt), Kildare, Sergeant P. O'Connell (1 Grn AOC), Curragh, Corporal Keating (Cork), Sergeant P. O'Neill (Amn Dept) Curragh, and Sergeant M. Hamilton (Cork).



● Captain P. Trears (3 Grn AOC) fitting the regulator to a welding plant.

● Corporal L. Keating, (3 Grn AOC) Cork, welding part of a hydro burner, assisted by Sergeant M. Hamilton also of 3 Grn AOC Cork.



IRCON NEWS

MILITARY POLICE DETACHMENT

One wonders who is in trouble now, as Corporal F. Faughan (Depot MPC) Curragh, and Company Sergeant J. White complete a report in their office at Larnaca.



INTER UNIT SOCCER LEAGUE

'B' Company Soccer Team, winners of the 19th Infantry Group Inter Unit League. (Front Row) Left to right, Corporal Bartley, Private Devlin, Corporal Rafter, Privates Frawley and Gaffey.

Standing, Corporal McCracken, Sergeant Callaghan, Private McConnell, Corporal Corrigan, Private Regan, Private Fallen and Lieutenant Gleeson.



BAND ENTERTAINS KIDS

Cakes, cookies, ice cream and the swinging music of the Bugle Band and Drum Corps were all part of the scene as the Canadian Contingent last week entertained children at the Turkish Cypriot Home for Poor Children and the Greek Cypriot Mana Day Care Centre for Young Children.

On Wednesday, approximately 30 children at the Turkish Cypriot Home became caught up in the music and began dancing to such tunes as "Can-a-da", "Rain Drops Keep Falling On My Head" and "This Old Man".

The following day at the Mana Day Care Centre, the audience numbered 125 as the

band began and gradually grew to nearly 1,000 as children from various schools in the neighbourhood flocked to hear the music and watch the Corps of Drums perform its exciting display.

On both days, the afternoon ended with treats for the children.



● The youngest member of the audience at the Turkish Cypriot Home for Poor Children was crowned 'Twist Champion of the Day' as she danced to the music of the Drums and Bugles.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

● The Corps of Drums performing their special drum display for children of the Mana Day Care Centre and other children gathered from various schools in the area.



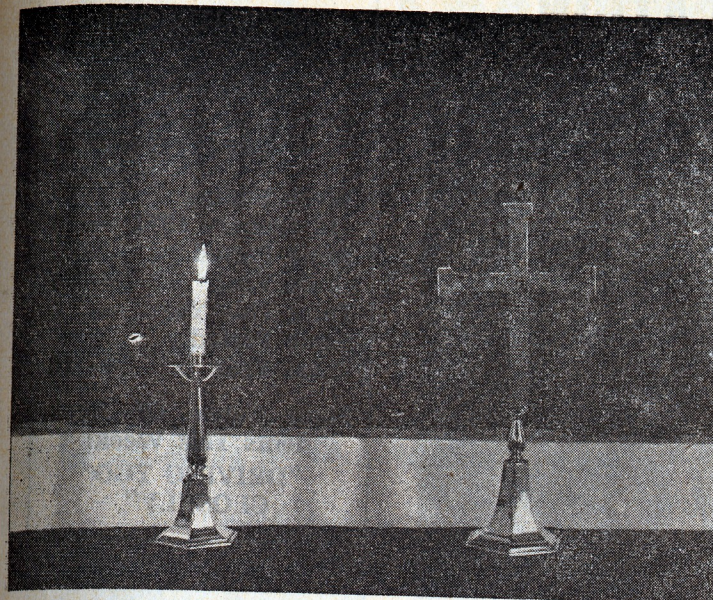
WAREHOUSE CHANGE-OVER



Sergeant Gerry Lovejoy, NCO-in-charge of the Base Warehouse does an inventory check with his replacement, Petty Officer Bill Kolachynski. The warehouse stocks supplies for messes and canteens throughout the Canadian Contingent.

FINANCIAL CHECK:—

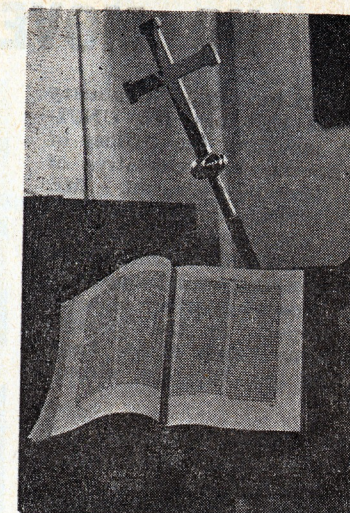
Three important new members of the Contingent check accounts in the Base pay office. Left to right, Corporal Jacques Belziel, Accounts Clerk; Major Stewart Reid; Finance Officer; and Sergeant Les Cake, Pay Clerk. Like their predecessors, they will probably receive many visitors, particularly between pay days.



Palava kynttilä - elämän symboli; risti - "tässä merkissä olet voittava".



Isiemme uskon mukaan on jotakin tehty - juuri meidän edestämme.



Sana, painettu teksti - kuolleita kirjaimiako vai arkipäivän elämää - meille?

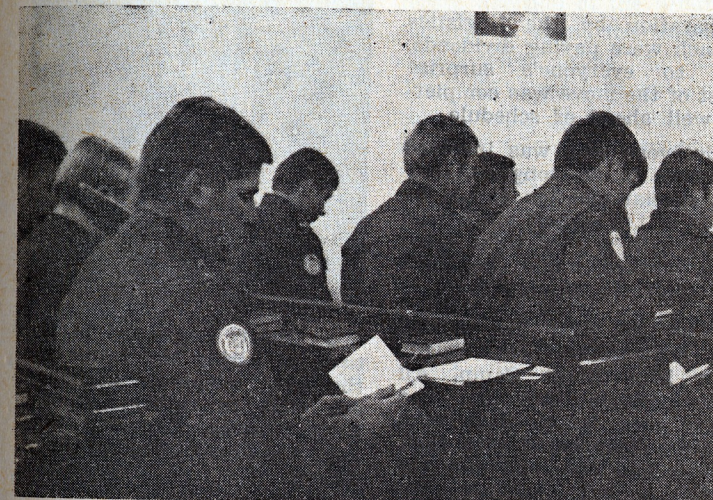
ALKULÄHTEILLÄ

Isiemme usko - käsite, mikä on useimmiten pelkkä fraasi, miltei poikkeuksetta tunnepitoinen ilmaisu vailla vankkaa käytännön merkitystä. - Vai onko näin?

Miksi kuitenkin suomalainen sotilas tavalla tai toisella, julkisesti tai salaisesti hyvin usein turvautuu juuri tähän fraasiin - isiensä uskoon? Voisiko siihen turvautua jos tämä usko olisi edes kerran pet-

tänyt - vaikkapa isämme? Esimerkiksi sodassa henkisen ja materiaalisen puristuksen tukahduttavassa otteessa?

Kun opit, ideologiat ja aatteet ovat joutuneet väistymään, kun oma arvomaailmamme on romahtanut ja kun todellista rohkeutta ja miehistä kypsyttää vaaditaan inhimilliseltä olennoilta, niin olemme aivan alussa - olemme isiemme uskon alkulähteillä.

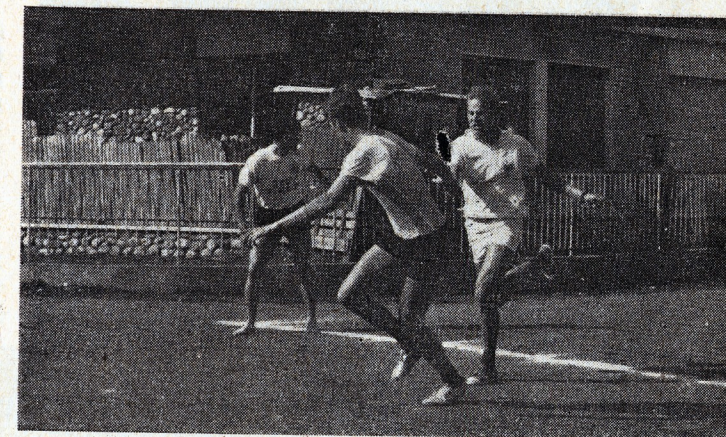


Ehkä ääni ei ole voimakas, ehkä sävel ei ole puhdassointuinen. Mutta kuitenkin tapahtuu tälläkin hetkellä jotakin, jossakin syvällä.....



Totiseksi veti. Keskiviikkoiltana kokoonnuttiin Kykon aliupseerimessiin pohtimaan syntyä syviä eli avioliittoa. Lääkäri, lakimies ja pappi esittivät lyhyet alustuspöytäpuheenvuorot ja sen jälkeen keskustelu alkoi rön-syillä vapaasti. Ja juttua riitti.

FINCON NEWS



Tilanne vihreän linjan viestien viimeiseltä vaihtopaikalta. Ltn Markku Koskinen saa kapulan jääkäri Kari Toloselta. Takana paljasjalkainen uutnanntti Kari Lasonen. Ltn Koskinen kiidatti kapulan jo kolmatta kertaa ensimmäisenä maaliin.



Keskiviikkona 13.1. suoritti Force Commander kenraalimajuri D Prem Chand tarkastuksen Finconissa. Hän tutustui myös viesti toimintaan. FC, jääkäri Jorma Faarinen (vas) ja ylivääpeli Pertti Sipola viestivälinevarastolla.

HQ MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

"As of Sunday 17th January 1971 at 1500 hrs, HQ UNFI-CYP, including the Offices of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall, and the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand PVSM and their staffs will move from their present quarters close to the airport to the location known as Camp Maple Leaf, situated on the old airport road."

This terse statement put out in the official press release only told half the story.

On the actual day it seemed that out of such confusion there could only be chaos. Painters and contractors were still working as fatigue parties moved in with their loads. People and vehicles were milling everywhere — where they all came from goodness knows.

Most senior officers wisely gave up and went home, leaving their staff sort it all out. As the day wore on, however,



● Still managing to keep smiling WO I Dave Brooks, the indefatigable Engineer Warrant Officer, shares a joke with Sergeant Brian Barrie during the move.

it soon became apparent that there was a plan and it was working. All those weeks of

preparation by the Logistics Branch were paying dividends, and to everyone's surprise most of the move was completed well ahead of schedule.

Everyone who was involved deserves to be congratulated, but special mention should be made of the signals staff, who faced with a very tight schedule, worked round the clock to effect the change over.

Now the dust has settled and comparative peace reigns over Blue Beret Camp. All those people that we had never seen before have once again disappeared into their offices and huts and only the MPIO is left, puzzling over how he came to be ejected in favour of a stationary store and pondering on the relative merits of proximity to what's going on, or proximity to the mess!



● Captain Jeremy Blott, Camp Adjutant, gets down to supervising the "landscaping" of the HQ precincts.



● WO II (F. of S.) "Nobby" Hill, Corporal Bob Bramson and Sergeant Mick Davis fixing a fuse box.



MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending

16 January 1971	— 5
Same Period	
Last Year	— 4
Total This Year	— 9
Same Period	
Last Year	— 16

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING TOO CLOSELY"



● Busily engrossed in the task of wiring the frame for the new telephone exchange are (left to right) Corporal Rick Francis, Canadian Signals, and Lance Corporal Ginge Stacey.

● An aerial view of the new HQ complex.