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25th SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS IN NEW YORK

The twenty fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly opened on 15th September with calls for new patterns of international cooperation to deal with present day realities.

The representatives of 126 member states heard the newly elected President of the Session, Ambassador Edvard Hambro of Norway, say that the fragmentary international society of yesterday is obsolete, and that the world is in a state of transition looking towards an organized and integrated community of tomorrow in which each nation must learn to accommodate itself to the common interests of the world community.

Speaking on the eve of the opening of the General Assembly, Secretary-General U Thant expressed "cautious optimism" about world affairs, in contrast to the gloomy picture he had painted in the past few years.



NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN CYPRUS

In the introduction to his annual report to the General Assembly, U Thant noted that "no significant change" has occurred in the Cyprus situation during the past year, and he went on to say that by and

large there has been peace in the island. He welcomed the continuation of inter-communal talks, but emphasised the danger that the passage of too much time may hamper rather than facilitate a settlement.

● The 25th Assembly standing for a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

CANADIAN AID TO RED CROSS



Regimental Sergeant Major Bob Craig last week presented Mr J. Josephides, Vicepresident of the Cyprus Red Cross Association, with a cheque for £600.— Full story and pictures on inside page.

Whilst noting that the UN peace keeping force in the island has "steadfastly continued its efforts to maintain quiet", U Thant went on to emphasise, however, that a complete return to normality will only be possible when the different parties find a solution to basic issues. Pointing out that the elements for a political settlement in Cyprus do exist, U Thant called on the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communities to make determined efforts to expedite the talks and to make such concessions as may be necessary to reach a just and lasting solution to their political problems.

BLOOD DONORS WANTED

During the first eight months of this year, UN-FICYP soldiers have donated a total of 132 pints of blood. The majority of the donations have been made to blood banks at the Governments hospitals. Unfortunately, the greatest requirement is for Rhesus Negative blood which is relatively rare. Willing donors in these groups should register with their contingent medical officers.

NY KC

Letkompagnis nye chef, major P.P. Poulsen, har tiltrådt sin tjeneste ved Dancon. Majoren stammer fra Jydske Ingeniørregiment i Randers og har i de senere år forrettet tjeneste ved F N-afdelingen blandt andet med station i Kashmir i halvandet år.

Vi bringer et par billeder fra kommando-overdragelsen i Limnitslejren.

●Den nye kompagnichef i færd med at hilse på befalingsmændene i Letkompagni.



●Letkompagnis midlertidige chef, kaptajn P. Fabricius Jensen, afleverer styrken til den fremtidige chef major P.P. Poulsen.



Forsyninger pr. jeep og æsel

Nogle af observationsposterne er så utilgængelige, at vagtrotationen må foretages ved hjælp af helikopter og de daglige forsyninger bringes op i jeep og med æsel for det sidste vejstykkets vedkommende



●Forsyningerne omlades fra jeep til æsel; og vejen fortsætter til "Juliet".



DANCON NYT



●Sergent F. Christensen, Letkompagni, 4.deling, er på vej i jeep til OP Juliet med forsyninger. I baggrunden Limnitslejren.

SWEDCON – DANCON 0-0

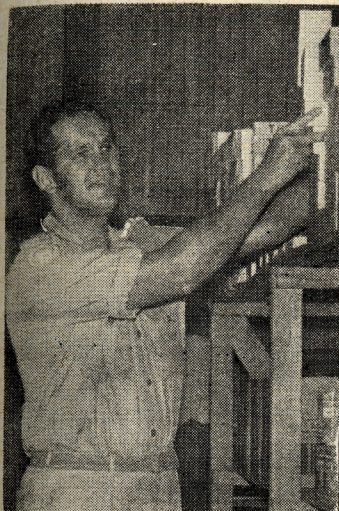
Idrætsarrangementerne tager til i tal og interessen øges, efterhånden som varmen tager af. I den sidste tid er blevet afviklet atletik- og svømmekonkurrencer; tennis-, volleyball-, hånd- og fodboldturneringer løber fortsat. Dancon får sin del af fornøjelsen ved deltagelse, og med hensyn til placeringer og præmier går det op og ned.

Fodboldkampen forleden mellem Swedcon og Dancon på banen i Lefka endte med broderlig fordeling af pointsene, idet man enedes om ikke at score overhovedet. Men dramatiske situationer opstod tid efter anden ved målene, sådan som billedet giver et indtryk af.

SWEDCON NEWS

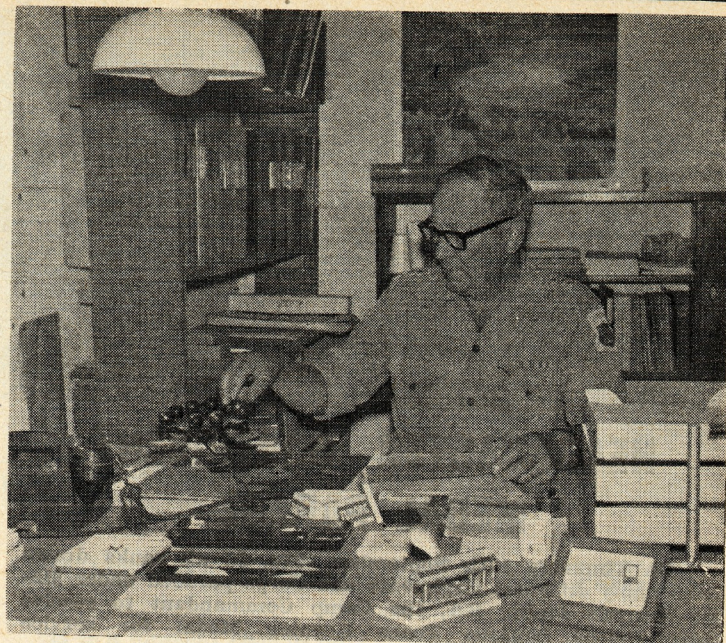
Swedish Forces Photos

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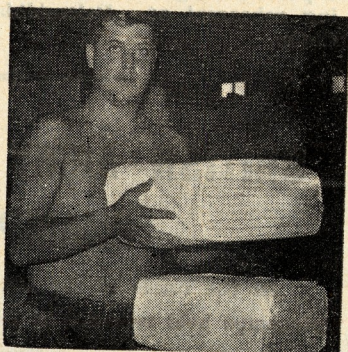
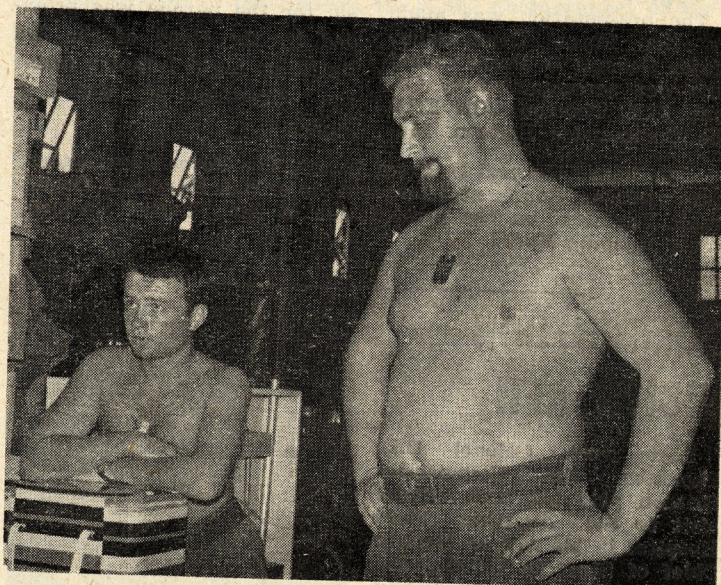
●Två fingrar vänster, så där, om stora grinden på CGC. Där ligger den, huvudförrådsbyggnaden. Pösande dräktig, innehållande vi vet inte allt. Och över alltihopa lys... härskar GRABBARNA i dunklet. "Ormfar" den store och tunge t.h., Gert Karlsson, Mönsterås, och knatten Håkan Sundbom, Skellefteå.

●PX-aren Bertil Blom, Söderkisen, centre court-matadoren, veteranen, t.v., ser till att vi kan hålla våra laster vid drägligt liv, tugga toy och så där alltså.....



●Och håller reda på hela rasket gör basen själv Karl Erik Kristoffersson, Göteborg, briljant pappers-exercerande, stämplande, häftande. Tre kopior av varje, tack! T.h. var det.

●Rolf Jonsson, Alvesta, skrockande vänligt moderligt i redet, ruvar vaksamt över sina ägg i gr-format. T.v. räknande in dem alla.



●Orphei svepning handhas mjukt, sövande av Torbjörn Berg, Frösön, t.h. Det är därför vi sussar så skönt i de lakan vi varje kväll drar upp under hakan. Det är allvarliga saker det här så skratt int!

POPULÄR GLUGG

●Och ett livligt frekventerat tillhåll är den. Den där gluggen på befäls-mässen, nedan, där han, Janne Dorch ifrån Trångsund, regerar med finess och välfrisserat face. Ur denna aldrig sinande källa har under årens lopp åtskilliga torra Cypern-strupar vunnit hälsa och vederkvickelse. Så ock nu när detta livets goda trakteras av en Barberare i Civila.





HEADQUARTER CONTINGENT MEDAL PARADE

On Thursday 17th September 1970, 55 all ranks drawn from many different Regiments and Corps paraded under Major Norman Joplin, RA, the Camp Commandant to receive their United Nations Peace Keeping Medal for service in Cyprus.

The presentation was made by the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand who was accompanied by Colonel D.E. Thorton CBE ERD the Commander Britcon. Music for the parade was provided by the Band of the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry under the direction of WO I S. James.

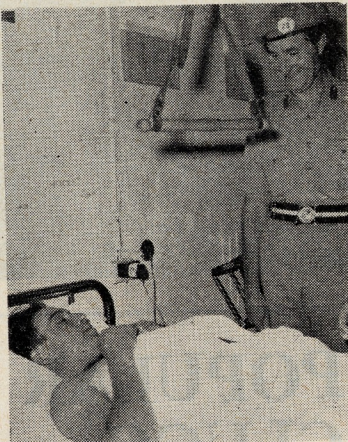
● Major General D. Prem Chand, The Force Commander congratulates Regimental Sergeant Major R.E. Harriman, Royal Tank Regiment on the presentation of the United Nations Peace Keeping Medal.



COMBRITCON VISITS AFH

Last week Colonel D.E. Thornton the Commander Britcon paid his first official visit to the Austrian Field Hospital in his role as Deputy Chief of Staff to UNFICYP.

During his tour he stopped to have a chat with Driver G. Jones of 60 Squadron RCT who had been admitted with a back injury incurred during free fall parachuting.



Preparation For Medal Parade

Regimental Sergeant Major Breen of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry is a very busy man at the moment preparing the Battalion for their Medal Parade on 25th September 1970.

He is seen here emphasizing a point during an early morning rehearsal at Polemidhia Camp.



BRITISH ARMY CYPRUS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the finals of the British Army Cyprus Tennis Championships held recently at Dhekelia, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Robertson the Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry figured prominently among the winners.

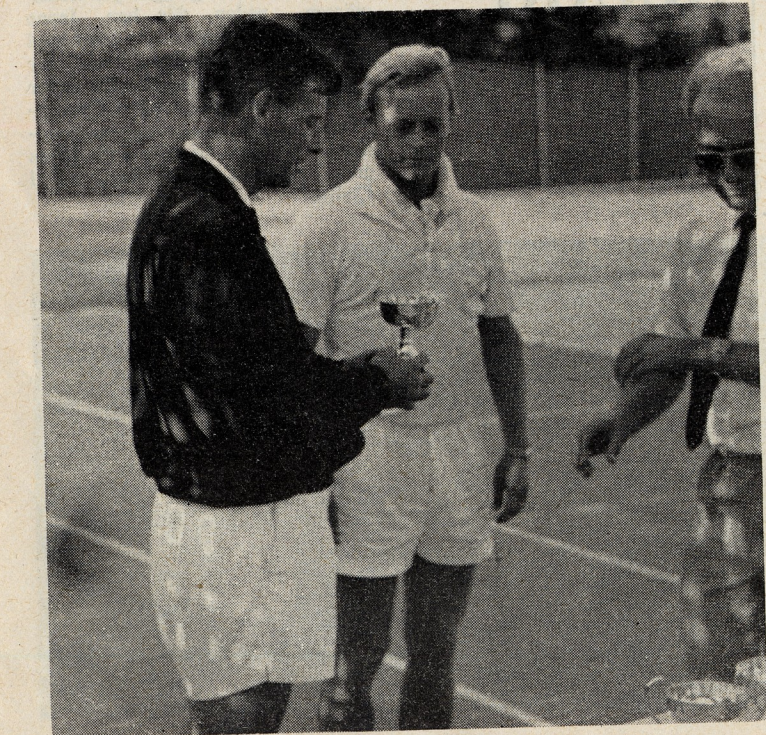
The Colonel and his partner, Lieutenant Nigel Carrington-Smith are seen left receiving the trophy for winning the Mens Doubles.

Unfortunately this partnership has now broken up as Lieutenant Carrington-Smith has returned to England at the end of his Army Career.

Lieutenant Colonel Robertson

was also successful in the Mixed Doubles, his partner for this event being Captain J.R. Barker WRAC. Both these events proved to be enjoyable matches in which the standard of tennis was high.

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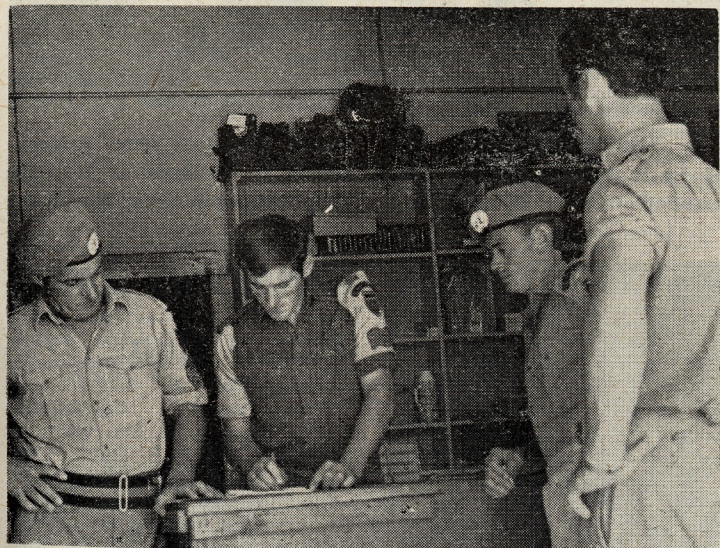
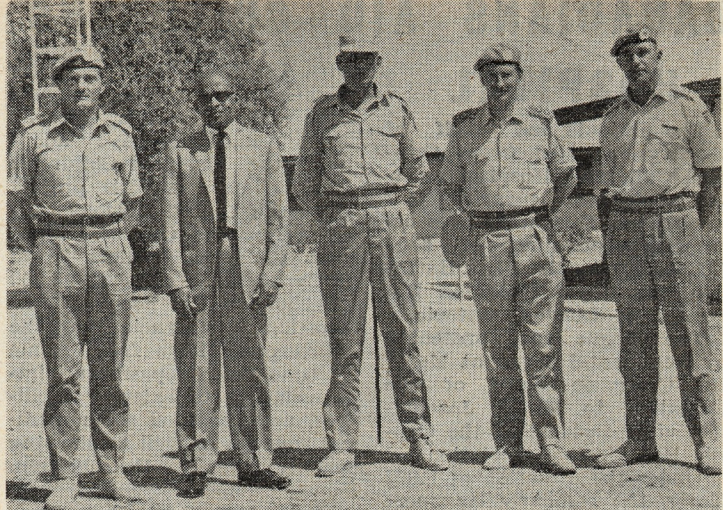


VISITORS TO ZYYI

On Tuesday 15th September Lieutenant Colonel Peter Morgan the new Chief Logistics Officer at UNFICYP visited Larnaca District accompanied by Mr. S. Dharman, Chief Administration Officer.

They were briefed on the Larnaca District and later Captain Mullowney, Quartermaster of the 18 Infantry Group, took them on a tour of the installations at Zyyi and Kophinou.

● (Left to Right) Captain Sean Norton, Mr. S. Dharman, Commandant Jim Flynn, Second in Command, 18 Infantry Group Lieutenant Colonel Peter Morgan and Captain Fintan Mullowney.



GROUP PHOTOGRAPHER IN FOCUS

It is a pleasant change for Corporal Stephen Fahy to find himself in front of the camera. He is the photographer of the 18 Infantry Group, and his task of covering all events in the Larnaca District has kept him pretty busy.

Getting around to Companies and Observation Posts was no problem to him as his big brother Anthony is a driver with the Transport Section at Zyyi Camp.

● Here we see Stephen (Left) who comes from the Air Corps showing Anthony, who belongs to the Depot Supply and Transport, how his camera works.



PREPARING TO CLOSE SHOP

With two weeks to go before rotation of the 18 Infantry Group, the welfare staff, who have been very busy meeting the demands of the Group, are in the process of closing accounts. Here we see them totting up the accounts and hoping no doubt that everything tallies.

Left to Right (above), CQMS Edward Freeman, Corporal Francis O'Brien, Private Robert Dee and Private Patrick Carroll.

IRCON
NEWS



OPERATIONS SECTION

Meet the men who for the past five months have kept the Operations Room ticking over night and day. Their professional skill and enthusiasm has helped to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the 18 Infantry Group. Here they are with Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Officer Commanding 18 Infantry Group.

● Front Row (Left to Right) Captain Sean Norton, Lieutenant Colonel Martin O'Brien, Captain Tom Joyce. Back Row (Left to Right) Sergeant Michael Whelehan, Corporal Michael Webster, Corporal Tom Butler, Sergeant John McGlinchey, Corporal Oliver Mullins, Corporal Larry Daly.



EXCITING CRICKET FINAL

Having successfully defeated the favourites, RAF Nicosia in the first round of the Eastern SBA Minor Units Cricket Knockout Competition, the UNFICYP side, captained by Major Barry Turner, won their way through to the final by defeating 261 Signal Squadron and 2 Squadron 9 Signal Regiment.

Their opponents in the final were the league champions themselves, 17/21 Lancers, formidable opposition indeed.

The final was played at Dhekelia on Saturday 19th September. Sent in to bat before lunch, the UNFICYP wickets tumbled to some extremely accurate bowling and only an aggressive 35 by Sergeant Owen Merchant prevented a disaster. UNFICYP were eventually dismissed for a total of 59 and there is no doubt that the 17/21 Lancers thought the game was in the bag. They did not reckon however with the hostile and superb bowling of the UNFICYP openers, Driver Les Curate of 60 Sqn RCT and Lance Corporal Bruce Calvert of 'C' Sqn The Royal Scots Greys.

There was soon a steady stream of 17/21 Lancers batsmen back to the pavilion until the score reached 52 — 8. The battle was now on. The Lancers needing 8 runs for victory, and two batsmen to go, crept up towards the UNFICYP total and finally made the score needed for victory. Calvert's final bowling analysis was 4 — 25, while Curate bagged 3 — 24, a creditable performance by both.

However, praise must also go to

the entire team for having finished in the top quarter of the league and being so narrowly defeated in the Cup Final. Well done lads — you did us proud.

QUIZ EVENINGS

Inter-Detachment and Inter-Contingent quizzes have become quite popular during the last few months. 644 Signal Troop, 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport, REME Workshops, The Ordnance Detachment and the

Sergeants Mess at HQ UNFICYP have all produced teams of an exceptional high standard. Subjects vary from sport to the sea and ships, and from classical music to up to date pop.

In the latest fixtures, 644 Signal Troop narrowly defeated the Ordnance Detachment, while a few days later REME Workshops put 644 Signal Troop through their paces and defeated them by 124 points to 117 points.

At Zygi last week, the UNFICYP Sergeants Mess team consisting of Squadron Sergeant Major Joe Smith, WO II Pete Finley, Staff Sergeant Eddy Bates, Sergeant Paddy Joyce and Sergeant Dave Temple had a return quiz night with Iron NCO's Mess, the Headquarters team winning by a narrow margin.

The resident quizmaster, Staff Sergeant (FofS) "Nobby" Hill from 644 Signal Troop is prepared to officiate at any club or mess quiz evenings within UNFICYP. Any challenges?

Signals Inter - Contingent Swimming Gala

On Friday 18th September, the UNFICYP Signals Inter-Contingent Swimming Gala took place at the UN pool Nicosia. Competitors from Britcon, Cancon, Dancon, Fincon, Ironcon, Swedcon, the Force Reserve, and 644 Signal Troop participated. The final result was in doubt right up to the last race, with the eventual winners, 644 Signal Troop, narrowly defeating Swedcon.

Individual mention must go to Staff Sergeant Baunkaer (Dancon) in the plate diving competition who retrieved 20 plates from the bottom of the pool in one dive, Corporal Leveque of Cancon in the 50 yards freestyle, Signalman Forrest of 644 Signal Troop in the 50 yards Breast stroke and Lieutenant Jegreus of Swedcon in the 50 yards backstroke.

The afternoon entertainment was not complete without a novelty event in which teams competed against each other by racing in plastic boats. The winner of this free for all has still not been decided!

The Chief Signals Officer's Cup for swimming was presented

by Mrs D. D. Ranft the wife of the Chief Signal Officer, to Sergeant J. Annear of 644 Signal Troop, the captain of the winning team.



SIGNALLERS EXCHANGE IDEAS

The "Signal Officers Convention" is a monthly event which is organized by each national contingent in turn. Last week the convention took place at HQ UNFICYP and the morning was devoted to a demonstration of mobile rear link communications as used by the different national contingents.

Each Signals Officer presented his own detachment demonstrating how all the sets are inter-operable and how they can be worked through the re-broadcast and control stations at Troodos.

These monthly conventions have proved to be an excellent forum for fostering greater cooperation between all contingents.

← A demonstration in progress.

HQ UNFICYP SAILORS AT LARNACA REGATTA

60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport had a successful weekend at the Nautical Club of Larnaca's annual regatta. Two of 60 Squadrons helmsmen, Captain Chris Streatfield and Squadron Sergeant Major Joe Smith, assisted by Corporal Kieth Pulford and Lance Corporal Chris Kennedy as crew, came home with four cups and two medals.

Out of five races they took two firsts, two seconds and two third places. The trophies were presented by the Mayor of Larnaca.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week Ending
19 Sep 70 — 6

Same Period
Last Year — 1

Total This Year — 273

Same Period
Last Year — 269

Main Cause of Accidents This Week:

"FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE"

CANADIANS AID CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

The patients and staff of the Kyrenia Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital received a pleasant surprise last week when they were presented with a donation of £600 (\$1,500.00) by the First Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment of London, Ontario.

The cheque was presented by Regimental Sergeant Major Bob Craig, on behalf of the Battalion, to Mr. J. Josephides, vice-president of the Cyprus Red Cross Association.

Under the direction of RSM Craig, the company transport sergeants organized games, small raffles and donation cans to raise the money.

In addition to the money, Lieutenant Ron Moll presented Dr. Z. Hakki, vice-president of the Red Cross Association,

with two boxes of gifts donated by the Kinsmen's Club of East London, Ontario.

The Canadians have "adopted" the Crippled Children's Hospital as a special project since the United Nations Force arrived in Cyprus. Since 1966 Canadian soldiers based in Cyprus have donated £3,300 (\$8,250) to the hospital. In addition to financial aid the Contingents have from time to time made repairs and improvements to existing facilities, and provided some medical supplies as well as showing weekly films to the children.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



● Mrs D.G. Loomis, wife of Lt. Col D.G. Loomis commander officer 1 RCR, and Cpl

G.V.J. Beaudoin serve refreshments to children at Kyrenia Crippled Children's Hospital.



Canadians Take Laven Cup

The Canadian Contingent tennis team were the winners of the UNFICYP Davis Cup Tennis Tournament last weekend, and were presented with the Laven Cup.

The Canadian team triumphed over the Austrian Field Hospital, HQ UNFICYP, the Swedish Contingent, and the Austrian and Swedish Police.

The final match was held between the Swedish Police and the Canadian team at the Nicosia Field Club, with the Canadians coming out on top two matches to one.

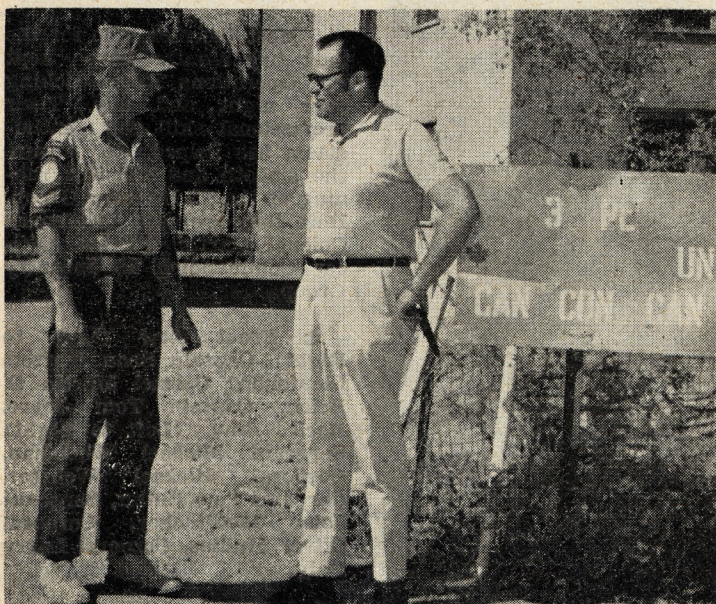
The Laven Cup, was presented by Colonel Lars Laven, Commander of the Swedish Contingent.

The Canadian Team consisted of Warrant Officers John Bray and Bob Heffler, Captain Tom Browne and Major Pete Harrison.

● Father Martin Cloutier, RC Chaplain, demonstrates latest Canadian dance steps to children. Music for the party was supplied by the Kountry Kings.

CORPORAL TALKS WITH HIS MP

The Honourable Jack Grey, member of parliament from Windsor, Ont. talks with Cpl Gary Beaudoin of the same city. Mr Grey, was the Canadian delegate to the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference meeting in Nicosia.



● Col. Lars Laven presents the Laven Cup to Warrant Officer John Bray. In the centre is Warrant Officer Bob Heffler and Major Pete Harrison.

POSTI KULKEE

Kalenteria selaillessa voi varsin hyvin todeta, että ollaan siirtymässä syksyyn. Säätt muuttuvat sumuisiksi ja sateisiksi ja siitä johtuu, että postimme saapuminen läpi Euroopan tulee päivä päivältä epäsuosittuimmaksi. Postimme tulo siis hidastuu. Postimestari tiedottaakin sentähden postin odottajille, että mikäli posti saapuu toimipaikkaamme, se jaetaan välittömästi. Poikkeuksena on ainoastaan postin saapuminen keskiyöllä. Silloin se jaetaan vasta seuraavana aamuna, jolloin postilähetit tuovat saapuvan postin komppaniioihin. Lähtevät kirjeet on jätettävä postiin aamuisin tavalliseen tapaan kello 8.00 mennessä.

YARMISTAUTUKAA LOMARAHOISTANNE AJOISSA

Suunnitellessanne lomaa ja sen kustannuksia tiedustelkaa postistanne onko teillä mahdollisuus nostaa tarvitsemanne rahamäärä. Usealla palkka menee johonkin toiseen pankkiin kuin Postipankki ja siirtäminen vie oman aikansa.

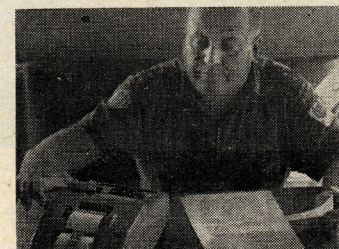
Mikäli ette ole varmoja posti - ja pankkiasioistanne tiedustelkaa kenttäpostikonttorin henkilökunnalta opastusta. He neuvovat ja auttavat asiantuntemuksellaan teitä. Teillä on mahdollisuus nostaa päivärahajon lisäksi postistamme prosenttinoja minkä suuruus on jo valmiiksi palkannostokorttiin merkitty. Senlisäksi Suomen Pankki myöntää vielä valuuttanomusnostoja mutta tästä on käytävä keskustelemassa muutamaa viikkoa ennen kyseisen summan nostamista postissamme.

TILIOTE ESITETTÄVÄ RAHOJA NOSTETTAESSA

Sattuneiden tietämättömyyksiä takia päivärahojaan nostajansa tulee asiakkaan esittää viimeinen "PUNAPÄÄ" eli tiliote aina muina nostopäivinä paitsi tilipäivinä.

SUOMESTA PAKETTIPOSTIA KYPROLLE

Ne henkilöt, jotka pyytävät seuraavan rotaation yhteydessä Suomesta paketti-postia itselleen lähettäväksi tulee noutaa postista siihen oikeuttavat lipukkeet.



Palkkapäivä. Kersantti Seppo Karja jakamassa päivärahoja alikersantti Eero Tuullelle ja alikersantti Sulo Saikkoselle.

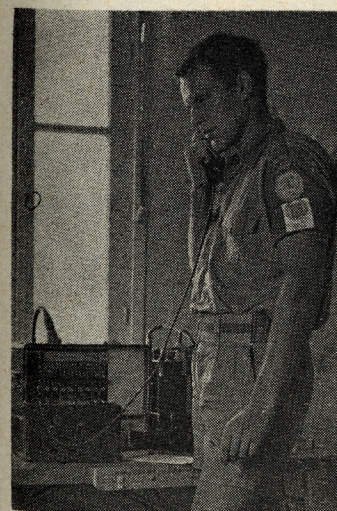
Suomen eteläisimmän postikonttorin hoitaja, postimestari, yliluutnantti Martti Mikkonen laskemassa konttorin tilejä.



FINCON NEWS



Kersantti Seppo Karja ja jääkäri Erkki Raskinen lajittelemassa lehtipostia.



Kersantti Kalevi Inkeroinen Farmin puhelinpäivystäjänä.

FARMI

Lähellä turkkilaisen enklavin rajaa Kyrenian vuorten juurella on suomalaisten miehittämä Farmin tukikohta. Se on 2.Jääkärikomppanian I Joukkueen komentopaikka, jonka vahvuuteen kuuluu 14 miestä. Heidän tehtävänsä on hoitaa puhelinkeskusta ja tarkkailla osapuolten toimia. Heidän vastuullaan on myös läheisen kalkkitehtaan työntekijöiden turvallisuus.

Nimensä mukaisesti paikka on joskus ollut maatila, jolla on asunut useita perheitä. Suomalaisten haltuun Farmi tuli viime talvisen rotaation yhteydessä, jolloin suomalaiset ja kanadalaiset vaihtoivat vastuualueitaan.



Kanadalaisilta jäi Farmille perinnöksi, ruokakello, jonka sointia kokeilee jääkäri Seppo Rantala.



Kalkkitehtaan vartiomies, jääkäri Reino Salmi.