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Countries Without Nuclear Weapons Support Peaceful Use Of Atom



On Tuesday, 3 September, Lt Gen A. E. Martola presented Peace-Keeping Medals to the Danish Contingent. Lt Col O. M. Achon, Contingent Commander, is shown above, receiving his Medal.

SOMALILAND ACHIEVES INDEPENDENCE

The African territory of Somaliland, formerly under British rule, achieved independence on 6 September and the message from the UN Secretary-General expressed the world organization's good wishes. The message was delivered to King Ngwanya Sobhuza by Mr. Robert Gardiner, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa. In his message, the UN Secretary-General stated that the importance which the United Nations had attached to Somaliland's speedy attainment of independence in conditions of peace and stability made it certain

that the new country could count on the goodwill of the world community in consolidation of its independence and in the achievement of economic and social progress in line with the aspirations of the people. The UN General Assembly and the Special UN Committee on Decolonization have on various occasions stressed the need for measures to protect Somaliland's territorial integrity and bring about its economic independence vis-a-vis South Africa in the light of its position of virtual geographic encirclement by South Africa.

In Geneva last week representatives of some 80 countries without nuclear weapons continued to examine ways of assuring their security, diminishing the nuclear threat, and promoting the peaceful use of the atom in a world overshadowed by the nuclear bomb.

Foreign Minister Brandt of West Germany said his country would seek prohibition of any aggression — be it with nuclear, biological, chemical, or conventional weapons. The last category, he remarked could be used by a nuclear state against a non-nuclear one, as shown by recent events. Foreign Minister Medici of Italy said that the entrance of foreign troops into Czechoslovakia had violated one of the basic principles of this year's treaty designed to prevent further spread of nuclear weapons and provide security assurances to nations foregoing them. Yugoslavia's Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Bewovski, said that the Non-Proliferation Treaty did not meet the needs of collective security and added that the intervention by force in the affairs of independent states was growing. Ambassador Vakil of Iran urged more

explicit assurances that the nuclear nations would not use atomic weapons against non-nuclear nations. Both he and Mr. Adnan Iarici of Yemen stressed the need to ensure that the benefits of nuclear technology were made available to nations without atomic arms. South Africa's Delegate, Mr. Roux, said that his country supported the Non-Proliferation Treaty but feared it might hamper economic development of non-nuclear-weapon states. The issue, he noted, was of particular importance to his country which was one of the largest producers of uranium.

Statements by Delegates

In statements made by the delegates from various parts of the world, an attempt was made to touch upon their countries' achievements and hopes for future progress in such fields as nutrition, housing, medical care, education and other aspects of human well-being and development.

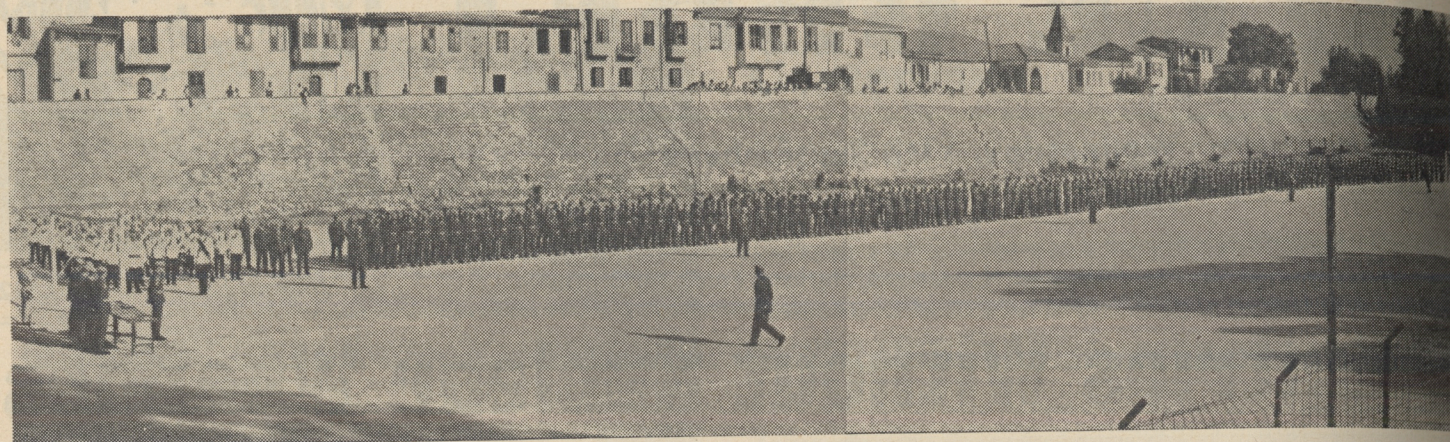
UN Social Welfare Council Opens

In opening the UN Social Welfare Conference at the UN Headquarters in New York last week, U Thant said that the equal representation of developing and industrialized countries demonstrated that the social welfare problems were a truly award-wide concern. He added that the importance now given to the role of human resources in development could go a long way towards reconciling seemingly conflicting requirements of improved human well-being and of economic growth. He observed that the most development specialists had started recognizing that the human factor was perhaps the most important element in sustained economic growth.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PHILIPPINES ELECTED PRESIDENT

Mr. Gregorio Feliciano, Secretary of State for Social Welfare of the Philippines, was elected President of the UN Social Welfare Conference. He said it was significant that this honour had been entrusted to the representative of a developing country. Mr. Feliciano also felt it was appropriate that the conference was being held just before the world organization had embarked upon the second development decade.

PARADEN I BILLEDER



Medailleparaden forrige tirsdag fik et både smukt og værdigt forløb, men det blev samtidig en varm omgang for deltagerne i de velpressede vinteruniformer.

I sin tale til kontingentet sagde general Martola blandt andet: "Det er mig en stor glæde at være her på denne festlige dag, hvor I får jeres UNFICYP-medaille. Jeres fine parade-opstilling er et dejligt militært skue, som glæder en gammel soldats hjerte.

UNFICYP-medailen har en særlig betydning, for den tildeles kun dem, som har tjent ved UNFICYP. Den gives jer som et tegn på FN's taknemlighed for den tjeneste I har gjort i fredens sag. Vor tilstedeværelse her på øen har været meget vigtig. Havde vi ikke været her, ville blodige kampe være brudt ud mellem parterne, kampe som meget let kunne udvikle sig til en storkonflikt i denne del af verden".

General Martola dekorerer chefen for B-kompagniet, major K.E. Nielsen med UNFICYP-medailen. Majoren var blandt de udvalgte, der fik sin medaille af generalen.

DANCON - NYT



Efter at general I.A.E. Martola havde modtaget paraden, skridtede han fronten af sammen med chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant O.M. Acthon.



Chefen for Stabskompagniet, major N. Maagaard hæfter UNFICYP-medailen på brystet af konstabel Rudi Bondesen.



Musikkorpset fra The 4th Light Infantry marcherer i spidsen for paraden fra fodboldbanen på "moaten".

"BÄTTRE TIDIGT ÄN FÖR SENT!"

Bättre rösta tidigt än för sent, tyckte vår flygande medlare i Mellanöstern-konflikten, ambassadör Gunnar Jarring, och för till Famagusta och Carl Gustaf Camp förra onsdagen.

Röstmottagningen är inne på sista varvet nu, och hittills har ca 250 man utnyttjat möjligheten. Det är svårt att säga hur många som kommer att ha röstat innan mottagningen upphör, säger vår auditör, major Gösta Lindberg. Det är inte för optimistiskt att räkna med något över 300 eftersom det finns ca 550 röstberättigade inom bataljonen, inklusive de civila svenskar som bor på Cypern.

Bilden: Ambassadör Jarring och major Gösta Lindberg.



SWEDCON NEWS

SVERIGE SEGRADE I FOTBOLL OCH TENNIS

Returmatchen i fotboll mot danskarna kommer att spelas i Nicosia den 28/9. De danske har då lovat att ta en grufvig hämnd efter förlusten mot oss på stadion i Old City härom sistens, alltså den gången vi vann med 3 - 2. Åskådare! Möt därför upp i Nicosia och stöd de våra!

Så har det även varit zonmästerskap i tennis, fina och spännande matcher på banorna vid Four Miles Point. De bästa resultaten:

Singel:

Mästare: Bengtsson, Cypol

Tvåa: Sandin, 3 komp

Trea: Bäck, 3 komp

Dubbel:

Mästare: Enocksson/Nilsson, Cypol

Tvåa: Sandin/Bäck, 3 kompaniet

En mycket fin prestation svarade de svenske för även när UNFICYP-mästerskapet i tennis gick den 5

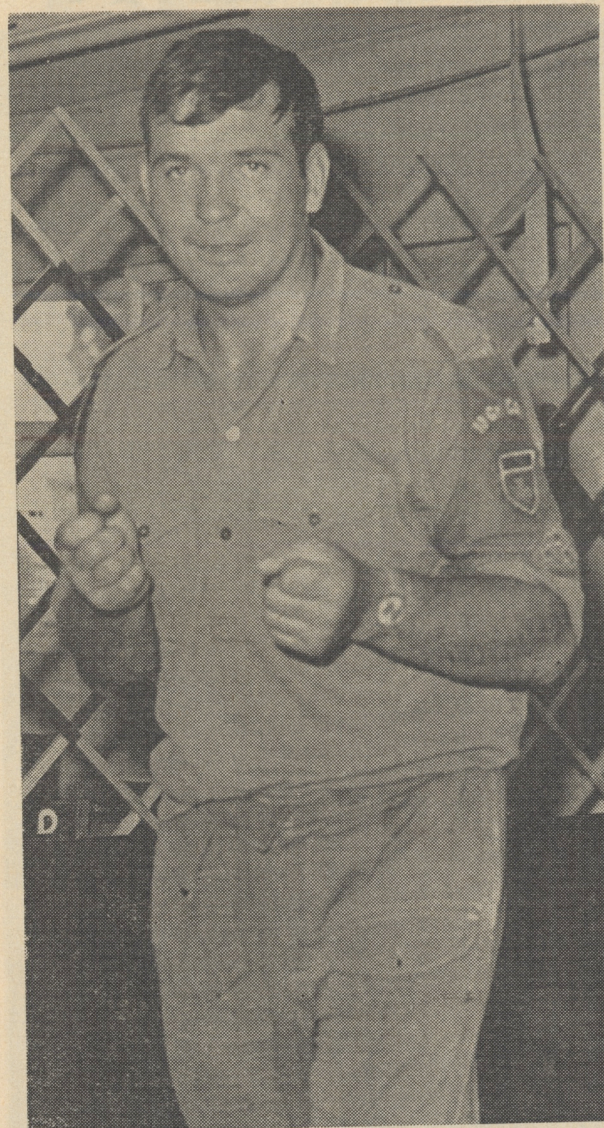
och 6 sept. Dubbelparet Enocksson/Nilsson vann dubbelmästerskapet medan Bengtsson kom trea i singeln. Det kanske mest rafflande inträffade, när Bengtsson i en extramatch tvingades möta en spelare som han tidigare i tävlingen blivit utslagen av. I en mycket fin match vann han och bärgade på så sätt totalsegern för Sverige.

Fotbollsbilderna: Det var en spännande och tidvis välspelad match mellan Sveriges och Danmarks bataljonslag i Famagusta.

Grabbarna som var med och vann var fr v Bengt Allan Ekström, Åtvidaberg, Kjell Svensson, Gusum, Lennart Andersson, Östhammar, Bill Tåqvist, Remsle, Lars Torekull, Solna, Leif Ohlsson, Tidaholm, Sture Boberg, Hemse, Sven Johansson, Växjö, Lennart Thorbjörk, Motala, Jan Ståhl, Västerås, Göran Johansson, Eringsboda, Kenneth Johansson, Rottneros.



SECRET WEAPON



Last week the volleyball competition for the chief Signal Officer's Cup was held at HQ UNFICYP. The IRCON Sigs Personnel were the eventual winner in a competition that was run in a very sporting spirit. Hereunder the winning team: (Back row left to right) Capt P. Purcell, Ircon Sig Officer, Sgmn J. O'Hanlon, Sgmn D. Cullinane, C/S T. Fogarty, Cpl T. McCarthy, (Front Row) Sgt. H. O'Shea, Sgmn T. McMahon, Cpl B Gilbert, Sgmn J. Connolly.

IRCON NEWS



COMMON THEME

It would take a member of 10 Inf Group to detect a common theme in these two pictures below. Can you detect it?

..... whilst in their billet in the same camp, Cpl Sean Mc Phillips and Pte John Howe pause in their task of packing away homecoming gifts for their families.

Here overlooking the sea at KATO PYRGOS, Pte Willie O'Connor and Pte Christie Maguire give a final cleaning to their Bren guns before packing up for the homeward trip.....



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Now that the 10 Group are, like the Arabs, "folding their tents" and preparing to move surely, if not quietly, away — now, it can be revealed that amongst its reserves it, quietly harboured a secret weapon, a weapon with a punch, — a heavyweight champion!

The role of reserve suited Mick Collins for he is shy and reserved and hugs the shadows in the limelight his success has brought him. In fact it took our cameraman about six months to track him down before finally running him to earth. And when finally cornered he made light of his attaining the Irish Junior Heavyweight crown.

You see, 21 year old Mick is so long in the game that it all comes naturally to him. It all began over 14 years ago when he first rambled into the training quarters of Droichead Nua (Co. Kildare) boxing club. Within eighteen months he tasted his first success by becoming School-boy Champion of Co. Kildare. The break-up of the club soon after left Mick like a fish out of water and it was'nt until 1964, the same year that he enlisted, that he joined the Kilcullen Boxing Club. Glad to be back in what, to him, was his natural element, that season he won both the Curragh and the All Army Novice titles.

The next year brought him both the Leinster and the All Army Junior titles. During the season 1966/67 he had to be content with runner-up placings both in the Irish Junior Championships and the Telifis Eireann Ring-side Series. But last winter brought him his biggest success so far when he won the National Junior Heavyweight Title.

And now he is anxious to get home and get into training for a crack at the National Senior Title and his chance to represent Ireland in International contests. In these ambitions we join his many friends in wishing him "Good Luck".

Flying Visit by C.O. 4/7th DG.

On Saturday 7 September, Lt-Col Nigel Bagnall pictured right chatting with soldiers of 'C' Sqn, arrived on a four day visit, from Omagh, Northern Ireland, home of the Regiment.

During his brief visit, he weathered a rough "Chopper", flight in a stormy sky when he visited the "Carob Troop" in Paphos. He was piloted by Lt Roland Handcock who returned to Nicosia to unpack his parachute!

On Tuesday Lt-Col Bagnall was "Dined in" at Zyyi and met personalities of UNFICYP before departing to UK on Wednesday.

HOW'S THAT FOR SIZE?



THE HOUSE OF DIONYSOS



Pte David Martin is helped the roofs of the tombs, of out of a burial chamber by Pte which there are said to be a Fred James. Clearly with a hundred, are at ground level. stone lid on top there's not The Chambers are hewn out much chance of escape! Pte of solid rock and you descend Ken Meynell, and Stuwert Co. to them by a flight of stone thill look on. The photo was carved stairs which lead you taken at Palaeokastra, of into burial chambers and "Tombs of the Kings", west of numerous small vaults. For investigation purposes a torch is essential, and undoubtedly Ktima.

They are quite unique, as dusk is the best time to visit!

From the left: Lcpl George Keall, Pte Chris Higham and George Powley take a close look at a member of the Department of Antiquities restoring the beautiful mosaics, not far from the Tombs, in the Roman private house.

Most depict Greek mythology, hunting and wine, Pyramus and Thisbe, Apollo and Daphne. Even the God Dionysos seated in a chariot drawn by two wild beasts remains bright to this day, since being laid in the third century A.D.

BRITCON NEWS

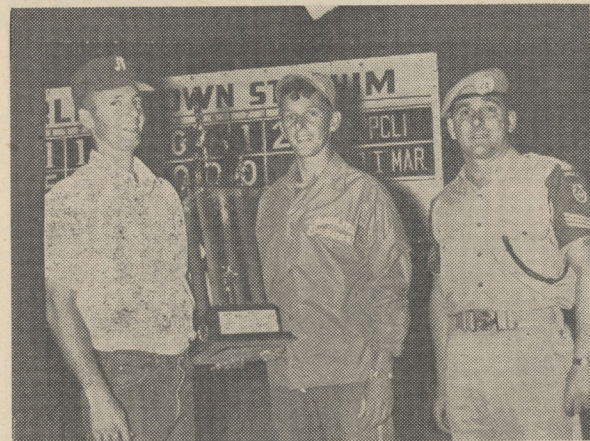


Captain Ed Lewis, Food Service Officer with the Canadian Armed Forces, paid a visit to Cyprus this week to have a look at the kitchens and ration outlets. Showing him about Camp Maple Leaf is Master Warrant Officer John King and on the right Corporal Maurice Woodland.

CANCON NEWS

CANADIAN FORCES PHOTOS

The Dental Officers of the Canadian Contingent changed over this week. On the left is Captain Jacques Nadeau, outgoing, and on the right Captain Serge Dion, incoming.



In the local softball league, composed of six U.S. teams and two Canadian teams, Canada triumphed by winning 28 games and only dropping eight. The winners are from the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. L to R: Petty Officer Mike Brown, U.S. Navy, Corporal J. Wark, Captain of the team and Sgt Ken Villiger, coach and manager.



Two members of the Canadian Contingent who will soon be rotating, are cramming in a little last minute shopping, into an already crowded schedule. L to R: Corporal Mike Zacharki and Warrant Officer Hank Roberts.

The winning team of the local softball league were the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. They posed for this picture at the Charlie Brown Stadium in Nicosia.

102, 104, 306, 310 JA PORTTIVAHTI



310. Kuva on arolta, karusta maisemasta, jostain kaukaa Mandres Hamidin kylän takaa. Vartiomiehen katse hakeutuu tuon tuostakin vuorille. Siellä näkyy vähän vihreääkin. Kuvassa jääk T Sippola, kotipaikka Soini. - Kuva, kuten muutkin kuvamme, on pataljoonan valokuvaajan, ylik Juhani Salosen tyylinäyte. Tarkenneltu jonnekin pilviin, etuala näkyy epätarkkana, vartiomies terävänä siluettina kirkasta taustaa vasten.

FINCON NEWS



Aivan yhtä hyvin olisimme voineet luetella joukon muita mystillisen näköisiä numeroita, joilla merkitään vartiopaikkojamme. Edustakoot em. numerot tällä kertaa kaikkia vartiopaikkojamme ja tietenkin kaikkia niitä YKSP 9:n jääkäreitä, jotka "posteilla" työtään suorittavat.

Vartiojääkäriin työ on näennäisesti helppoa, mutta ulkopuolinen ei tajua työn näkymätöntä puolta. Kolme tuntia on pitkä aika olla yhdessä kohti tai kävellä pientä lenkkiä samoissa jalkainsa sijoissa. Ollakseen hyvä vartiojääkäri, mieheltä vaaditaan paljon. Hänen pitää olla pitkäjänteinen, rau-

Porttivahti. Jääk T Möttönen, Juuka, on saanut seuraan sotakoira Villestä (yksi monista). Vartiopaikka on YKSP 9:n esikunnan edessä.

306 ja 3JK:n komentopaikka. Katolta on hyvät näköalat joka suuntaan. Vaikea on tuntea, mutta tiedossa on kuitenkin, että vartiokatoksessa seisoo jääk S Teppo, Järvenpää.

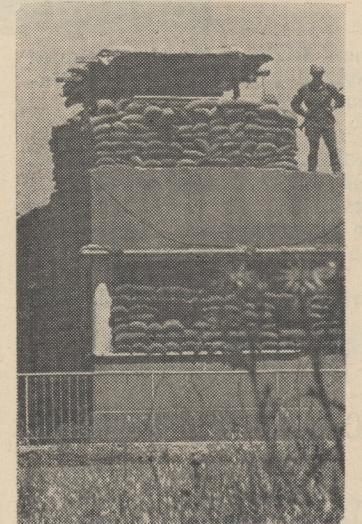
hallinen ja hyvähermoinen. ME-lehdessä kirjoitettiin aikoinaan terävästi siitä, miten vartiojääkäri ajan mittaan kehittyi alansa taituriksi. Puoli vuotta, lyhyempikin aika riittää. Hän oppii mittamaan aikaa jalkamittaa ja askelmittaa hyväksi käyttäen. Tarkkuus on hämmästyttävä. Hän oppii tarkkailemaan ja näkemään lähiympäristössä sellaisia asioita ja ilmiöitä, joita normaalisti ei koskaan tule panneeksi merkille. Vartiomies oppii helposti erottamaan toisistaan varsin samankaltaisia ääniä. Hän kuulee puolen mailin päästä, milloin on lähestymässä enemmistöläinen maastoauto, kanadalaisten lantikka, vähemmistöläinen ajoväline, oma lantikka ja ennen kaikkea päivystävän upseerin Volvo.

Kanojen kotkotus päivällä ja heinäsiirran tapaisten elukoiden sirtys yöllä saattavat häiritä, jos miehellä on taipumusta mietiskeleyn ja asioiden pohtimiseen. Tarkkuus kehittyi kuitenkin huippuunsa. Tuskin on liioiteltua väittää, että useita kuukausia linjalla seisonut mies helposti erottaa äänestä, milloin kiekku enemmistöläinen kukko, milloin vähemmistöläinen. Tai milloin vartiopaikkaa lähestyy ns. pitkä lantikka, milloin lyhyt.

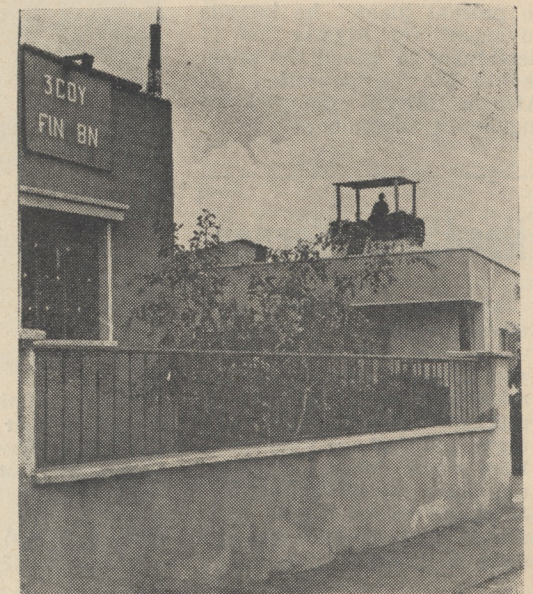
Voi vain kuvitella, millaisia ratoja ja miten kauas vihreän linjan työmiehen aatos entää varsinkin yön pitkinä tunteina. Saattaa mennä peräti Suomeen asti, mutta siitä huolimatta mies tietää olevansa linjalla suorittamassa omaa osuuttaan rauhanturvaamistyössä. Siksi hän on tarkkana, kaikki aistit joka hetki valppaina.



102. Jääk S Luomala, Pihtipudas, vartioi linjalla lähellä esikunnan helikopterikenttää. Tällä vartiopaikalla tehtäviin kuului normaalin vartiointiin ja "rävättelyyn" lisäksi puomin nostaminen ja laskeaminen vielä viime talvena.



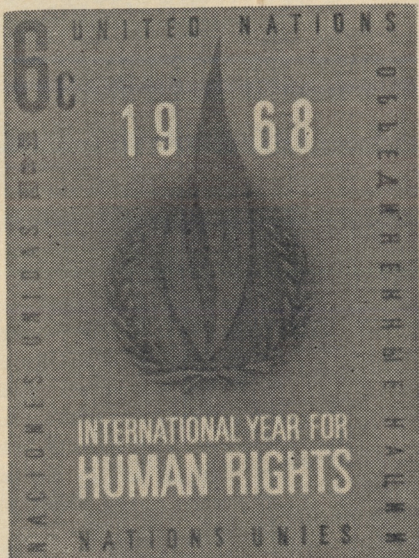
104. Ei aivan linjalla, mutta lähellä kuitenkin. Tuntematon sotilas, 1JK, toverinaan karu lähiympäristö ja lukematon määrä hiekkasäkkejä.



UN to Issue Commemorative Stamp For "International Year For Human Rights"

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The United Nations Postal Administration announced today that it will issue a new stamp on 22 November 1968 to commemorate "International Year for Human Rights".

The new stamp will be printed in photogravure and

(France) and will be printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd., England. It will measure 30 mm. horizontally x 40 mm. vertically, perforation to perforation.

Further details about the stamps and instructions for the purchase of first day covers will be published approximately six weeks before the day of issue.

UN Secretary-General Cancels Visit To Libya

The UN Secretary-General regretfully cancelled this week his scheduled visit to Libya because of the latest events in Suez area and current meetings of the Security Council. However, he expressed hope that a new and mutually convenient date for a visit could be arranged soon. According to present plans, he intends to leave for Algeria on 11 September to attend the opening of the Organisation of African Unity's summit meeting on 13 September.

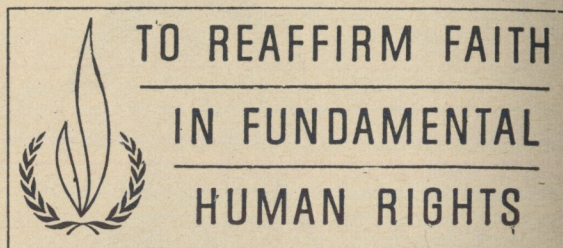
Road Safety Corner

Make sure that you are always relaxed at the wheel — but not too relaxed. If you tense up after a near miss or a long spell of driving, particularly at night, pull off the road and have a rest. Most accidents are caused by human error. Most can be avoided if one driver is on the ball. Relax, drive well and stay well.

NEW SLOGAN CANCELLATION

The third slogan in a series of four slogan cancellations for International Year for Human Rights will be put into use on 24 October 1968 and is reproduced below:-

with the word "Slogan". As each envelope will be returned individually through the mail, sufficient stamps must be used to cover the cost of return postage. Requests re-



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IRCON ROTATION



First rotation flight of the Irish Contingent touched down at Nicosia Airport on Tuesday 3 Sept when a charter aircraft of Aer Lingus flew in the 11 Inf Group administrative party from Dublin. The rotation flights will be completed on 20 September. Here seen being made welcome by Officer Commanding 10 Inf Group, Lt Col R. O' Sullivan, (right) are (going left) Comdt Jim Moroney, Comdt Eamonn Walsh, Rev Fr Dermody CF, Comdt Tadgh O' Shea, Capt M. Downey, Lt C. Cunningham, Capt Michael Mullooly and Lt Tom Staunton.