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MINOR UNITS TOUR

At the Army Aviation Flight the Commander discusses unit problems with, left, the Flight Commander, Major John Bedford-Davies and right, Lieutenant Charlie Blount. In the background are Captain Beck Isaksen, ADC, and Captain Chris Snape. Full story on Britcon page.



● Sailing is a very popular sport in Cyprus. The article on the back page tells you about the Sailing Pilots of Headquarters UNFICYP.

UNITED KINGDOM CONTRIBUTION TO UNFICYP

An extract from a note to the Secretary-General from the UK on the cost of the Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus during the current mandate reads:

"The Acting Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom is pleased to confirm that the United Kingdom Government will continue to maintain its contingent in the Cyprus Peace-Keeping Force for the period in question. As he stated in the Security Council on the 9th June 1970, the United Kingdom will continue to meet the costs of its own contingent and will in addition contribute voluntarily towards the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus a sum of £312,500 for each of the two quarters."

Danish Army Paymaster In Cyprus

Danish Army Paymaster, Major General O. Hoegberg, last week paid a visit to the Danish Contingent and he also called on the Force Commander at HQ UNFICYP.

● Our picture shows (left to right) Major General O. Hoegberg, the Force Commander, Major S. O. Oestergaard, Danish Ministry of Defense, and Captain F. Q. Sarroe, the Danish Contingent Economics Officer.



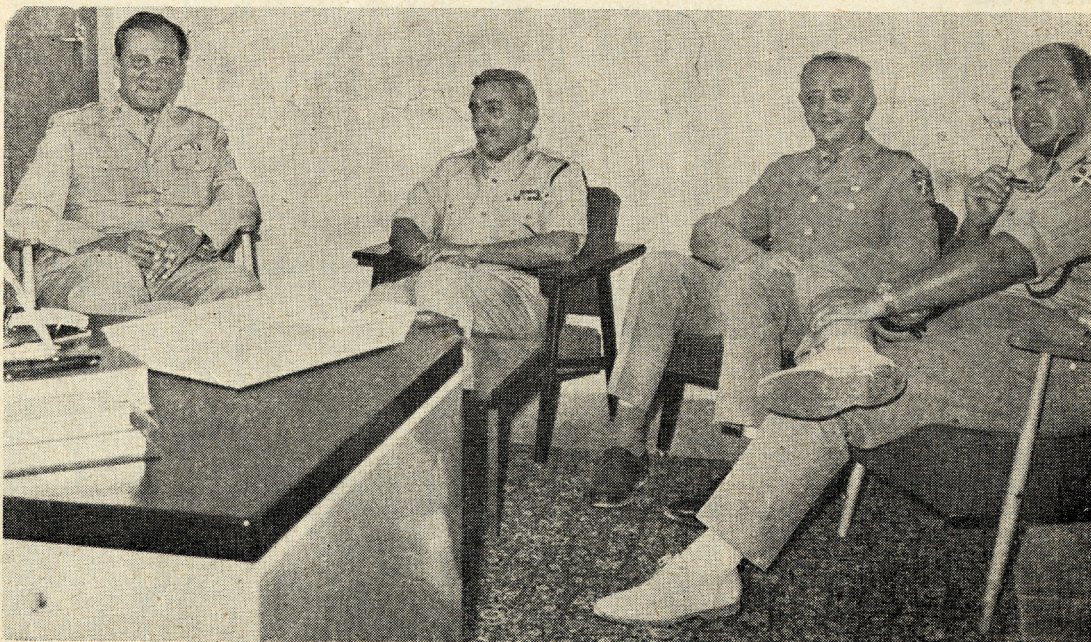
AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON HQ: His Excellency the Austrian Ambassador to Cyprus, Dr. Ludwig Steiner, paid a courtesy call on the Special Representative, Mr B. Osorio-Tafall, on Friday, 26th June. His Excellency is also the Ambassador to Greece and normally resides in Athens. The picture shows His Excellency the Austrian Ambassador (right) chatting informally with the Special Representative.

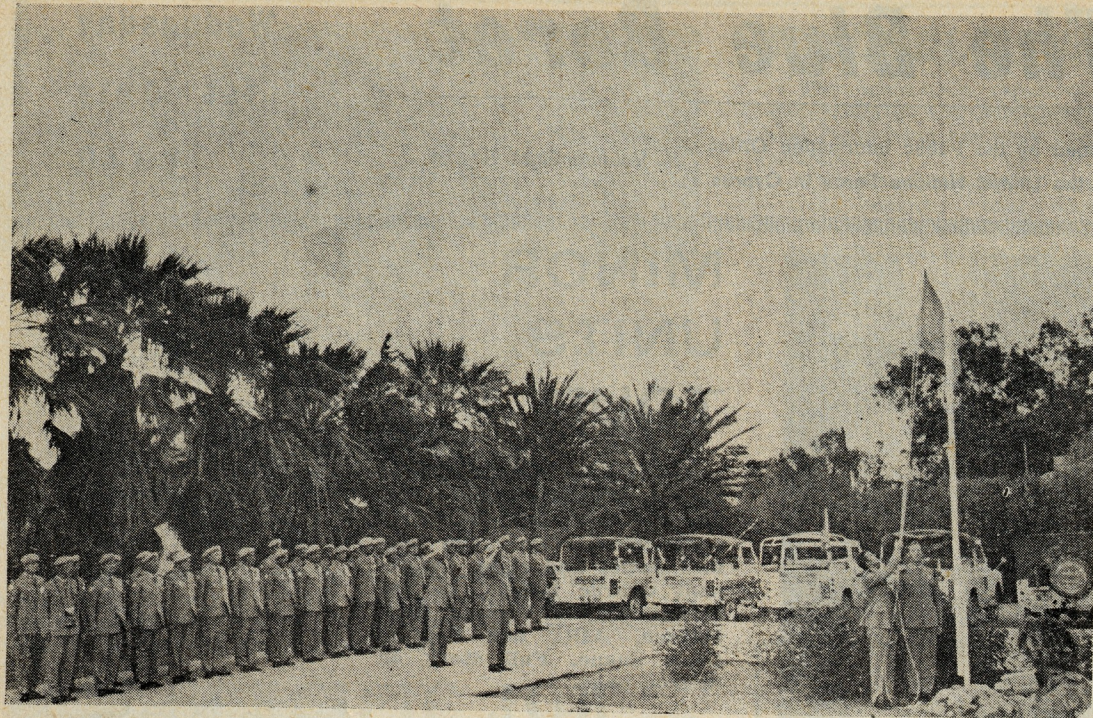
CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING POLICY

The Canadian Parliament's External Affairs and Defence Committee, in a report tabled early this month, recommended that "a strong and tenacious advocacy of improved peacekeeping" should remain a foremost priority in Canada's foreign policy.

The document resulted from a series of hearings and visits to the U.N. by a sub-committee which concluded that Canada should continue to maintain and train forces for peacekeeping missions. The committee also made a number of recommendations to strengthen U.N. peacekeeping.

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp also stated recently that Canada would be able to participate in a peacekeeping force in the Middle East if asked by the United Nations although the final decision would have to be taken by the Cabinet.



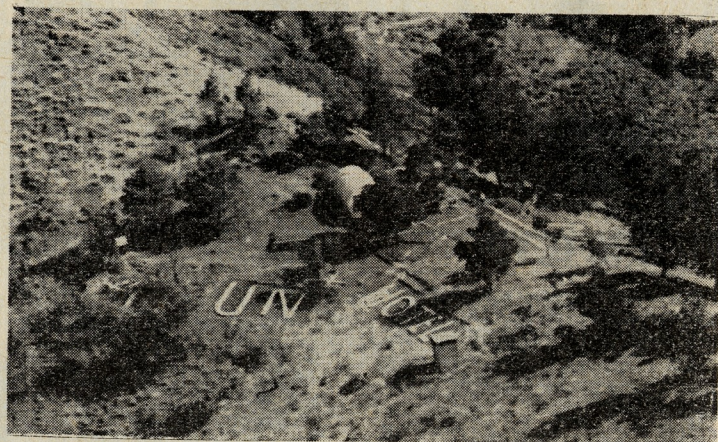


AFLØSNING PÅ OP'ERNE



Flere af observationsposterne i Dancons område er ret utilgængelige og man må i alle tilfælde benytte jeep for at nå frem til dem.

For OPerne Limekiln, Hotel og Juliet gælder det, at den daglige



forsyning med proviant og vand sker med muldyr og vagtafløsningen er luftbåren.

Hver fjortende dag ankommer en helikopter fra UN Headquarters og besørger transporten af vagtmandskab til og fra de afsides liggende poster.

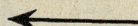
På billederne ses delingsfører sekondløjtnant P. Woetmann overvåge indskibning af mandskab og udrustning på helipadden i Xeros og det andet er taget fra luften inden landing på OP Hotel.

DANCIVPOL FLYTTET

Dancivpol, der i en årrække har haft HQ på Saray hotel, er nu indkvarteret i camp Kronborg med en styrke på 30 mand, medens 10 mand fortsat forbliver indkvarteret på Saray hotel.

14. juni stillede Dancivpol til parade i camp Kronborg, og UN-flaget blev sat. Dancivpol har nu fået etableret egen messe med hyggelige opholdsfaciliteter.

Sct. Hans aften blev behørig markeret med bål, midsommertale og sang sammen med forskellige gæster.



DANCON NYT

XEROS-LEJREN FRA NY SYNSVINKEL

Ved Dancons overtagelse af Lefka distrikt efter Ircon flyttede hovedkvarteret ind i Xeros lejren, som er beliggende på et areal til hørende kobbermine-selskabet Cyprus Mines Corporation. Lejren består fortrinsvis af telte, men rummer også barakker og huse. Billedet er fotograferet fra helikopter og viser lejren fra en ny vinkel. I baggrunden mineselskabets bygninger.



ELD I BERGET



- nere på skjutbanan i Dhekelia. Andra pluton sköt med kpist, ak, lvksp 58 och ksp 36. Så det stod härliga till. Här t h instruerar fj Christer Blomlöf, Strängnäs, killarna vid lvsprutan. Alla fick chansen att lossa en salva eller två.



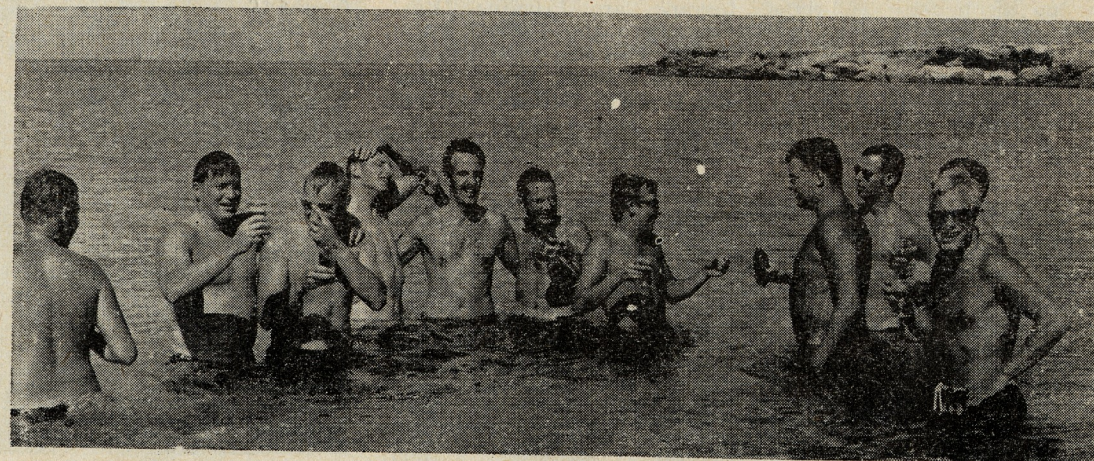
■ Här brassar 36-orna på för fullt mot de engelska figurerna. Och det gick bra ett tag. Men sedan fick samtliga sprutor på alla tre bilarna eldabrott nästan samtidigt (enligt vad som rapporteras). På grund av värmen förstås?

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

EN DROPPE I HAVET

- eller ett dopp i havet. Eller båda. I alla händelser inte dumt alls efter att ha suttit och snackat ett bra tag. Det gjorde ops-grabbarna från Ircon, Cancon, Fincon och Swedcon (inbjudare) här för leden. Och efter briefing om våra egna uppgifter och eventuella problem så blev det kyckling med dopp. Har förresten inte kn Ulf Fredriksson, Halmstad, nr 5 fr h, en "droppe" i vardera handen? Jodå!



"LEK-LEDARNA"

- eller Sports officers för att vara korrekt - höll sitt månatliga möte här om dagen. Vård Swedcon.

Särskilt på tapeten: Famagusta Town Race. Rundtur i F-a gjordes med anledning därav. Snackades också om framtida tävlingar mellan och inom de olika kontingenterna. Lunch på CGC. På bilden fr.v. lt Åke Blomberg, Swedcon, därefter representanterna från Cancon, HQ UNFICYPs ständige sekr, repr från Force Reserve, Fincon, Ircon och Britcon.]



FORCE COMMANDER VISITS MINOR UNITS

In an hour and threequarters whirlwind tour last Tuesday 23 June, Major General D. Prem Chand visited all the Minor Units in HQ UNFICYP. The small cogs that make it possible for the big wheels to go round.

He was accompanied throughout by the Chief Logistics Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Spike Barker-Wyatt.

● Engineer affairs discussed with, centre, the Chief Logistics Officer and, right, WO I D. Brooks.

● Radio Technician Bonar Law, from Wales, explains a technical point to the Force Commander.



CONTINGENT ENGINEERS

Taking time off in their canteen at Polemidhia Camp are members of the Royal Engineers attached to 3rd Battalion Light Infantry.

They are left to right Sapper John Hibden, who is a plumber working at the moment at Polis, Lance Corporals Robert Davis, David Wincomb, Martin Webster, who is an electrician and is working at Paphos, Lance Corporal Michael Holmes and Sapper John Wells.

Denmark, Norway and Ireland. Lance Corporal Wincomb is married and his wife is now living in Birchington, Herts. They find plenty to do here both work and play.

Between the six of them they have already served in Germany, France, Canada,

BRITCON NEWS



DOWN THE PIT

Working on a 4 ton vehicle of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry in the inspection pit at Polemidhia Camp is Lance Corporal John Barber, REME, attached to the Battalion for

its tour in Cyprus.

Lance Corporal Barber is a vehicle mechanic and has already served in Malaya and Thailand during his 4½ years in the Army. He is a single soldier and his home is at Tidworth, Hants. He says he has plenty of work to keep him busy and that he is enjoying the Cyprus sunshine.

FALLING PLATE CHAMPIONS

'B' Company which is based at Kophinou emerged winners of the recent Inter-Company Falling Plate Competition held at Dhekalia Range.

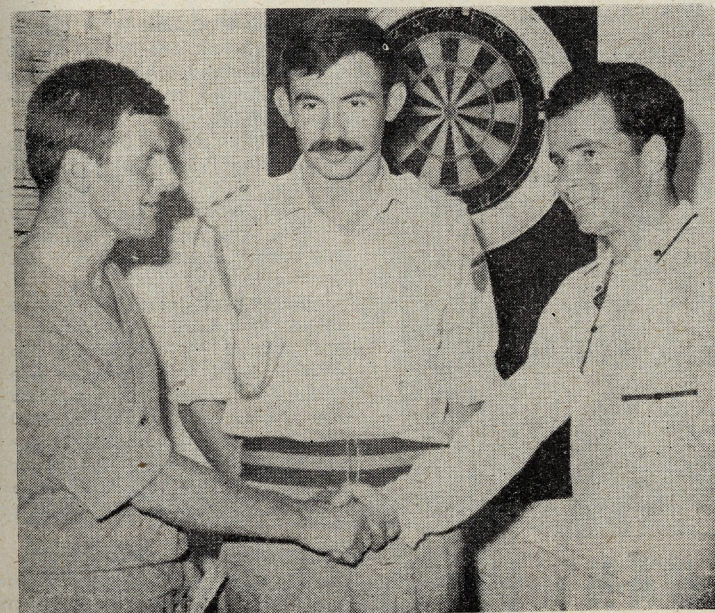
They were hard pressed by the Armoured Car Group but their overall steadiness and the experience of Lieutenant John Byrne and Sergeant Ben Reilly, members of last years winning All Army Rifle Team, helped them maintain the upper hand all through the competition.

Their standard of shooting was very high and they are eager to maintain the excellent record of past Ircon Groups who have won the last two Falling Plate Competitions in Cyprus. Our photograph right shows the 'B' Company team whose members come from the Curragh and Western Commands.



● Front row (left to right) Private William Kearnes, 3rd Battalion, Sergeant William Smith, 3rd Battalion, Private Christy McCarthy, 4 Garrison Army Ordnance Corps.

Back row (left to right) Commandant William Bunworth, 4 Brigade, Sergeant Ben Reilly, Training Depot, Curragh, Lieutenant John Byrne, Training Depot, Curragh and Private A.F. Wallace, 6 Battalion.

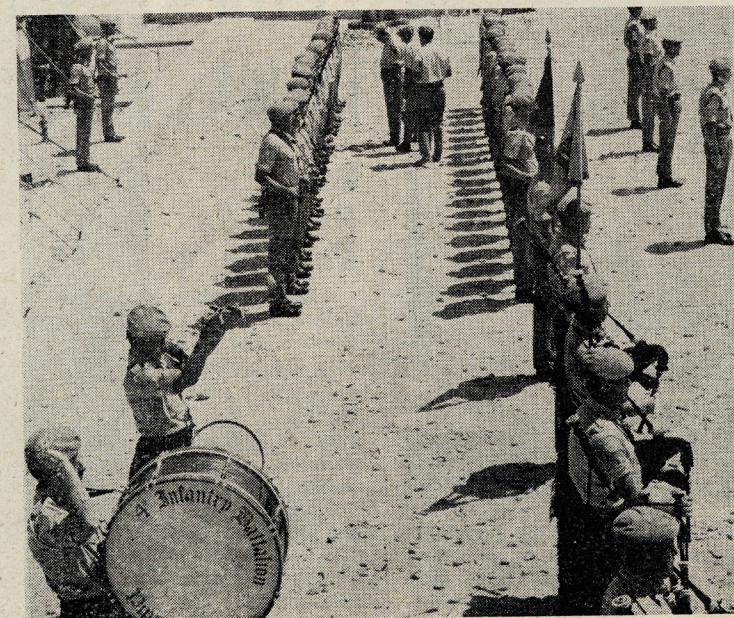


DARTS WINNERS

The final of the darts competition was held in the Men's Club Zyvi on Friday 19th June.

Under very strict rules the final, of five games of 301, was fought out between Private Anthony Gleeson, Depot Supply and Transport, and Trooper Michael Dolan, 1st Motor Squadron. Although Private Gleeson stole the first game the steadiness of Trooper Dolan carried him through to win the next three games.

In our picture above are (left to right) Private Gleeson, Captain Paddy Walshe, Administration Officer and Trooper Dolan.



THE "HAPPY" POSTMAN

Santa-Claus comes to members of the 18th Infantry Group each day. I refer to Sergeant Paschal Daly the ever happy, efficient and tireless postman, who hightails up the Nicosia road each morning with the outgoing post and arrives back at 1130 hours with his big sack of letters and parcels.

There is no truth in the rumour that he puts a few rocks in the sack on a breezy day to keep him from being blown back out of the camp gate.

Sergeant Daly belongs to the Observer Corps, Army Headquarters. He is married and lives in Rialto, Dublin. Below he is giving some post to Gunners Tom Gunn and Anthony McAnaney of Columb Barracks, Mullingar.



IRCON NEWS

'B' COMPANY ON PARADE

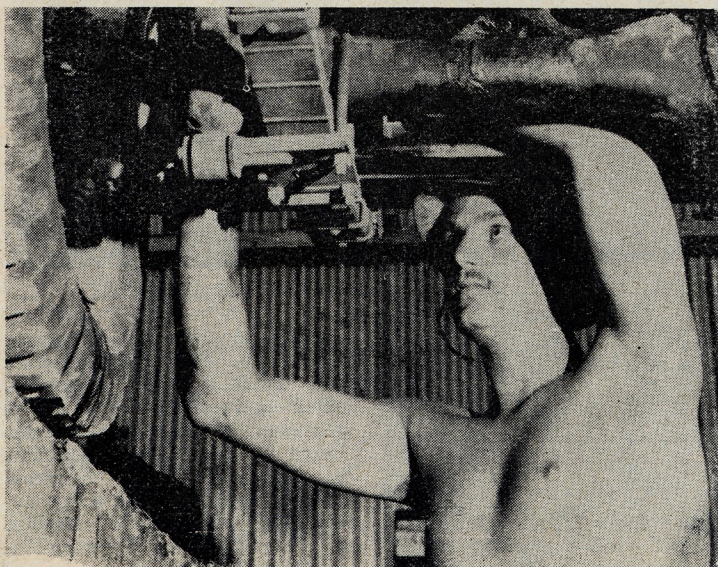
A birds eye view of personnel of 'B' Company and the 18th Infantry Group Pipe Band on parade for the Group Commanders Inspection at Kophinou.

WRVS VISITS UN OUTPOSTS

Mrs Cathy Clarke, who looks after the soldiers of 3rd Battalion Light Infantry, goes round all the posts within Britcon each week delivering newspapers to the soldiers.

Her visits are always popular and the papers she brings most welcome. This is the third battalion which Cathy has looked after in Cyprus. She was previously with the Worcestershire Regiment and with the 3rd Royal Aglians.

From the right, in the photograph, are Privates 'Jinx' Jennings, Jim Dawe, Mrs Clarke, Privates Fred Massey, Richard Davies, Brian Irving and Graham Holland. All the soldiers are members of "A" Company at Paphos.





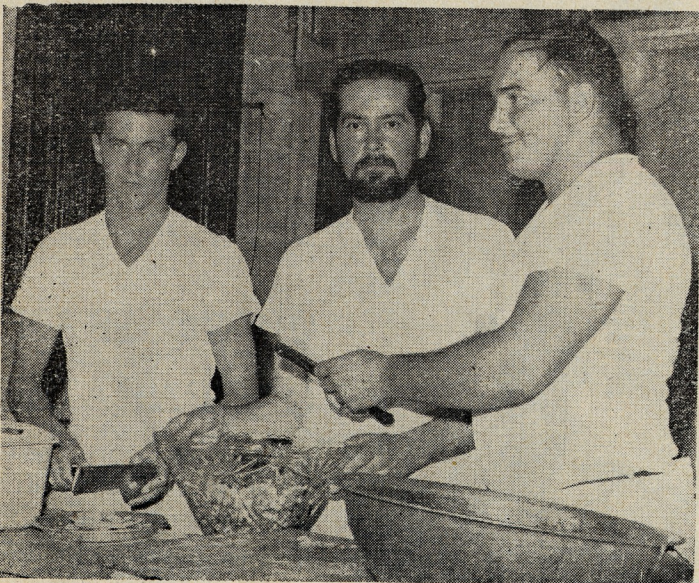
JOINT OP CENTER OPEN

The Nicosia District Joint Operations Center was opened this week at Wolseley Barracks. The center is co-manned by Canadian Contingent personnel and Danish civil policemen.

In the photo taken on opening day (left to right): Lieutenant Bud Dion, the Canadian Duty Officer briefs Chief Superintendent Robert Thorgersen while Lieutenant-Colonel Dan G. Loomis gets the good word from Inspector Jens Holm Madsen of Danciv-pol.



INTEGRATED SALAD



● With the recent arrival of Corporal Ron Weir (center) of the Naval Element of our Forces, our kitchens are now well "integrated". Mixing the salad with him are (left) Air Element cook Private Dennis Landry and Private Doug Hinchliffe of the Land Forces. All three work in the Officers' Mess kitchen.

CAN CON NEWS

Senior Padre On Rooftop

Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Buxton, the Senior Protestant Chaplain at Mobile Command Headquarters, paid a rooftop visit to Corporal Charles MacLeod of "D" Company during his routine visit to the contingent this week.



CANCON HOSTS SIGNALS CONFERENCE

Corporal Louis Warren of the Canadian Contingent Signal Platoon dispenses explanations on line equipment for the benefit of the twelve Signals Officers attending their monthly conference which was hosted by the Canadian contingent.

These conferences are held at different locations every month and are aimed at solving communication problems which may arise in the various contingent areas and to the overall communications through UNFICYP. Lieutenant Colonel D.D. Ranft, Chief Signals Officer chaired the last meeting.

With Us This Week:

—Lieutenant-Colonel W.W. Buxton, Senior Protestant Chaplain at Mobile Command headquarters here on a routine visit of units of the command's units.

Mr. William Heine, Editor of the London Free Press, writing in-depth stories on the United Nations Force in Cyprus and particularly on the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment's part in peacekeeping. Mr. Heine is here until July 7.

—A five-man cine team from the National Film Board of Canada shooting sequences for a recruiting film being produced for the Canadian Armed Forces. The team proceeds from Cyprus to Resolute Bay (650 miles above the Arctic circle) in Canada's Northwest Territories, later this week... BRRRR... Should show the flexibility of the Canadian troops!!!

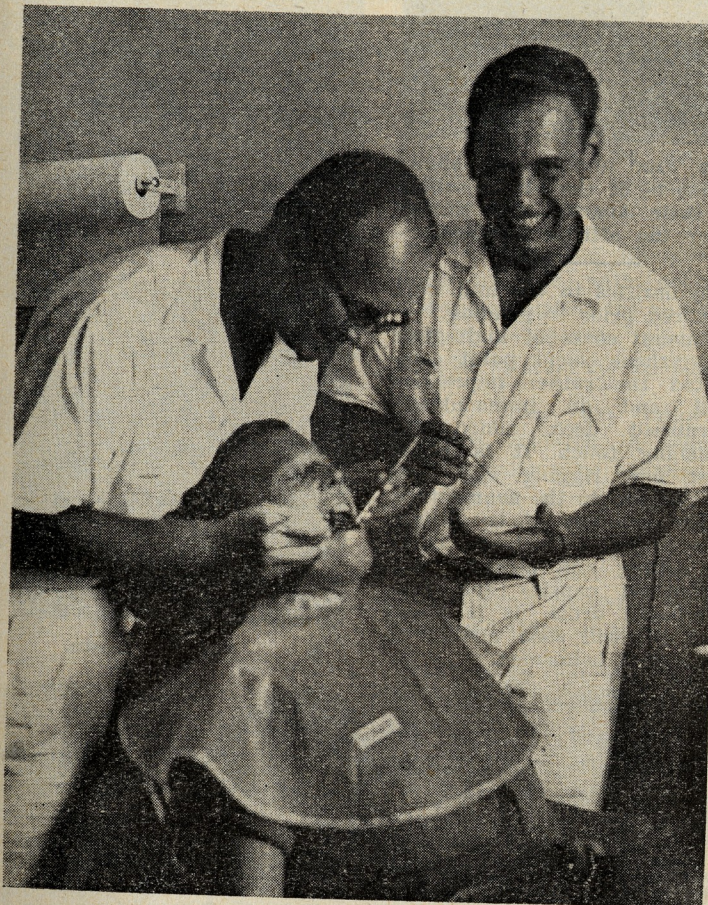
Komea voitto lentopallossa, FINCON volleyball'in mestari

Jännittävä ja tiukka oli kontingenttien välisessä lentopallo-ottelussa 29.6. pelattu viimeinen ottelu, jossa FINCON voitti CANCONin 2-0. FINCON voitti kaikki ottelut varsin selvästi ja sai mestaruuden osoituksiksi CANCONin kilpailuun lahjoittaman komean kiertopalkinnon, jonka Force Commander, kenraalimajuri D. Prem Chand ojensi FINCONille kilpailun päättyttyä.

Erityisesti CANCONia vastaan pelatun ottelun toinen erä oli jännittävä. FINCON oli häviöllä 4-13, kun jääkäri Timo Ruoste pääsi syöttämään ja hän löikin

niin mahdolliset alakierteiset syötöt, että peli tasoittui kummasti ja lopulta FINCON voitti erän 15-13. Ensimmäinen erä voitettiin 15-4. CANCON sijoittui hopealle ja

IRCON pronssille. Suomalaisjoukkueen valmentajana toimi pataljoonan urheilu-upseeri, yliluutnantti Raimo Majuri. Joukkueessa, jonka kapteenina toimi luutnantti Kauko Ketolainen, pelasivat jääkärit Matti Kartano, Osmo Martikainen, Heikki Mäkipere, Risto Parkko, Veli Rautiainen, Timo Ruoste, Eero Ruottinen ja Raikko Salo.



Hammaslääkärissä kalustoaan uusimassa majuri Otso Salminen. Remontin suorittaa Medical Doctor Peter Bernauer (vas) assistentteineen.

Hampaiden hoitoon kiinnitettävä enemmän huomiota

Mistähän johtuu, että suomalaisilla on yleensä huonot hampaat? Pataljoonan lääkäri, lääkäntäeverstiluutnantti David von Flittner sanoo, että suomalaisten hammasluustossa ei liene vikaa, mutta ehkä sitten ruokavaliosta. Muissa pohjoismaissa on elintaso suurinpiirtein sama, mutta hampaat keskimäärin paremmat.

Itävaltalainen kenttäsairaala eli Austrian Field Hospital hoitaa myös suomalaisten YK-sotilaiden hampaita ja lääkäri von Flittner kertoi, että hoitokertoja on kuukaudessa keskimäärin 100. Kaikkiaan noin 20 miestä saa hampaansa kuntoon kuukausittain FINCONissa. Kuitenkin vain osa halukkaista voidaan hoitaa. Joutamassa on tälläkin hetkellä noin 80 hammaspotilasta.

Kuitenkin Suomesta lähetetään kielloista huolimatta huonohampaisia miehiä tänne Kyprokselle, sanoo von Flittner edelleen. Ja kuitenkin itävaltalaiset ei tarvitsisi hoitaa kuin akuuttitapaukset hammaspotilaidenkaan kohdalla, mutta he hoitavat myös muutkin tapaukset. Tekevät proteeseja, siltoja ja kultahampaitakin, yleensä kaikkea hoitoa.

Ainoastaan teknillisistä töistä ja



Mäkipere kovakuntoisin kuntoradalla

Hiostava, ankara kuntoratakilpailu oteltiin 26.6. vihreän linjan perinteisellä kuntoradalla. Henkeä haukkomaan panevassa helteessä ponnisti jääkäri Heikki Mäkipere 1.JK:sta ilmiömäisen tuloksen 2.47, jolla hän voitti kilpailun.

Kilpailu oli myös harjoitusta kontingenttien väliseen kuntoratakilpailuun, joka pidetään 14.7. Nyt radalla jo harjoittelevat ruotsalaiset ja tanskalaiset, joten saa nähdä löytyykö heistä aikanaan vastusta FINCONille.



Jääkäri Heikki Mäkipere saapuu maaliin kuntoradan mestarina. Taisien rauhallisista askelin, hallitusti ja voimia turhaan kuluttamatta Mäkipere säilytti saman tahdin loppuun saakka.

FINCON NEWS

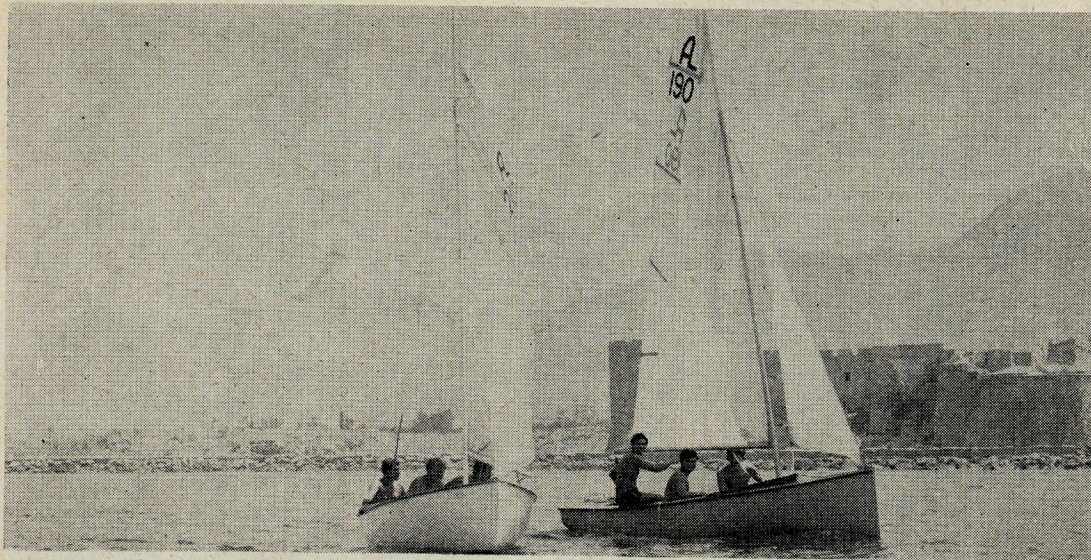
tarvikkeista veloitetaan. Paikalliset hammaslääkärin tekemät tekniset työt. Paikkaukset ovat ilmaisia. AFH:n hinnat ovat yleensä tavattoman halpoja verrattuna esimerkiksi suomalaisten hammaslääkäreiden taksoihin. Kulta-hammas joka Suomessa maksaa jopa 200 mk, maksaa täällä CY £ 4,500.

Suomessa pyritään nykyään korjaamaan hampaat varusmiesaikana. Tämän hoidon maksaa tietenkin valtio. Lääkäri von Flittner piti parempana pyrkiä samoilla määrärahoilla tehokkaaseen ennalta ehkäisevään valistustyöhön ja hoitoon hammaslääkäreiden kohdalla.



'UN' on kova pala kuntoradan juoksijoille. Kun esteen päälle pääsee niin loppu meneekin sitten vauhdikkaasti. (Kuva jääkäri E. Raskinen)

SAILING AVIATORS...



On the 4th June 1970 Headquarters UNFICYP Aviation Flight launched its Albacore sailing dinghy. The dinghy together with a Firefly, previously launched, was allotted to the Flight by the RAF Nicosia Sailing club. They are

to be used and maintained by the Flight.

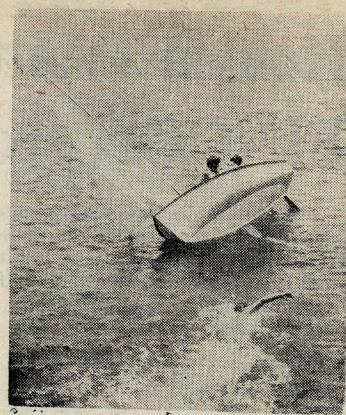
On first sight the Albacore appeared to be in poor condition. However, after some six or seven coats of paint had been stripped the hull was discovered to be sound. Minor

● Our photographs shows members of the Flight sailing in their Abacore and Firefly after the official launching.

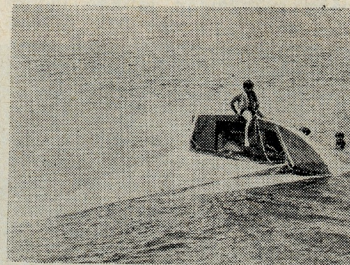
irregularities to the hull were repaired prior to priming.

Several coats of high gloss polyurethane yacht paint completed the rather impressive hull and an immaculately varnished deck added the finishing touch. It is hoped that new rigging and sails will appear in the near future.

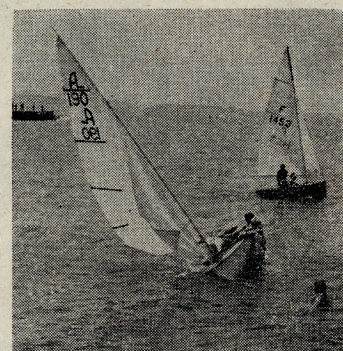
All members of the Flight have started on a basic course of sailing and already have completed capsize and man overboard drills. It is hoped that all will soon qualify as competent helmsmen.



● ... Going Down.



● ... Down.



● ... And Up Again.



● Major John Bedford-Davies and Captain Christopher Snape prepare the Albacore for launching.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending Jun 70	—	6
Same Period last Year	—	7
Total this Year	—	196
Same Period last Year	—	175

Main cause of accidents
this week:

"IMPROPER
BACKING"

New Secretary For UNFICYP

Miss Mardie Holton has recently joined UNFICYP as secretary to Mr R. Gorgé, Senior Legal and Political Advisor. Mardie, who comes from Australia, has been with the United Nations since 1964 and has worked in New York and Geneva before joining UNFICYP. Her hobbies are languages and she speaks French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and German. During her stay with UNFICYP she intends to learn Greek.

Mardie relieved Miss Audrey Bowker who has been secretary to Mr Gorgé for the last two years. Audrey left Cyprus on Sunday 28th June for New York. In our picture we see Mardie sitting at the typewriter and Audrey standing.

