



SPECIAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - GENERAL ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS

The following is the full text of a special report of the Secretary-General on recent developments in Cyprus, which has been circulated at UN Headquarters on 16 March as Document S/10546.



● The Secretary-General,
Dr. Kurt Waldheim.

This special report, which is based on information received from the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall, deals with the importation by the Government of Cyprus in January 1972 of a substantial quantity of arms and ammunition, and with the efforts made by UNFICYP to minimize the resulting increase of tension in the island. As my predecessor has stated in his reports to the Council, notably in connexion with a previous importation of weapons by the Cyprus Government, "any influx of arms and other military type equipment into Cyprus is a cause for concern to the United Nations Force with regard to the discharge of its mandate" (S/7611/Add.1, paragraph 3; see also S/5764, paragraph 120, and S/5950, paragraph 37). It should be mentioned that UNFICYP received no notification of the arrival of the recent arms shipment.

During the second week of February 1972, representations in connexion with the arms shipment were made to me by the Permanent Representatives of Greece and Turkey to the United Nations; representations were also made by Vice-President Kuchuk in a letter to me dated 12 February. On 14 February, I addressed through the Permanent Repre-

sentative of Cyprus a message to President Makarios conveying to him my concern at the situation created by the importation of arms and offering United Nations assistance to solve the difficulties caused by this development. At the same time I instructed my Special Representative to bring to the attention of the Government of Cyprus the difficulties that a considerable importation of weapons had created for UNFICYP, especially in view of the efforts then under way to bring about a reactivation of the inter-communal talks.

Following conversations in Nicosia between Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou and my Special Representative, the Government of Cyprus expressed its readiness to make available the recently imported arms and ammunition for inspection, at any time, by the Force Commander of UNFICYP. The Foreign Minister also handed to the Special Representative a list

of the recently imported arms and ammunition with their detailed specifications. I considered that this was a helpful step toward reducing the tension in the Island.

Through an exchange of letters dated 10 March 1972 between the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Cyprus and my Special Representative, an arrangement concerning the safe storage and inspection of the imported weapons was agreed upon. Under this arrangement, the Cyprus Government undertook not to distribute these or any other imported weapons, and agreed to place them in safe-keeping, under lock and key, in one single place that would be known at all times by the Force Commander. The Commander would be permitted to inspect these weapons at any time and without advance notice. The Cyprus Government assured the Secretary-General that the list of arms and ammunition handed to his Special Representative represented the total amount received by it as a result of the recent purchase. It was further made clear that this arrangement would be regard-



● Mr. B. F. Osorio-Tafall,
the Secretary-General's Special
Representative in Cyprus.

ed as provisional and would not preclude a subsequent improved arrangement. Subject to these understandings, I agreed to instruct the Force Commander to carry out the inspection of the imported military stores.

The Foreign Minister thereupon informed my Special Representative that the arms and ammunition had been stored at the Cyprus Police Headquarters at Athalassa, and that appropriate arrangements had been made for their inspection by UNFICYP at any time.

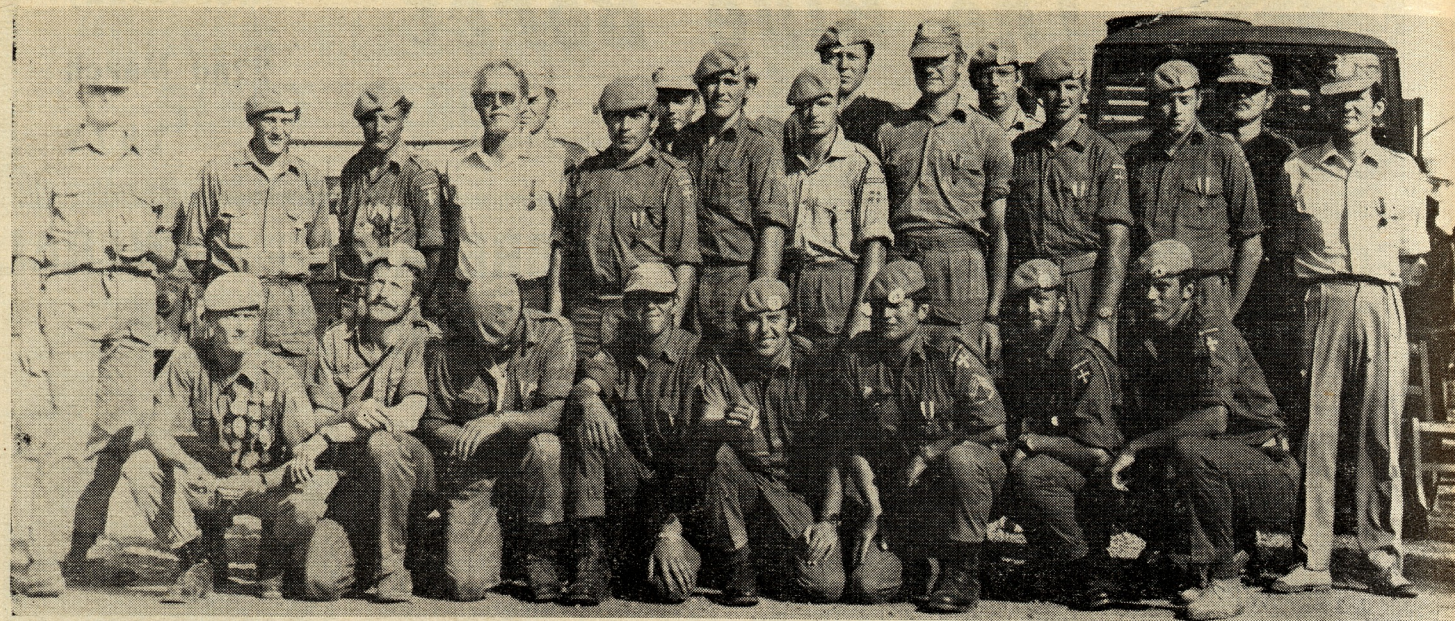
The first inspection of the military stores took place on 15 March 1972. The Officiating Force Commander verified that the amount and type of arms and ammunition were in conformity with those listed in the original documents.

On this occasion, I wish to express my gratitude to the Government of Cyprus and to the Governments of Greece and Turkey for their co-operation and assistance, and to the Turkish Cypriot community for the very helpful restraint it has exercised. It is hoped that the measures taken by UNFICYP will result in a reduction of tension in the island, and that all concerned will now find it possible to resume the search for a solution of the underlying problem of Cyprus through the re-activation of the intercommunal talks on the basis of the Aide Memoire of 18 October 1971 (S/10401, para. 79)."

FRESH FROM IRELAND

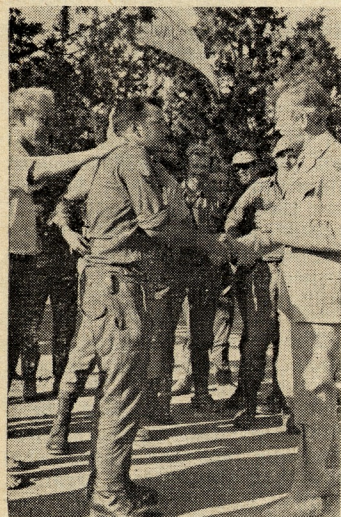


On Friday 17th March the Shamrock was brought by Aer Lingus Hostess, Miss Pat McCaig, to the troops of the Irish Contingent. Our photo shows the first sprig of Shamrock being presented to the Group Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel William O'Callaghan. Afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel O'Callaghan presented Shamrock to the Officers, NCOs and Men of the contingent.



DANCON-MARCHEN

Den første Dancon-march fandt sted i week-enden den 11/12 MAR. 35 mand med 10 kg oppakning stille-



● "Smeden" får overrakt medaljen efter ædel død af OL. Det skal dog bemærkes, at "Smeden" skulle støttes af Salle, da han ikke kunne stå alene på sine store vabler, som han havde fået under sin 6 timer 59 min. 55 sekunder lange march.



● En del af deltagerne under et hvil.

de op den første dag og på nær en gennemførte alle den 25 km hårde march.

Turen om lørdagen blev gennemført af alle under 5 timer. Søndag morgen stillede "kun" 33 mand til "vabel-march" på 30 km og på



● "Landmanden", KS L.M. Jepsen, og "Sømanden/Bliktud", KS A.K. Andersen, reparerer vabler på en march-deltager.



● Parti fra march-ruten

DANCON NYT

● Deltagere i Dancon-marchen efter medaljeoverrækkelsen.

denne tur var der et frafald på 4 mand. Turen gik fra Viking Camp via Pendaya, Skouritisa og Lefka til Viking Camp. Denne tur blev af hurtigste mand gennemført på 4 timer. Da der begge dage var afsat 7 timer til hver tur, tør det nok siges, at det var en præstation.

Efter marchen om søndagen overrakte CH/Dancon, OL V.J. Ubbe, medaljer til alle, der havde gennemført marcherne. OL udtrykte glæde over, at så mange havde deltaget i marcherne, og oplyste, at det ikke var sidste Dancon-march. De efterfølgende hold skulle også have en chance. Endvidere takkede han SG Hal-kjær-Lassen for det store arbejde, han havde gjort i forbindelse med marchen. Efter medaljeoverræk-kelsen fik alle deltagerne en øl i officersmessens have.

KATTEJAGT

Onsdag den 8. var rammen om en stor begivenhed ved Dancon. Den store kattejagt var gået ind i Viking Camp. Der blev nedlagt ikke færre end 5 stk. Årsagen til, at der ikke blev nedlagt flere, må søges i, at kattene på mystisk vis (feks. fra KDOKT) havde fået det at vide i forvejen, og derfor blev væk fra lejren på denne store dag.

FÖRSTA 48-ORNA HÄR NYA CHEFER BRIEFAS

Hemåt det bär varje minut - en inte obekant sång bland FN-svenskar på Cypern. Bataljon 47:s återstående dagar är nu också lättträknade. Och en ytterligare påminnelse om förestående rotation är pågående besök vid CGC av bataljonschefen och chefen sektion två för bataljon 48. Dessutom har en ny läkare, kapten Folke Solheim anlänt liksom även två fordonsförare från bataljon 48 som ryckt in på vakanser vid TPC.

Bataljonschef för 48:an blir övl Jan-Erik Liedgren från 15 i Öster-sund. Han har tidigare tjänstgjort på Cypern 1964 i en av de första bataljonerna. Vidare har han genom FN tjänstgjort i Gaza.

Major Rolf Anderberg som blir chef för sektion två kommer från Ing 2 i Eksjö. Han tjänstgör där som intendenturofficer.

De nya cheferna stannar här

ner till 29:e mars och skall under denna tid sätta sig in i de förestående arbetsuppgifterna. De briefas på avdelningar och sektioner samt följer övningar och är ute och hälsar på OP. De känns lätt igen genom sina skärmössor. Då de ännu inte är i FN-tjänst får de inte bära blå basker.

På bilden till höger maj Anderberg och övl Jan-Erik Liedgren.



BREV FRAN JERRING

Från "cypernveteranen" Sven Jerring liggande på Karolinska sjukhuset i Stockholm har kommit ett brev till Cypressen-redaktionen i vilket han framför varma hälsningar till all FN-personal på ön. Han skriver vidare:

—Att jag inte kunnat hälsa på er beror på sjukdom. Min vänstra

spira är illa åtgången av bensår och kallbrand. Här på Karolinska hoppas man emellertid kunna läka mig. Sker detta underverk så måste jag omedelbart resa söderut för rekreation och rehabilitering. Och i det sammanhanget drömmer jag om Cypern, där jag alltid trivts så bra bland FN-grabbarna och i det fina klimatet.

SLUT PÅ BRÖLLOPSRESAN

Väl hemkommen från bröllopsresan till England och alltså åter i tjänst är Bruce Nilsson från Mjölby. Det var den 26 feb som han gifte sig med sin Sylvia och vigseln förrättades av en engelsk pastor i Dhekelia. Efter vigseln välsignades också paret av pastor Bertil Boström i kyrkan på CGC.

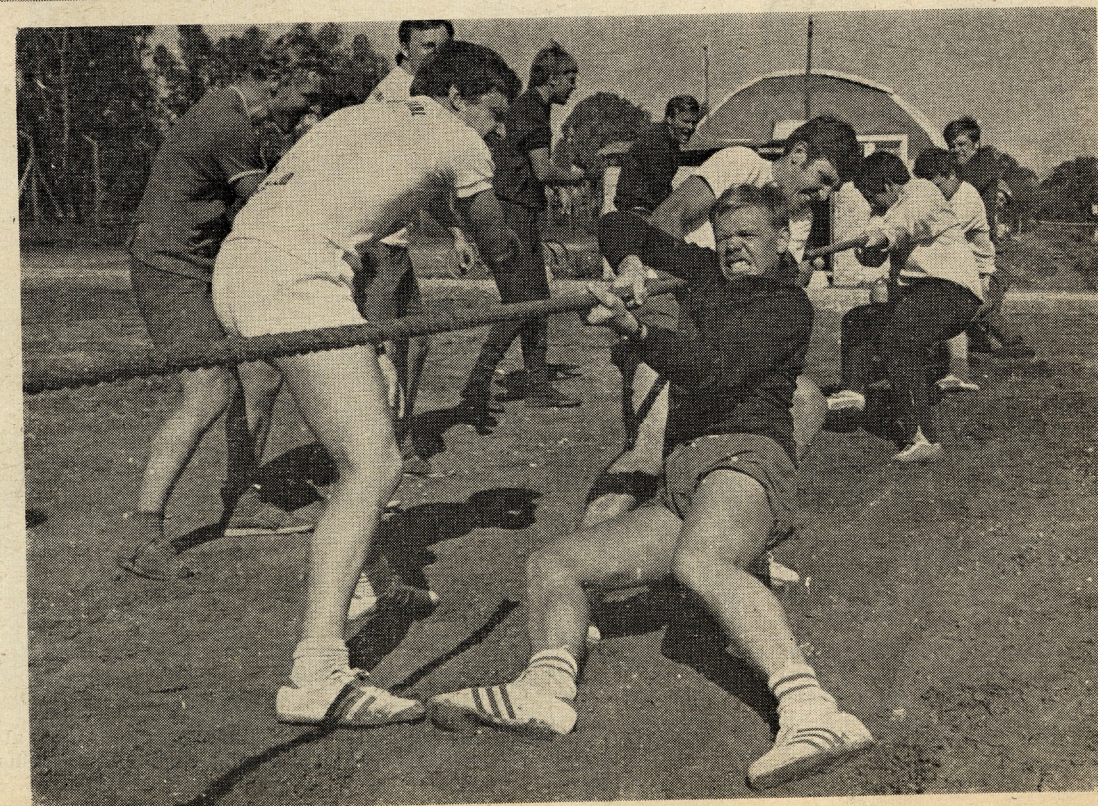
Efter de högtidliga ceremonierna blev det så stort partaj på ubefäsmässen där stämningen hela kvällen var på toppen. Bilden till vänster visar hur Bruce med säker hand hjälper sin Sylvia att skära till en ordentlig bit av den enorma bröllopstårten.

TRÄNING TILL FRIIDROTEN DEN 28 MARS

En av lag-grenarerna i de stora friidrottstävlingarna på Evagoras Stadium i Famagusta, vilka Swedcon arrangerar, är dragkamp - eller Tug Of War som det heter på engelska. För att få lite träning till den stora dagen utkämpade andra och tredje pluton en rad kamper under den idrottsdag de hade den 9:e mars.

På bilden till höger är det andra plutons män som sliter och gör sitt yttersta för att "dra hem" tredje pluton.

Idrottstävlingarna den 28:e beräknas bli en minst lika stor händelse som nyligen avverkade Town Race. Huruvida de svenska framgångarna kan bli lika stora som vid de flesta arrangemang under senare tid är dock ovisst. Men hoppas kan man ju även om konkurrensen säkert blir mycket hård.



"POLEMIDHIA PROVIDERS"

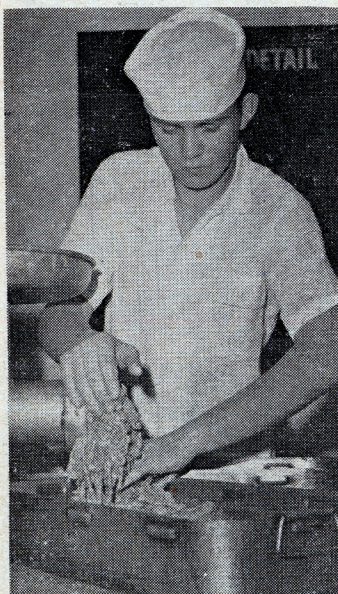
Every week we see featured on the pages of "The Blue Beret" pictures showing our operational role with UNFICYP.

Does anyone ever give a thought to the boys behind the scene — the unsung heroes who keep the administrative wheels turning? This week we introduce you to some of the cogs who comprise a section of The Royal Irish Rangers Administrative Machine.

"OLD SWEAT"



● Corporal 'Count' Curlett, pictured at the UNFICYP Falling Plate Competition, is the Bn Ammunition Control NCO and The Unit Cinema Projectionist. Corporal Curlett, one of our oldest serving soldiers, joined The Regiment in 1943. During normal duty hours the "Count" assists in the running of The Battalion Weapon Training Wing and as a form of relaxation he projects films six evenings a week.



"MASTER MINCER"

● Ranger Tommy O'Brien, Master Mincer, shown above has been chosen to represent our indefatigable Cooking Staff. He has a brother serving with the battalion who also works as a Regimental Cook.

BRITCON NEWS



● "A bunch of The Boys": From left, Corporal John Bloomer, Battalion Carpenter; Lance Corporal John Deane, QMs Clothing Shop; Lance Corporal Charlie Watterson, PRI Staff; Corporal Tom Elliott, QM Tech Stores; Lance Corporal Brian Mangan, Officers' Mess Staff.



● PRI NCO (left) Colour Sergeant Jim Ivory with Officers' Mess Steward, Colour Sergeant Ernie McMurray. PRI incidentally means President of The Regimental Institute (who shall remain nameless) and the PRI Establishment panders to the welfare of the junior ranks — when bills are required to be paid the stock battalion phrase is "PRI will pay". Colour Sergeant McMurray in his role as Mess Steward organizes and controls a very efficient Mess Staff and, as visitors will have noted, operates a very well organized mess.



MISCELLANEOUS

● Ranger Joe McConomy, Sportstoreman, member of the PRI Staff and WRVS Club Assistant, pictured with the civilian staff of Polemidhia Junior Ranks Club.

"THE BOYS"



● Great service was rendered during the day by the piper, Private Patrick Brodrick, who played Irish Airs during the presentation.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Shamrock consignment for the Irish Contingent arrived at Nicosia Airport in the early hours of last Friday morning, Saint Patrick's Day. The reception party had an anxious wait at the Airport. Dublin Airport had been fog bound earlier that day, this delayed the consignment of Shamrock from leaving Ireland. The Shamrock was carried by our very special guest for Saint Patrick's Day, Aer Lingus Hostess, Miss Patricia McCaig.

The celebrations of St. Patrick's Day were opened with the blessing of the Shamrock by the Contingent Chaplain, Fr Lar Flemming. This was followed by the presentation of Shamrock to the Offi-

● Some of the Irish Officers from HQ UNFICYP and their wives and friends receiving their sprigs of shamrock.

cers, NCOs and Men by the Contingent Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel W. O'Callaghan. Holy Mass in honour of St Patrick followed, after which

our chaplain performed an unusual function for an Ircon chaplain serving in Cyprus — the Christening of a baby.

● The Contingent Chaplain, Fr Lar Flemming, having blessed the Shamrock, is presented with some by Miss Pat McCaig, Aer Lingus. Then Officer Commanding 21 Irish Infantry Group, Lt-Col William O'Callaghan, distributed it to the parade.

The baby, son of Staff Sgt & Mrs. Andy Buckley, was christened — Kevin Martin Patrick. Afterwards a reception was held in the SNCO's Mess and a presentation made.

S/Sgt Buckley, stationed with Royal Engineers at Dhekelia, is a native of Cork, and has been a great friend of Irish contingents through the years.

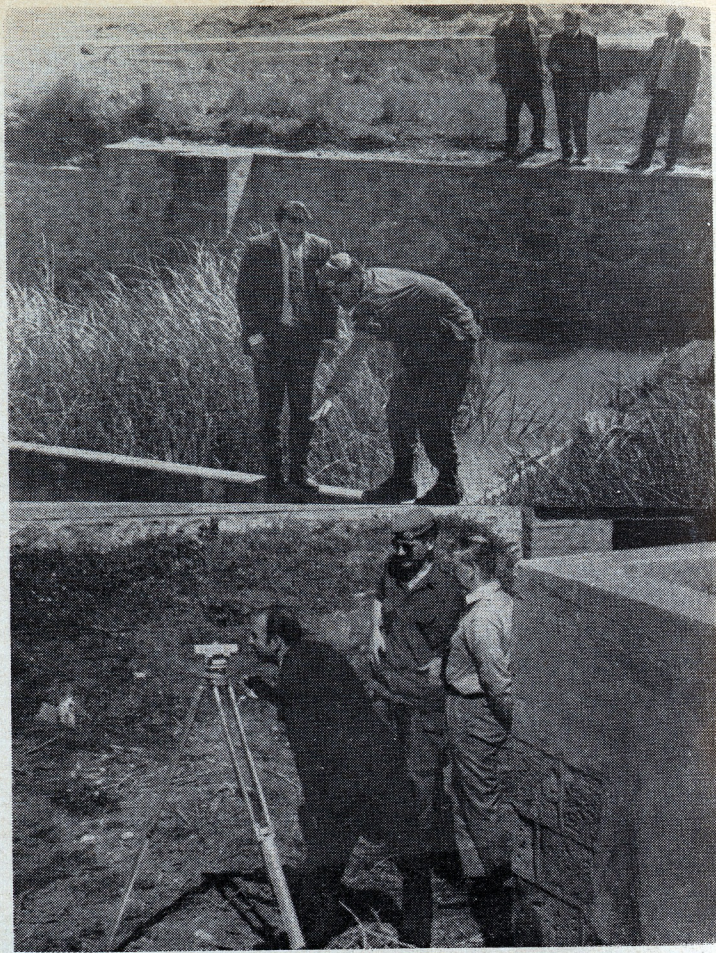
The highlight of the day's celebrations was a dinner dance held in the Four Lanterns Hotel, Larnaca. Among the 260 guests who attended the function, were VIPs from all facets of life in Cyprus, representatives from all the serving contingents, and many Irish Nationals domiciled here in Cyprus. It was a night to remember.

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IRCON NEWS

● Captain Gerry McMahon, Operations Officer, receiving Shamrock from the Group Commander.





● Les compétitions inter-compagnies de ballon-volant se sont terminées par la victoire de la Cie A. L'équipe victorieuse est formée de: debout Sgt Leclerc, Cpl Lagace, Cpl Benoit à genoux Sgts Messier, Masse Cpl Lessard.

UN NETTOYAGE EN RÈGLE

Après leur tour de garde, les soldats Belzile JDJ de Trois-Rivières et Baril JAL de Joliette, tous deux de la compagnie "B" nettoient leur arme personnelle. Le sourire de ces jeunes soldats en dit long sur leur conversation qui n'est nulle autre que la période de rotation et le retour au pays.



PROBLÈME D'EAU

Le lieutenant Robert Gonzalez qui occupe le poste d'officier des affaires économiques, discute du problème de la répartition de l'eau du village d'Exometochi — Mora avec un ingénieur civil du ministère gouvernemental.

CANCON NEWS
Canadian Forces Photos

C'EST UN COUP SUR!

Le sergent Chris Heater frappe un coup sûr lors de la partie de balle molle où s'affrontaient les officiers et sous-officiers seniors du Concan. Ces derniers remportèrent la victoire par 9 à 8 après une partie chaudement disputée. Notez les bons réflexes du receveur, le lieutenant Luc Farley qui a... les yeux fermés.



KUVASATOJA EK:N KOMPPANIAILLASTA



FINCON NEWS



EK:ssa vietettiin komppaniaillaa 18.3.1972. Tunnelma oli välitön ja rempseä kuten oheisista kuvistaakin voi havaita. Ylhäällä vasemmalla pastörin harjoittama ja valmentama kuoro antaa ensi-esiintymisensä. Olipa siellä silmänruokaakin, tässä kuvassamme strippaaja "Molgan Olga" alias jää. Arjakari antautuneena tanssin lumoihin. (kuva ylhäällä oikealla). Kuvassa (keskellä vasemmalla) urhea inkkari "Naurava näkkileipä" ja vaimonsa "Viski-Haukka". Jääkärit Arjakari ja Huotari ottamassa ensi askeleitaan taitteen ohdakkeisella polulla. Silmäkäänätkin kuului illan ohjelmistoon, (kuva keskellä oikealla) "Noita" jää. Virtanen ja pallot. Kuva alhaalla vasemmalla esittää, kuinka epämääräinen joukko taistelijoita testaa takamustensa nopeutta. Kyseessä on illan kilpailu.

PAPINRETKI

Sunnuntaina 26.3. tehdään opintomatka Karpasin niemelle, saaren koilliskulmaan. Tämä muutos opintoretkien ohjelmaan johtuu Trodoksen vaikeakulkuisuudesta tähän vuodenaikaan. Karpasin niemellä tutustutaan Kantaran linnaan, Kanakarian kirkon yli 1000 v. vanhoihin mosaiikkeihin ja Andreassen luostariin saaren uloimmassa koilliskärjessä.



● For the past two weeks the Regimental band of the Royal 22nd Regiment from "La Citadelle" Quebec was guest of the 2nd Bn R22R. The band consisting of 54 musicians is under the direction of Captain Jean Ferret. During their stay in Cyprus they presented concerts in Kyrenia, Larnaca and at the Municipal and Turkish theatres in Nicosia. The concerts were attended by members of UNFICYP, diplomats in Cyprus and by the Turkish and Greek Cypriots. At all concerts the band was applauded for its marvelous display of virtuosity.

SCOUT APPEAL

Many children of the staff at HQ UNFICYP are members of 73rd (Nicosia) Cyprus Scout Group. The group holds its meetings at St. Michael's School RAF Nicosia on Mondays for Scouts 1900 to 2100 hrs, and on Wednesdays for Cub Scouts 1600 to 1800 hrs.

The group is keen to recruit any Warranted Scouters to

assist with these meetings, anyone who is on a 6 month tour is most welcome. Help fill in your time by helping them. Volunteers please contact;

Flight Lieutenant Brian Gilbert, Group Scout Leader, OC Engineering Flight, RAF Nicosia.

Corporal John Milling, Scout Leader, R. & D., Supply Flight, RAF Nicosia.

Corporal Paul Wright, Cub Scout Leader, P. & S.S. (NEAF) Detachment, RAF Nicosia.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS —

UNFICYP

Week Ending	
17 Mar 72	— 5
Same Period	
Last Year	— 8
Total This Year	— 75
Same Period	
Last Year	— 67

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

**DRIVING WITHOUT
DUE CARE AND
ATTENTION**

BEATING OF RETREAT AT POLEMIDHIA

Saturday midday in Polemidhia Camp is the setting for the weekly Beating of Retreat Ceremony by The Bands of The 1st Bn The Royal Irish Rangers.

Our picture shows The Military Band and The Bugle Section during a ceremony.

