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CARNIVAL

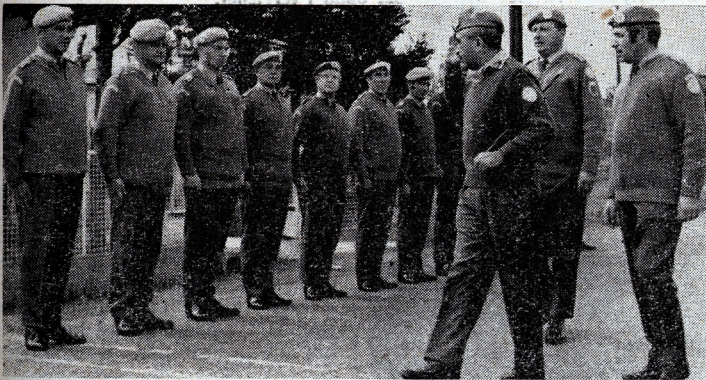
Rain splashed the empty narrow streets of Kyrenia as tiny brightly costumed figures huddled excitedly in the temporary shelter of crowded doorways. It was carnival time, and there was nothing that could dampen the enthusiasm of the local children.

Like the stage that it was, and right at curtain time, the sheet of rain was drawn back to reveal the sun and the actors spilled out into the streets.

The town came alive to the prancing, marching music of the Corps of Drums of the 3rd Regiment PPCLI from Nicosia as they led the excited children through the streets down along the Mediterranean shore to the traditional party in the Dome Hotel. Then, like the well timed play that it seemed



to be, as the last tiny figure entered the building, a torrential curtain fell from the darkening sky and the streets were empty once again.



PARTIAL TURKISH ROTATION

The relief of part of the Turkish National Contingent took place on Friday, 26th February. Units of UNFICYP were heavily committed throughout the day providing inland transportation, escorts and observers.

46 officers, 24 NCOs and 281 other ranks, together with their personal baggage and Battalion Stores arrived on the Turkish ship T.C.G. Erkin and were escorted to the Turkish National Contingent area at Orta Keuy. The outgoing party, consisting of 46 officers, 22 NCOs and 279 other ranks, were repatriated on the same ship.

UNFICYP observer teams

supervised the disembarkation and embarkation operations at Famagusta Docks.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Known to countless UN Soldiers as "moon country", and described by some in even less complimentary terms, this area of inhospitable countryside is in fact less than 10 miles from Nicosia.

A patrol of the Force Reserve slowly make their way home after having visited a UN post in the area.

VISIT TO AUSTRIAN POLICE

Last week the Force Commander visited the Austrian Civilian Police detachment at their new headquarters location in Nicosia. The picture shows the General accompanied by Major W Beier, the Contingent Commander, as he inspected the detachment on parade.

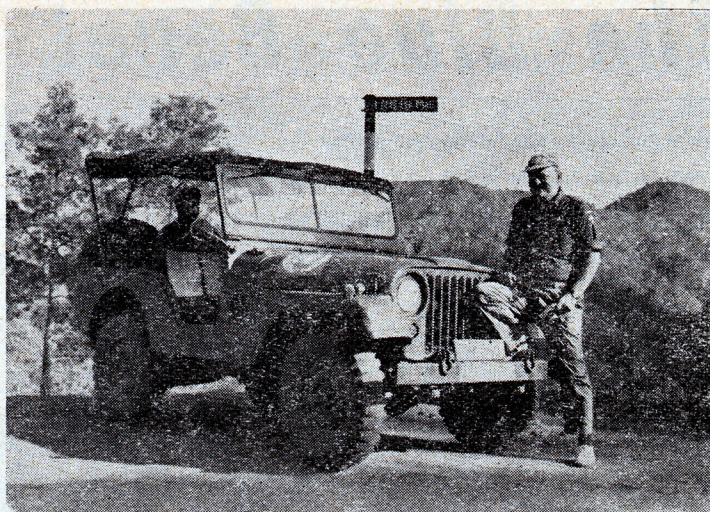
The Austrian Police are proud of their safe driving record. In 1970 they covered 455,944 miles in Cyprus without being responsible for one traffic accident. Only four drivers were involved in accidents and in none of the cases did the blame lie with them.



LKMP I BILLEDER

LKMP har i den sidste tid skullet lidt over, at der var for få billeder, der viste lidt om KMP forhold. Dette vil jeg søge at råde bod på med billederne i dette nummer og samtidig opfordre ALLE til at give Deres bidrag til bladet ved at låne mig de gode billeder. De givetvis er i besiddelse af.

● KMP uforlignelige kok, SSG Vissing, har her haft tid til en lille afstikker fra madlavningen, og humøret ser der ikke ud til at være noget i vejen med.



●KS Gustavson og KS Lund beundrer lejrens elektricitetsværk.



●Efter "fyraften" eller i et hvil hygger man sig i KS-kantinen.



●At det er et barskt job både for mandskab og material fremgår af billedet, hvor en jeep kæmper sig opad i terrænet.

FAMILIEFLY

I sidste velfærdsudsendelse mandede jeg de rygter i jorden, der fortalte, at flyene ikke ville blive til noget. Datoerne er fastlagt og flyene bestilt således, at første fly afgår fra København den 3. april kl 0045 med ankomst NIC 0600, hvorefter det returnerer samme dag til København. Andet fly afgår fra København 13 april 0045 og returnerer fra NIC samme dag kl 0700. Velfærdsmeddelelse med alle detaljer bliver udsendt snarest.



● En del af rutinen, men en væsentlig del, er at holde sit våben i funktionsdygtig stand, og med den omhu, som her lægges for dagen, bør man ikke tvivle på, at dette våben er tilfredsstillende.



●Et lille blik ind i lejren, der på alle sider er omgivet af højderygge.

GÆSTER HOS DANCON

Den kommende måned ser ud til at blive en af de travleste i Dancon XIV's periode. Vi skal jo den 11. marts have medaljeparade, og sidst på måneden gøre klar til at modtage vore pårørende. Men derudover vil et antal officerer fra Danmark aflægge besøg hos kontingentet. Fra den 8-13 marts aflægger Hærens Personelinspektør, oberst S. Jensen, sammen med sin adjutant, MAJ J. Larsen, besøg ved Dancon. Obersten vil besøge Force Commander samt det danske personel ved HQ og vil i løbet af perioden besøge lejre og OPer, hvor obersten vil blive briefet om Dancons opgaver. Endelig vil obersten også mødes med repræsentanterne for personelgrupperne.

Med SCACYP den 16. marts ankommer chefen for Dancon XV, OL N.K. Nørgård, sammen med sin OO og TO for i løbet af 14 dage at blive orienteret om opgaverne og vilkårene hernede.

Med samme SCACYP kommer MAJ J. Lauritzen fra Hærstaben for at aflægge orienteringsbesøg.

Endelig kommer PRLT Kold fra FN-afdelingen til Cypern sidst på måneden for at være behjælpelig med at tilrettelægge rotationen mellem Dancon XIV og XV

DANCON NYT

Contingent engineers

Häromdagen möttes 'contingent engineers' — eller kasernvårdspersonal, som vi säger — på Carl Gustav Camp för den månatliga sammankomsten för att diskutera gemensamma problem gällande underhållet av UNFICYP:s många camper och observationsposter.

På bilden till vänster är konferensdeltagarna samlade för en kaffepaus i officersmässens uterum, som för en gångs skull bjöd på strålende solsken. Fr v igenkänns major Bengt Sandahl, commandant Jim Murphy, commandant Don Murphy, mrs Sheila Murphy, warrant officer David Brooks, löjtnant Ebbe Horstid, kapten Nick Pope, warrant officer Ron Tritton, sergeant George Louzon, löjtnant Pekka Keskiuokanen och mr Andros Soteriou, representant för Cyperns regering.



SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

Generalen i Chatos

Force commander, generalmajor Prem Chand besökte förra veckan Chatos-området. Vid besöket i Chatos-campen visiterade han bl a FN-soldaterna Urban Nordström och Ingvar Nilsson (bilden närmast till höger). Han fick också en pratstund med FN-soldat Sven-Inge Svensson (bilden längst till höger).

MP - besök

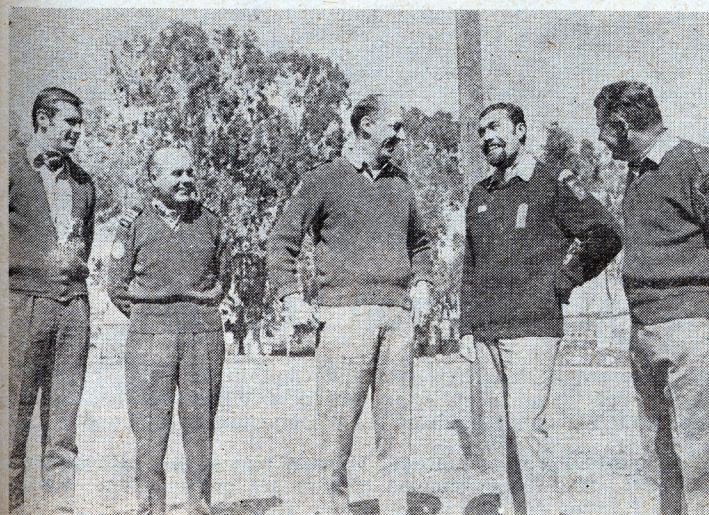
Den avgående och pågående provost marshal, d v s högste MP-chefen inom UNFICYP, har besökt Famagusta distrikt. På bilden nedan är det den svenske chefen för MP-detachementet i Famagusta rustmästare Jan Eklinder, andre man från höger, som har något trevligt att berätta för fr v kapten Torben Brødsgaard, den nye MP-chefen major A. E. MacAskill, den avgående chefen överstelöjtnant Harry Murphy och master warrant officer E.F. Smale.



Attachébesök

Militärattachén vid amerikanska ambassaden i Nicosia besökte Carl Gustav Camp häromdagen. Han hälsades välkommen av distriktschefen och efter lunch och briefing om den svenska kontingentens verksamhet inom Famagusta distrikt fick attachén tillfälle att bese några av bataljonens observationsposter.

På bilden hälsar distriktschefen militärattachén, överste A. L. Whitley, välkommen till den svenska campen.



SENIOR WARRANT OFFICER OF THE BN

The Regimental Sergeant Major of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets is Warrant Officer Class I Ronald Cassidy. He joined the battalion, then the 1st Battalion The Rifle Brigade, in 1951.

Apart from two short spells he has served with the battalion ever since. This has taken him to Kenya, Malaya and Borneo and numerous other places including a tour here in Cyprus during the emergency. He became RSM nearly two years ago. Having achieved the distinction of being the Senior Warrant Officer of the battalion, he is now due in his next job to be commissioned — a further boost to his career, and one on which he is to be warmly congratulated.



3 RGJ OPS ROOM

Limassol Zone Operations staff wanted a mention in the Blue Beret, and being key members of the battalion we

could not deny them the publicity!

So here they are (from left to right) Major C. Simmons, Captain C. Vyvyan, Captain M. Robertson and Major H. Dumas. In the background are Sergeant Hemsley and Corporal Lavin.



ALL SET FOR TAKE OFF

Sergeant N. Emsen (left) and Captain R. Perry prepare to take off from Fort Anadhiou in a Whirlwind helicopter of UNFICYP 230 Squadron RAF Detachment.

Captain Perry is a Royal Hussar, and so his attachment to UNFICYP has enabled him to see quite often some of his brother officers in the Force Reserve.

Britcon News

"KNEES UP"

Trooper Ian Eyre of 'C' Squadron Royal Hussars (left) makes a fine tackle during a recent match against RAF Episkopi.

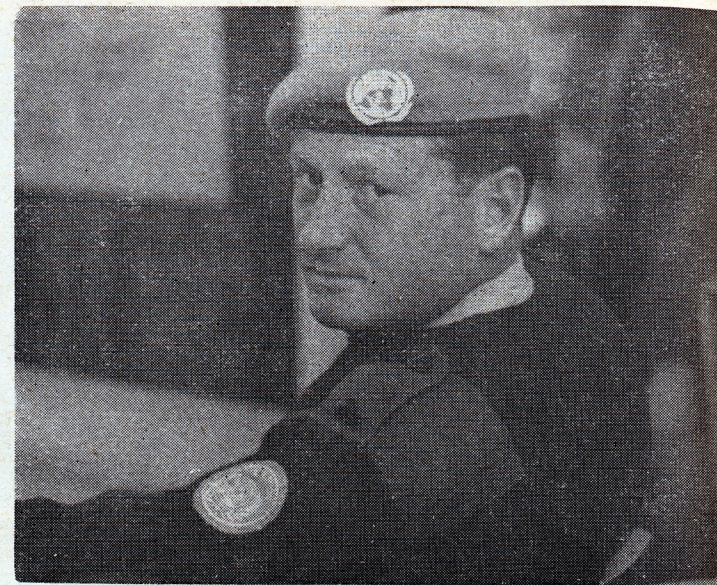
His opponent seems disgusted with the whole thing, but he need not have worried — the RAF were the eventual winners.



WETLOOK COPPER

Despite the heavy rain over the last week Corporal Colin Rogers (above) a member of

the Provost Staff, has been doing his best to make matters worse by turning out the fire piquet for practice in manning the hydrant. Riflemen Powell, Holmes and Wilson are seen here learning how to control the writhing hose.



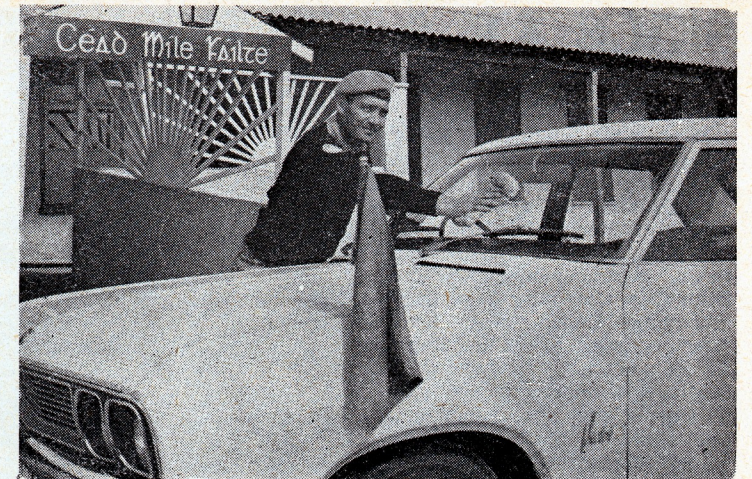
COMMANDING OFFICER'S DRIVER

Probably the best known NCO of the 19th Infantry Group is Corporal Tom McGrath, driver to the Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Tracey. Corporal McGrath has been in the army

nine years and is a member of No 4 Garrison Company Supply and Transport, Athlone. He is an expert driver and his accident free record during our tour so far is second to none and a tribute to his care and efficiency.



IRCON NEWS



WASH WASH

Sergeant Tom Kelly (Athlone) and Corporal Jim Murphy (Curragh) are responsible for ensuring that the laundry for personnel at Zyyi and Kophinou is collected and delivered on time.

They have been doing an excellent job and great credit is due to them for their efficiency and thoroughness. Our picture shows Sergeant Tom Kelly (right) distributing laundry to Private B. Kelly (Dublin) and Corporal John Mullarkey (Athlone).



IRCON PERSONNEL AT HQ UNFICYP

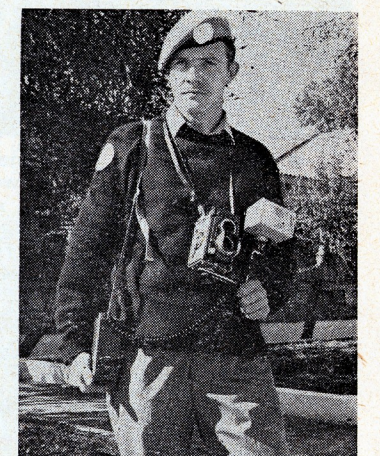
Commandant John McLoughlin (Cork) Irish LO at HQ UNFICYP, seen working in his office at Blue Beret Camp assisted by Company Sergeant Tom Duffy (Athlone).



GROUP PHOTOGRAPHER

It is a pleasant change for Corporal Brian Young (Baldonnel) to find himself in front of the camera.

He is a member of the Photographic Section of the Air Corps in Baldonnel and has been in the service for 1½ years. As Group Photographer his task of covering all events in the Larnaca District keeps him very busy. Each week he develops and prints the photographs that appear on this page.



LOUROUJINA PATROL

"A" Company personnel of the "Louroujina" patrol halt for our photographer as they ascend Mount Stavros.

Included from left:- Cpl Hyde (Limerick), Pte Morrissey, Pte Ryan, and Pte Harney all from Clonmel.

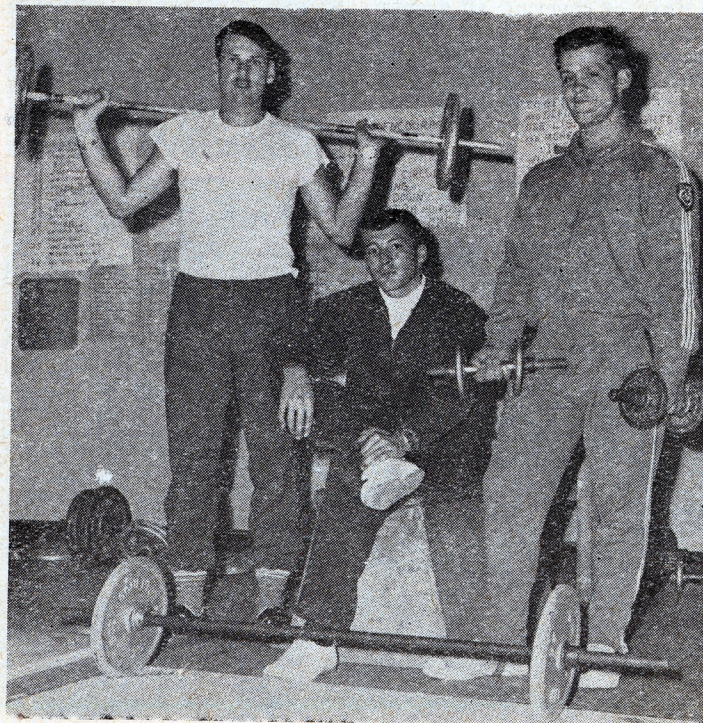


SKILL AT ARMS

Part of the business of being a professional soldier is the continuing programme of formal training which all troops have to undergo. For the past five weeks, three mornings a week, eight young soldiers from City Company have been attending their "play level four" course at Blue Beret Camp. In a jeep, specially modified to carry a 106 mm anti-tank gun, the troops are put through their paces by course instructor Sergeant Bob Blewett. Besides their regular and daily duties in the UN posts through out Nicosia, the soldiers are given a series of performance oriented objectives to achieve in order to pass the course. Map reading, the use of the compass or patrolling operations are only some of the skills expected of a career soldier. Privates Maurice Lussuer, Larry Lepain, Stan Sinclair and Ulge Berthelot work out during one of their assignments on their anti-tank course.



● Athlete of no small measure and an all round Corporal George Ede was interviewed by Bert Canning of CFCF Radio-TV, Montreal during a recent visit to Cyprus. Besides ram roding the Suburbia Company Junior Ranks Club, he has a track record, is one of the top hockey players in the Regiment and a former star of the Canadian Forces Bithelon Team.



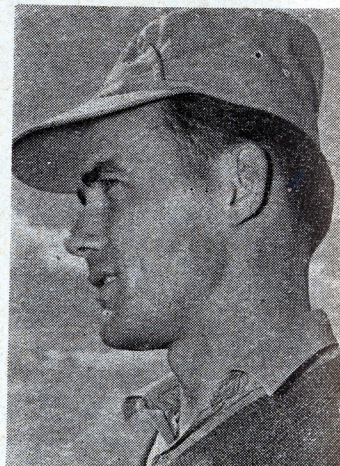
● Private Lloyd Tokle "blowing his thing" during a recent parade and concert at the Dome Hotel in Kyrenia.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

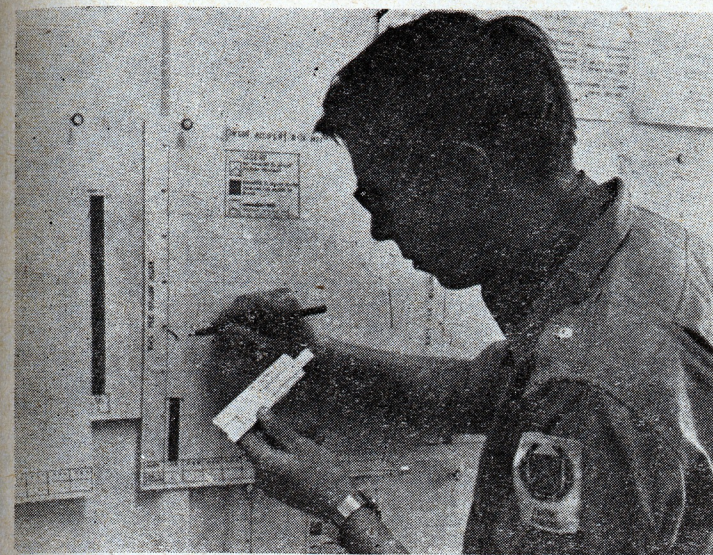
SWIMMERS IN TRAINING

Swimming teams from all UN contingents are limbering up for the contest scheduled to take place on 9 and 10 March at the Ledra Palace Pool. Master Corporal Don Pelton, Corporal Wayne Bigelow and Private Don McLean, part of the 12 man Cancon team, take a short break during circuit training at the gym. Led by Major Barry Winfield, the team was formed in October and has participated in several competitions in the island and out of the pool the team reflects high spirits and enthusiasm and go about their two hour daily training programme with true grit. Meet your team at the Ledra Pool, 9-10 March.

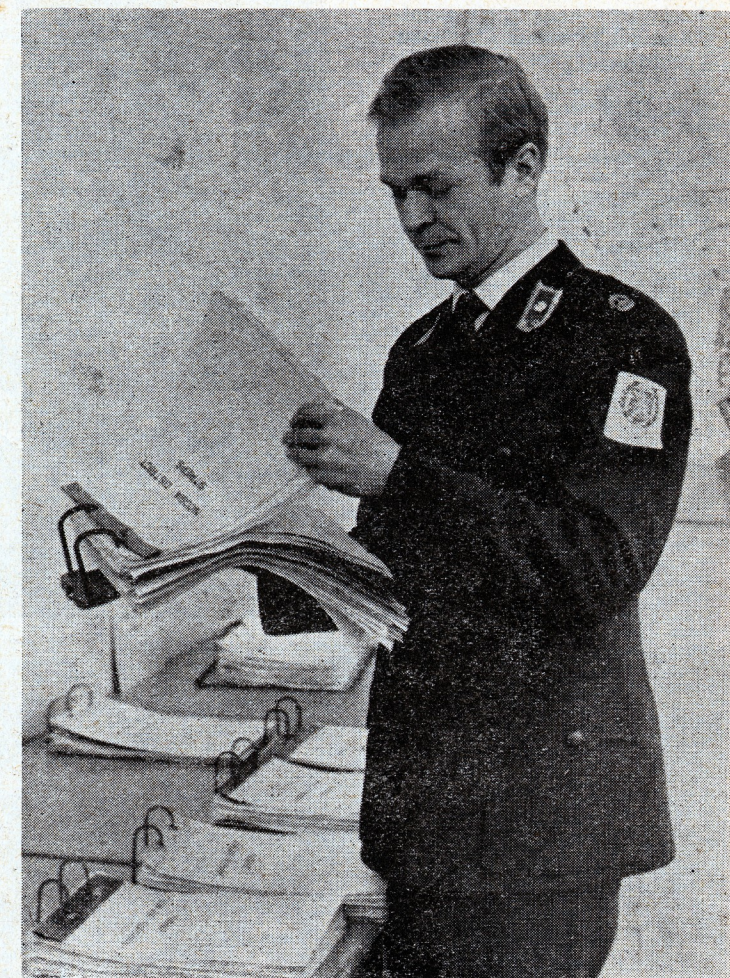


● Following the mountain ridge along the horizon which rises into the snow capped Olympus peaks of Troodos his gaze is on to the Cyprus Ski slopes. Corporal Don Dussault, another former star of the Canadian Bithelon Team, settles for the lowlands now and the cross country running team, but his heart is still in the hills.

ESIKUNTARYHMÄ ESITTÄYTYY



HQ UNFICYP' in Personnel Officer maj Börje Lagerström tarkastelee FINCON' in liikenneonnettomuustilastoja, jonka mukaan olemme vielä jätneen keskivertotilaston huonommalla puolella.



Kapteeni Reijo Ahonen on saarella jo kolmatta kertaa, joista ensimmäisellä kerralla 1964-65 hän toimi YKSP: ssä tilannepäivystäjänä. V. 1969 hän toimi aluksi AMPION tehtävissä ja siirtyi myöhemmin Force Commanderin adjutantiksi, minkä tehtävän hän otti myös vastaan saavuttuaan saarelle kolmannen kerran tammikuussa 1971.

Majuri Paavo Pitkänen on se mies UNFICYP' in OPS' issa, jonka "pitäisi" tietää mitä FINCON' issa tapahtuu. Maj Pitkänen hoitaa myös yhdyspseerin tehtävät varapresidentin toimistoon ja turkkilaiseen kontingenttiin. Aikaisempia YK-palvelusvuosia maj Pitkällä on kaikkiaan 2v 3kk.



Ylik "Ouzo" Koski on myöskin vanha YK-konkari, jonka tehtävänä on toimia eri toimistoissa yleismiehenä. Ylik Kesken harrastuksiin kuuluu keilailu ja tupakkalakkoilu, kuten maj Pitkälläkin. Kuvassamme oik maj E. G. Bonde.

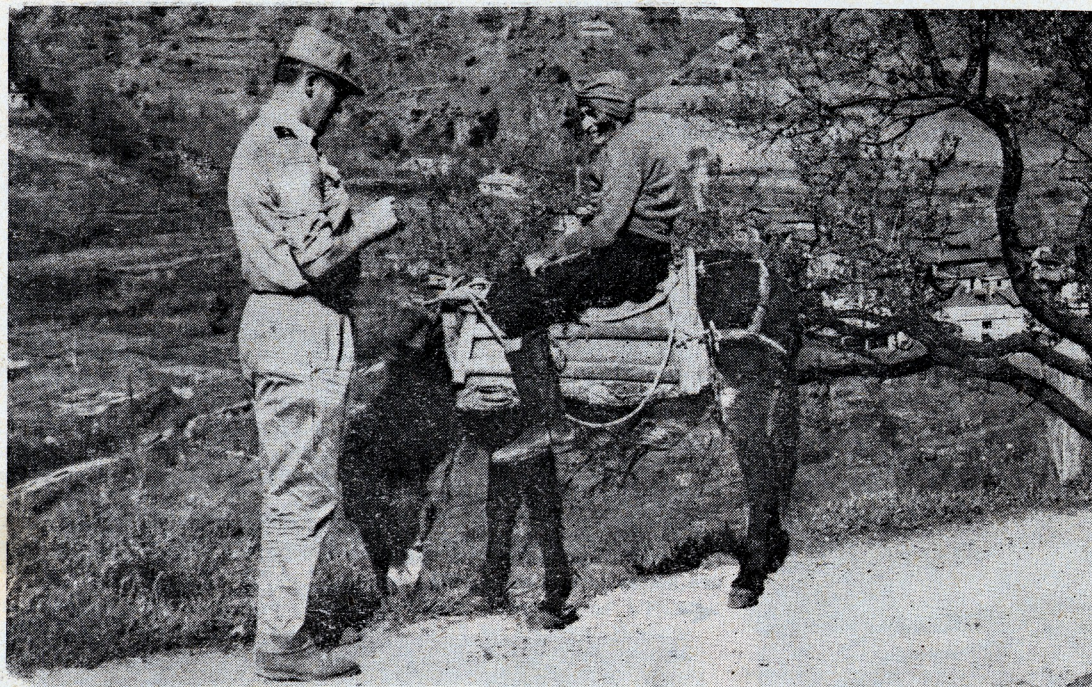
Kypros-konsertin onnelliset voittajat. Tällä kertaa onnetaren suosikkeja olivat jääkärit Aarno Kettunen (vas) Matti Ollila ja Hannu Angerias. Onnittelemme voittajia.

FINCON NEWS

DONKEY TALES

Policemen have their troubles and donkeys seem to feature prominently in them.

The Regimental Police of 3 RGJ were called out recently to make an unusual "arrest". A donkey, of "no fixed abode", was seen to be wandering around the Limassol Zone Headquarters building and eating the Regimental Sergeant Major's much prized grass. Sergeant John McMul-lan and Corporal Colin Rogers had the dubious task of taking "Joshua", as he later became known, into their custody and escorting him down to the Detention Centre. He remained there for three days until being released on probation to a local Cypriot who claimed to be his owner.



Meanwhile... Aprehended but not detained, was this donkey who seems to show little concern for the Danish policeman

who was conducting a routine inquiry. One thing is certain — he could never be "booked" for speeding!

Aid For Pakistan

Last week, a cheque for £400 for the East Pakistan flood victims was handed to Mr. Osorio-Tafall, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, during a ceremony at the Pancyprian Gymnasium in Nicosia.

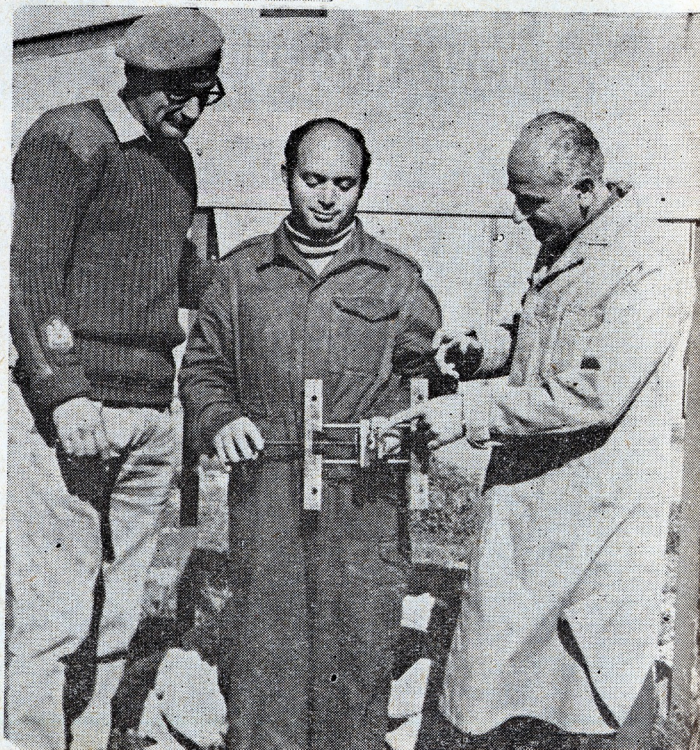
The cheque, the result of a collection among secondary school pupils, was presented to Mr. Osorio-Tafall by Stalou Yallouridou, head of the school's UNESCO Club. Also present at the ceremony was Mr. C. Kyprianou, Principal of the school, and Mr. C. Psiloinis, President of the Federation of UNESCO Clubs in Cyprus.

Mr. Osorio-Tafall later handed the cheque to the Pakistan High Commissioner, Mr. Rashid Ahmad, who was visiting Cyprus from his Beirut office.

AWARD TO CIVILIAN MECHANIC

Last year, Mr Ibrahim Hashmet, a vehicle mechanic in UNFICYP Workshop REME, was granted the maximum local award by the Officer Commanding, of £3, for his design for a special tool which considerably reduced the overhaul time for 27½ KVA generators. These are used for power and lighting at Kokkina and Limnitis. This design has now been assessed by the Ministry of Defence in London, as a result of which, he has been awarded an additional £7.

● Mr Hashmet is seen here together with the Workshop ASM, WO1 George Walker, and the Civilian Foreman, Mr Manoug Nadjarian.



MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
27 FEB 71	— 11
Same Period	
Last Year	— 12
Total This Year	— 44
Same Period	
Last Year	— 71

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

"DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION"