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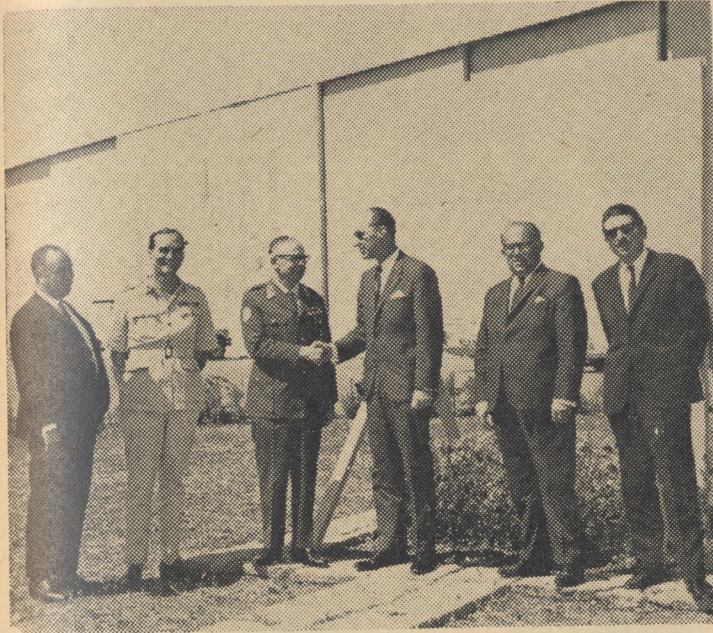
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AT UNFICYP HEADQUARTERS — Mr. Jose Rolz-Bennett greeted by the Force Commander, Lt General A.E. Martola, on arriving at UNFICYP Hqs. Left to right: L. Moreno-Verdin, PIO; Brig M.N. Harbottle OBE, COS; General Martola; Mr. Rolz-Bennett; Mr. B.F. Osorio-Taffall, Special Representative in Cyprus of the Secretary-General; Dr. Remy Gorge, Senior Legal/Political Adviser.

Rolz-Bennett Visits U.N. Force

Mr. Jose Rolz-Bennett, UN Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, paid a two-day visit to Cyprus (26-28 April) during which he held a series of meetings with UNFICYP officials.

Mr. Rolz-Bennett arrived in Cyprus from Teheran where he participated in the International Conference on Human Rights which opened there on 22 May with an address by the Secretary-General, U Thant (See BLUE BERET, 24 April 1968).

On leaving Nicosia Sunday morning, Mr Rolz-Bennett told reporters at the airport that during his visit he had also met with President Makarios and the Turkish Cypriot leadership. In his meetings, Mr. Rolz-Bennett said, he had impressed upon them — on behalf of the Secretary-General — the “desirability indeed the necessity” to have talks

between the parties get underway before the present mandate of the UN Force expires on 27 June.



IN CONFERENCE — Mr. Rolz-Bennett meets with the Force Commander, General Martola, and the Special Representative, Mr. Osorio-Taffall, in the latter's office at UNFICYP Headquarters.

Secretary - General Calls For Agreement on Site For Viet-Nam Talks

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week “ferverly” appealed to all the parties directly involved in the war in Viet-Nam to try to create a more favourable atmosphere for the preliminary talks which the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam have agreed to undertake.

At the same time, the Secretary-General appealed to Washington and to Hanoi to agree without any further delay on a venue for the talks.

U Thant noted that three weeks had elapsed since they had agreed to hold the talks, and he said it seemed to him that the range of choice had now narrowed to a few cities. Among them Warsaw and Paris could, in his view, be regarded as suitable sites.

Meanwhile, said the Secretary-General, it was disturbingly clear that the war in Viet-Nam was raging unabated. He noted that bombing raids above the 17th Parallel in the past weeks were reported to be more intensive than ever before although the area of the bombing was more limited.

U Thant also referred to the signs that fighting in the South would increase in intensity. Such a situation, he declared, was far from propitious for meaningful preliminary talks.

BRITCON Rotation Underway

A partial rotation of the British Contingent serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus begins today, Wednesday, 1 May.

The 1st Battalion The Durham Light Infantry will be arriving from the United Kingdom and will take over duties in UNFICYP'S Limassol Zone from the 1st Battalion The Royal-Green Jackets, commanded by Lt Col F.E. Kitson, OBE, MC, who have been serving with the U.N. Force here since November 1967.

Lt Col J.H. Jacob, MC, commanding the Durham Light Infantry, who arrived in Cyprus yesterday, 30 April, will take over command of UNFICYP'S Limassol Zone on 3 May 1968.

The rotation of the British battalions should be completed by Sunday.

U.S. Contribution To UNFICYP Costs

The United States is prepared to make an additional voluntary contribution of up to two million dollars towards the cost of the UN Force in Cyprus.

In a note sent to the Secretary-General, dated 11 April, the Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN said that the United States is prepared to make this contribution towards the three month (27 March — 26 June 1968) cost of UNFICYP.

The amount ultimately contributed to the United States against this pledge, the US note said, will depend on the contributions of other governments toward the cost of the operation.

SG BAKFORT og "HOBRO" pa Konvoj



I B-KMP er telefonvagterne blevet enige om at forene det behagelige med pligterne. Det er lykkedes til alles tilfredshed. Med lænestol, fodskammel, velfærdsradio og termokande går vagten som en leg.

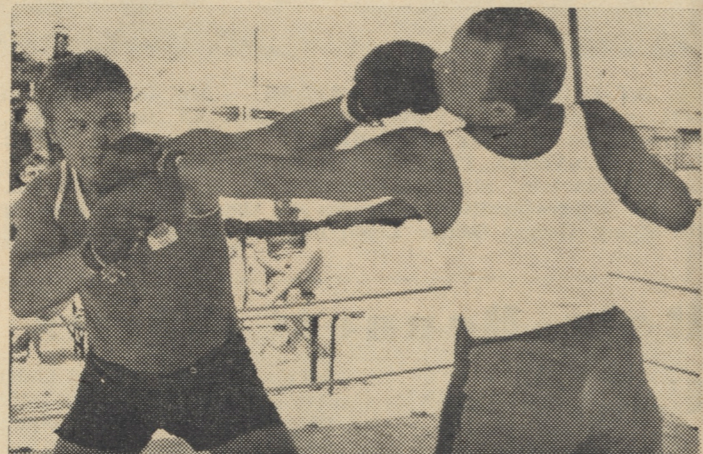
DANCON NYT

I canadiernes rotationsperiode fik SPVGDEL til opgave at køre de daglige konvojturer: Nicosia-Kyrenia og tilbage.



Nu har ogsa Charlie faet en sauna

Anført af MAJ K.L. Hansen blev Charlies nye sauna indviet 2. påskedag. Det siges, at C-KMP's sauna skulle være blandt de bedste ved DANCON, da den er opført efter erfaringer, der er indhentet fra saunabyggerierne ved de andre kompagnier. Indvielsen blev markeret ved, at deltagerne fik en pils efter det første bad.



Der har været afholdt boksestævne i Louroujina, hvor der blev afviklet nogle spændende kampe, især mellem FINCON og DANCON. I den anden kamp med finsk deltagelse lykkedes det SSGT Karppanen, SUP-COY/FINCON, 15 sek. før tid at slå DANCON's favorit OS J.H. Pedersen, SIGDEL, ud, efter at OS Pedersen havde skaffet sig et solidt forspring i points. CH/DANCON uddelte præmier efter kampene til bl. a. KS E. Laustsen, B-KMP/LOU.



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR



Major-General A.C. Hull, Commander Canadian Armed Forces Air Transport Command (centre) visited the Canadian troops assigned to peace-keeping duties in Cyprus during the April rotation of the Canadian Contingent. General Hull toured some of the 18 surveillance outposts manned by Canadians around-the-clock. Here at Saddle outpost, Sergeant R.P. (Bob) Blowers (Right) outpost commander points out fortifications while Lt Col A. M. Potts, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion PPCLI looks on.



LAST CONVOY FOR 'C' SQN FORT GARRY HORSE

As the April 1968 rotation of the Canadian Contingent neared its end, the officers and men of the outgoing "C" Squadron — Fort Garry Horse Regiment — fulfilled their last task on the afternoon of Sunday, 14 April. More than 130 cars were escorted between Kyrenia and Nicosia. "C" Squadron completed its six-month tour of UN peace-keeping duties in Cyprus. Taking over is "B" Squadron — Fort Garry Horse Regiment commanded by Major P.J. Mitchell of Montreal and Calgary.

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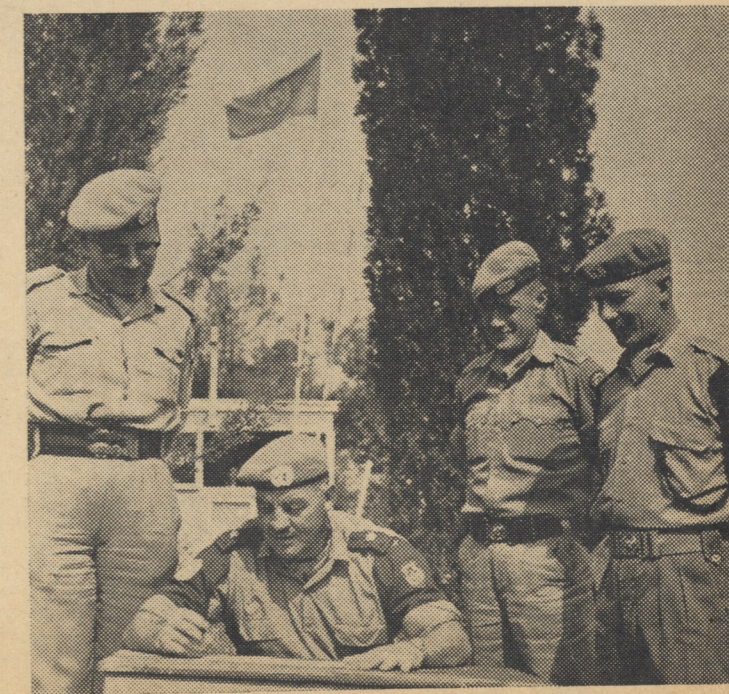
EASTER SERVICE

It seemed a little different for the officers and men of the 1st Battalions — The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada — and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who attended the Protestant Easter Service in a clearing in the foothills of the Kyrenia mountains.

The Reverend K. A. Minchin officiated and the Commanding Officer, 1st Bn PPCLI, Lt Col A. M. (Arthur) Potts read the scripture. The PPCLI 1st Bn recently replaced the Black Watch 1st Bn as the operational element of the Canadian contingent serving on peace-keeping duties in Cyprus.

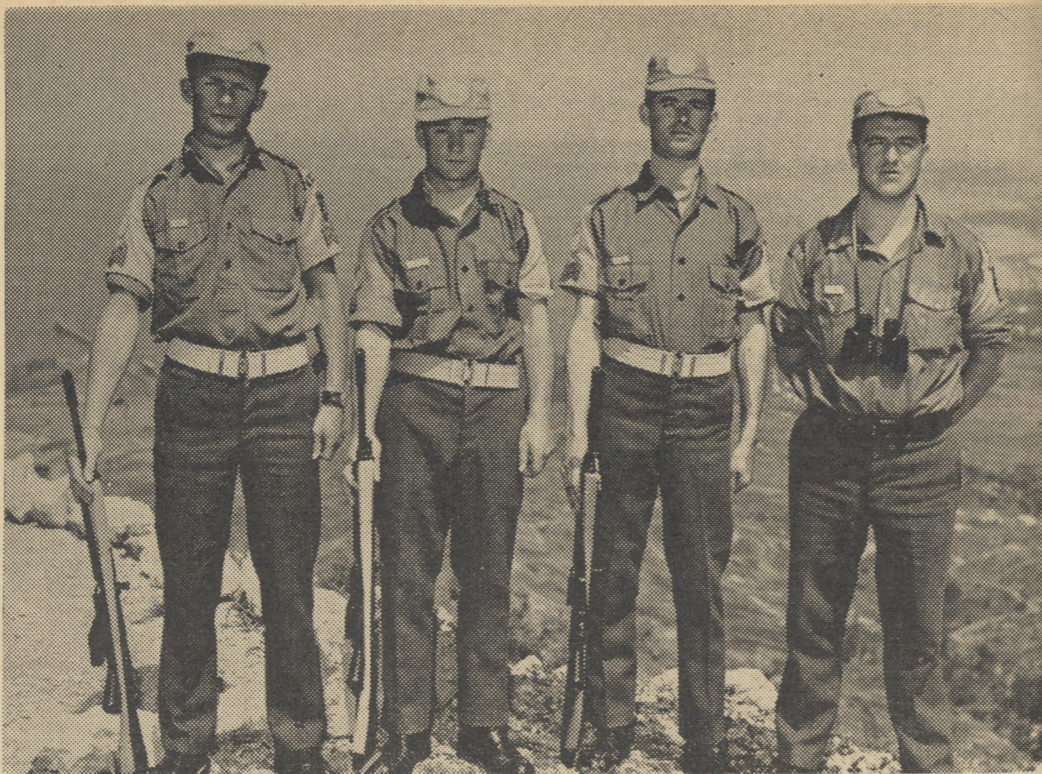
KYRENIA COY HANDOVER

Following the open-air Easter Service, Major J.A. (John) MacDonald (standing) of The Black Watch, Commander Kyrenia Company handed over his Company to Major J.M. (Jamie) Reid of The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Major MacDonald hails from Glenella, Man., and he resides with wife Donna and three daughters in Oromocto, N.B. Major Reid is from Norton, N.B., and resides in Griesbach, near Edmonton, Alta, with his wife Edith and two daughters. Taking part in the handing over are the two Company Sergeant Majors: Master Warrant Officer E.C. (Red) Wall, The Black Watch (left) and Master Warrant Officer L.A. (Bob) Tuttle, PPCLI.



HIGH IN THE HILLS

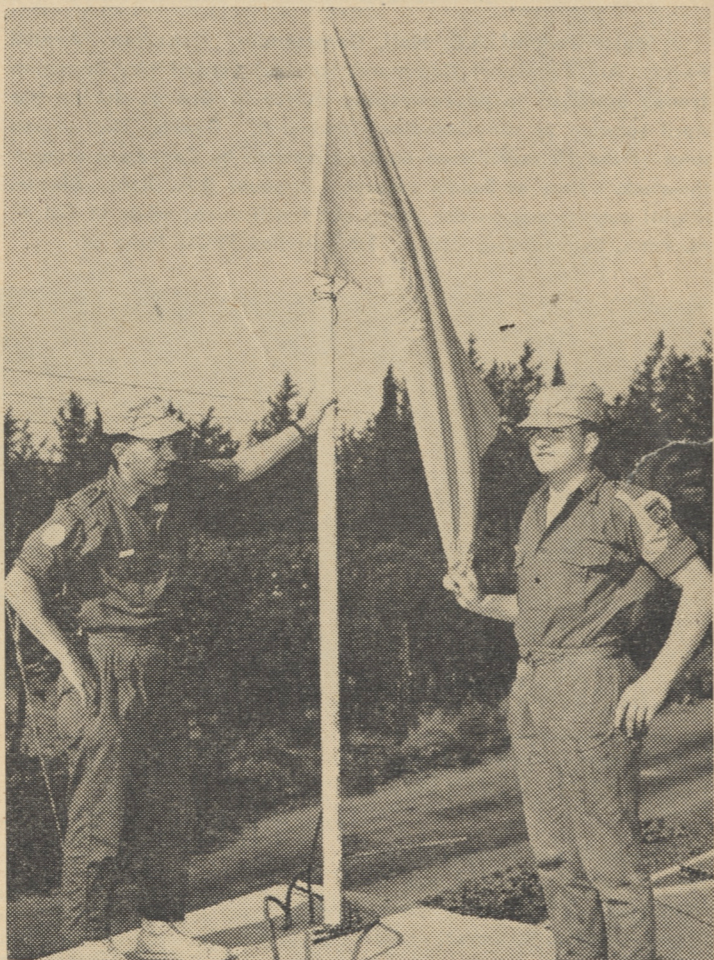
High in the hills and away from the "home" comforts of Coy HQ, members of an OP detail lined up for the camera. They are (from the left) — Cpl Tommy Butler, Pte Eddy Fitzpatrick, Cpl John Buston and Pte Mick O'Halloran. Cpl Butler's favourite game is squash. He was a member of the team that during the past 4 years has won the Munster Championship each year while last year he finished runner-up in the individual title. Pte O'Halloran likes swimming and holds two All Army medals to prove his prowess in this sport.



IRCON NEWS



"Somewhere between heaven and earth" is how Gnr Dennis O'Halloran describes his daily trek from the lowland HQ to the mountain OP's. With only 2 years service to his credit and on his first trip overseas, Dennis is not at all overcome by these twisting, climping, cliff-hugging roads. In his leisure hours, he makes maximum trips to the nearest water for he is a keen swimmer and last year took part in the Army trials.



Pride of unit is something that every soldier has but here on overseas service these boys have something else to be proud of — the UN flag. Here, overlooking a roadside checkpoint, Cpl Bullman and Pte O'Reilly pose beside that flag that has come to mean so much to them.

Still in the same sub-unit but not on duty just now, the cooks, complete with the headgear of their trade, tog-out for a game of volley-ball and challenge all comers. No doubt, more will be heard of these "Lily-whites". They are (from the left — standing) Pte Paddy Flynn, Cpl Aidan Doyle, Pte Frank Harty, Pte Gerry O'Neill (kneeling) Pte Joe Bowes and Gnr Vincent Drumm.

FÄRDIGROTERT

Rotationen är slutförd. Alla i bataljon 40 C är på plats och kan andas ut. Våra företrädare har rest hem med, får vi hoppas, Cypern i ljusaste minne bevarat trots höst-stress och vinterkyla. Många av oss blekansikten hävar inför tanken på sommarvärmen som komma skall, och stannar den höga temperaturen vid detta - den rent klimatiska sidan av vårt halvår här ute - ja, då kan vi vara nöjda. Men det finns ju även en politisk sida.

De flesta av oss är nog glada över att äntligen ha fått ta över, speciellt de som kom med förtruppen i början av april och som i ett par veckors tid fått segla i företrädarnas kölvatten utan att själva få suga i ordentligt. Torsdagen den 25 april drog sig bataljon 39 C värdigt tillbaka, efterlämnande gott rykte och sannolikt ett antal sörjande. Redan nu hyser många av bataljonens medlemmar planer på att återförenas på Cypern om fem år - någon gång i maj, innan klimatet blir allt för varmt.

Den nye bataljonens chef anlände i mitten av den gågna veckan. Därmed begåvades vi med ännu en officer bärande förnamnet Lars, men efternamnet Lavén och graden överste. Blue Beret ber att på det hjärtligaste få hälsa överste Lavén välkommen. Vi hoppas att "Las-sarnas" skara nu ska vara fulltalig.

Överste Lavén har tidigare tjänstgjort som bataljonschef på Cypern, nämligen sommaren 1966.

Därför slapp han resa ner med förtruppen och segla i sin företrädarens kölvatten till den 25 april. Han kommer närmast från "Pep-parrotten", det vill säga Enköping, där han sedan 1961—bortsett från Cypern-sejournen 1966—har varit utbildningschef vid Göta livgarde.



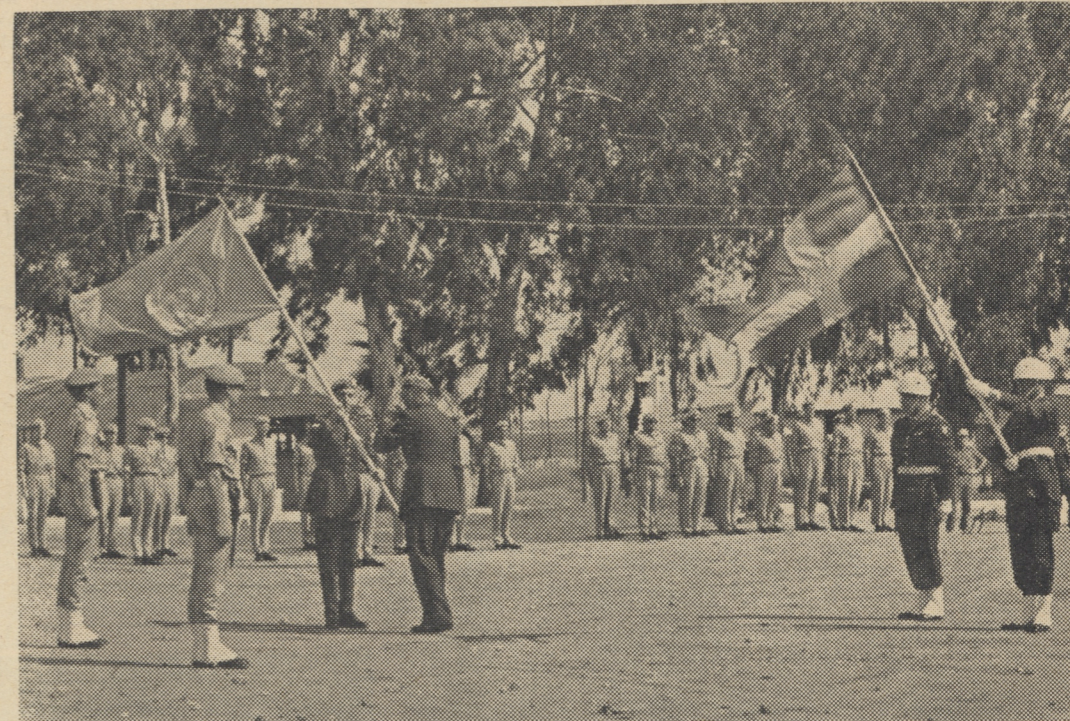
VÄLKOMMEN!

Åter på Cypern! Överste Lars Lavén (tv) och överstelöjtnant Gösta Streiffert vid HQ hade mycket att dryfta när de möttes på Nicosia Airport.

SWEDCON NEWS



I besättningen på jubileumsfligheten fanns bl a (fr v) Åke Söderberg, Bernt Delarve och Dan Laurell.



Kl 9 på torsdagen inträffade det historiska ögonblicket - överste Wallin överlämnar befälet över Famagusta Zone till efterträdaren, överste Lars Lavén. En högtidlig ceremoni som tog endast 15 minuter i anspråk.

JUBILEUMSRESA OCH PRESSBESÖK

Den etthundrade SCACYP:en landade i Nicosia på fredagskvällen medförande last och fyra stycken journalister.

Försvarsstabens pressavdelning i Stockholm ansåg att tillfället väl var värt att uppmärksamma, och hade därför arrangerat en pressresa, som - att döma av journalisternas kommentarer vid avfärden på söndagsmorgonen blev en succé. Det var fotograferna Åke Bor-

glund, tidningen SE, och Percy Oscarsson, Reportagebild, samt redaktörerna Olle Högstrand, Tidningarnas telegrambyrå (TT), och Lage Zetterberg, Sydsvenska Dagbladet, som fick bekanta sig med vår vid det här laget legendariska Hercules-maskin och, inte minst, vår bataljon och dess verksamhetsområde. Våra fyra gäster hann med mycket under sina 40 timmar på Cypern. Stabschefen informerade

och avgående zonpressofficern guide dem runt det svenska bevakningsområdet: Ett antal OP:n, Trypimeni, en badstrand och några Famagusta-restauranger.

Suck vid avfärden från Nicosia på söndagsförmiddagen:

-Fy tysan, sån huvudvärk... Och så det där motorbullret nu en hel dag framåt!

"ISÄN, POJAN JA PYHÄN HENGEN NIMEEN"

Tämäkertaisen suomalaissivun kuvat kertovat jumalanpalveluksesta, joka pidettiin pitkänperjantaina 12.4 Nicosian anglikaanisessa kirkossa. Jumalanpalveluksen yhteydessä oli Herran pyhän ehtoollisen vietto. Tavallisuudesta poikkeavasti jumalanpalveluksia oli pitkänperjantaina kaksi, päiväjumalanpalveluksen lisäksi myös normaali iltajumalanpalvelus, joka on suomalaisille samassa paikassa joka perjantai-ilta. Harras pääsiäistunnelma saavutettiin täälläkin Kyproksella, vaikka oltiinkin kaukana kotoisesta suomalaisesta pääsiäisestä.

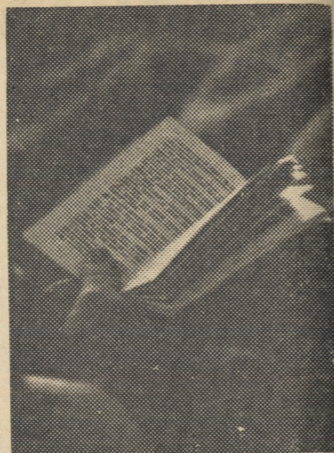
Tässä yhteydessä lienee paikallaan tarkastella, mitä kaikkia tehtäviä pataljoonamme sotilaspastorille kuuluu. Joka perjantai-iltaisten jumalanpalvelusten lisäksi hän pitää asunnollaan Oikeuspäälätsissä aamuvartion, johon halukkailla on tilaisuus osallistua. Hän huolehtii myös komppanianiltojen järjestämisestä. Noin kerran viikossa sotilaspastori järjestää heikkaille tutustumisretken johonkin Kyproksen historialliseen kohteeseen. Nämä "papin keikat" tuovat tervehdyttävää vaihtelua rauhanturvaajan yksitoikkoiseen arkeen. Hengellisen elämän vaaliminen rinnan kevyemmän viihteen kanssa on tärkeä tekijä, kun keskustellaan siitä, miten rauhanturvaaja voi saarella vapaa-aikaansa parhaiten viettää.

Pataljoonamme sotilaspastori Ilpo Sirkka saarnaa.

FINCON NEWS



Kuvassa alhaalla veisaavat pojat pääsiäisvirttä. Kohta ollaan valmiita kuuntelemaan pitkänperjantain tekstiä.



Herran pyhä ehtoollinen. ".....Jeesuksen Kristuksen veri, sinun edestäsi vuodatettu".



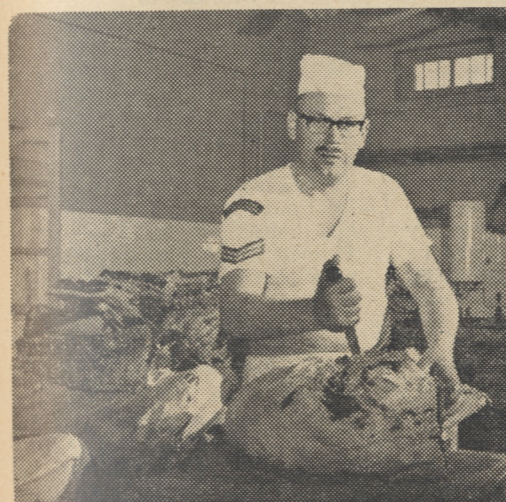
Canadian High Commissioner Visits Kyrenia Sgts Mess

The Canadian High Commissioner, His Excellency T. Wainman-Wood (right) signs the guest book at the Sergeants' Mess in Kyrenia. Looking on are Lt Col A.M. Potts, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (left) and Master Warrant Officer E. (Ed) Hansen, Company Sergeant Major for Headquarters Company.



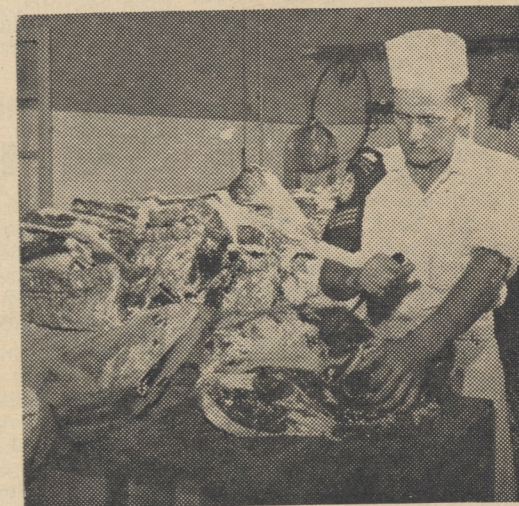
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MEAT CUTTERS

Corporal R.D.G. (Ron) Weber (left) of Walkerton, Ontario, a butcher by trade in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps displays some of his skills in the butcher shop of Camp Maple Leaf. Assisting Corporal Weber with the more than two ton of meat cut and prepared every week is Sergeant J.H. (John) Kusick (right) of Hudson, Ontario, a cook in the same Corps. Both Non Commissioned Officers are serving a six-month tour with the Canadian Contingent on peace-keeping duties in Cyprus.



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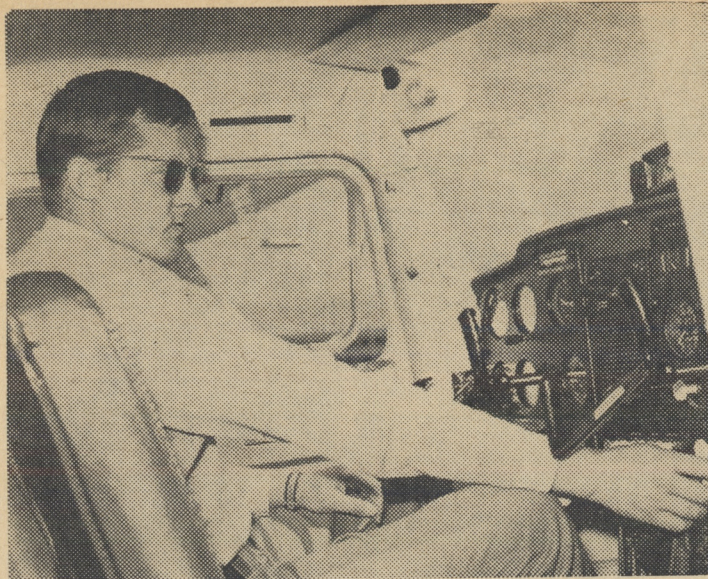
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DOWN ON THE FARM

Warrant Officer K. L. (Ken) Smith, White Mills, King County, N.B., is deep in concentration listening to a Cypriot farmer explain the basic elements of his task at a farm outside Nicosia. Warrant Officer Smith is serving in the engineering branch with the Canadian Contingent, United Nations Forces in Cyprus. His wife Colleen and two children reside at Ville Jacques-Cartier, Montreal, P.Q.



Charlie Christensson at the control of Cessna aircraft number 5 B CAP.

UNFICYP SECRETARIAT MEMBER SPROUTS WINGS

A member of the Secretariat is reported to have been flying high of late!

Charlie Christensson of the Claims Office, in the UNFICYP Secretariat, has recently qualified for his pilot's licence. He was flying for only two weeks with the Cyprus Aeronautical Society before qualifying in a Cessna 150 and thus fulfilled a long-held ambition. In these small planes, maximum speeds are about 100 knots per hour.

Charlie is one of those people who has seen UN service from both aspects of the fence. As a member of the UN Swedish

contingent, he served as a soldier in the Gaza strip, the Congo and in Cyprus before joining the Secretariat in 1964.

US, Soviet Union Submit Non - Proliferation Treaty

The United States and the Soviet Union told the 124-nation UN General Assembly last week that their draft treaty against the further spread of atomic weapons should be promptly endorsed to help lift the nuclear threat from mankind and open the way to disarmament and a more secure and prosperous peace for all.

Opening the nuclear non-spread debate in the Assembly's main Political Committee, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg of the United States and Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov of the Soviet Union said that the draft — with related UN Security Council pledge — would enhance the safety of those nations forswearing the dubious benefits of nuclear arsenals and widen their access to peaceful nuclear technology.

Both representatives stressed that the treaty, put forward jointly at the Geneva Disarmament Conference earlier this year, was a compromise embodying the views of many States of various political hues, and worked out over a long period of intense negotiations. Both also warned that if the hazards of an ever increasing number of nuclear powers were to be avoided, the time to act was now.

At the outset of the opening meeting on this question, a statement from the UN Secretary-General, U Thant, was read out saying that the further proliferation of nuclear weapons could set off a chain reaction with direct consequences on the security

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RENEWS SESSION AT U N HEADQUARTERS

The UN General Assembly resumed its 22nd regular annual session last week at UN Headquarters in New York under the presidency of Mr Corneliu Manescu, Foreign Minister of Romania.

A draft treaty to prevent the further spread of atomic weapons is a major issue before the Assembly and is being dealt with by the Main Political Committee, while the question of South-West Africa is being taken up in plenary session. The Middle East situation is also on the agenda.

Before proceeding with its regular business, the Assembly voted by acclamation to admit its 124th U.N. Member — the small island of Mauritius, a former British colony set in the Indian Ocean some five hundred miles east of Madagascar.

Speakers from all regions of the world took the floor during the opening meeting of the resumed session last Wednesday to welcome the new State, which pledged its collaboration with all United Nations Members in the shaping of a better world.

Of the issues before the resumed Assembly session, the preventing of further proliferation of atomic weapons has

been given increasingly urgent attention by the Assembly for close to a decade — and has received first priority in disarmament discussions for over the past two years.

As to the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict was placed on the Assembly's agenda last fall — following earlier consideration at a special Assembly session. The debate, however, was held off because of consultations that led to a UN Security Council resolution laying down the principles of settlement following the June war, and the dispatching of a special UN peace envoy to the area. The envoy, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, has been there for some months.

UN Group Will Press Efforts To Enter S-W Africa

The UN General Assembly meeting at UN Headquarters in New York was informed last Friday that efforts of the UN Council for South West Africa to take over the administration of the Territory had so far been frustrated by South Africa's defiance of UN decisions, but that the Council would proceed with its plan to enter the Territory as soon as certain issues were resolved.

The Council was established as a follow-up to the Assembly's decision to terminate South Africa's old League of Nations mandate in South West Africa and to place the Territory under the UN's direct responsibility until it achieved independence.

The 11-member Council was asked to set up an interim administration pending independence.

South Africa maintains that the UN had no authority to terminate its mandate and no right to interfere in her administration of the Territory.

of all States.

U Thant said that the US/Soviet draft was an important landmark and hoped that all outstanding issues could be resolved so that the non-spread treaty could come into effect at the earliest possible date.

The Chairman of the Political Committee, Ambassador Ismail Fahmy of the United Arab Republic, said in his opening remarks that the treaty might be the most important document to come before the United Nations since its birth over two decades ago.

UK MOVES TOTAL ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AGAINST RHODESIA

The United Kingdom last week proposed that the 15-nation UN Security Council impose a total economic boycott against Rhodesia in a new effort to bring down the rebel minority regime of Mr. Ian Smith.

Lord Caradon of Great Britain introduced a draft resolution to the Council demanding that Member States: ban imports to and exports from Rhodesia, prevent investment in the Territory, and deny entry into their territories of anyone travelling on a Rhodesian passport — save on

exceptional humanitarian grounds.

Lord Caradon presented the draft as an effective means of showing the illegal regime in Rhodesia that its continued usurpation of power could not succeed and could only lead to political isolation and economic stagnation.

Road Safety Corner

Canadian Drivers on arrival in Cyprus were faced with many new driving conditions. The drivers adapted quickly to these new conditions and it wasn't long before CANCON Transport was operating quickly and efficiently.

Safe driving has been stressed since our arrival in April. Various awards are issued to drivers with long safe driving records. Awards are also issued to the most efficient sub-unit Transport Section and the sub-unit with the lowest accident mileage ratio.

Such contests along with driving rodeos and an accent on safe driving have paid off for the unit. Although accidents happen no matter what precautions are taken it is felt that the number of accidents prevented by this programme has been considerable.