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AUSSIES RECEIVE UN MEDALS



Lt Gen A.E. Martola presenting Senior Constable Duckett of the Western Australian Police Force with a United Nations' Medal, Accompanying the General is Superintendent S. N. Smith, Commander of the Australian Police element.



Chief Superintendent E.S. Canney presenting Inspector Mick Raw with his United Nations' Medal. Also pictured are Inspectors Don Hodge, Roy Farmer and Allan Woollard, all from New South Wales.

Population Growth Still World's Most Pressing Problem

The head of the United Nations Development Programme warned last week that food and population remained in a perilous balance in the poorer areas of the world last year.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Administrator of the UNDP, reported

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Mauritania, Singapore Contribute to UNFICYP

Mauritania and Singapore will make further voluntary contributions to the operation costs of the UN Force in Cyprus.

Mauritania last week informed the UN Secretary-General that it will make a further contribution of 500 dollars to

ANOTHER PEACE FORCE?

PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA OUTLINES MIDDLE EAST 3-PHASE PEACE PLAN

PRESIDENT Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia this week suggested plans for putting into effect last November's Middle East resolution of the UN Security Council which affirmed that a just and lasting peace required both Israeli troop withdrawal from Arab territories occupied during the June war, and security for all the Middle East States within recognized boundaries.

Addressing the UN General Assembly during a visit to UN Headquarters in New York on Monday, the Tunisian President suggested three phases of implementation, the first to involve an Israeli withdrawal and its simultaneous replacement by United Nations forces in the occupied territories.

During the second phase, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, Special UN peace envoy to the Middle East, would open negotiations with the parties concerned to guarantee the application of all the other provisions of the November resolution. In addition to envisaging secure and recognised borders, the resolution affirmed the need for guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways, the achieving of a just settlement of the Palestine refugee problem, and the safeguarding of the inviolability of every State through measures including demilitarised zones.

The third phase of implementation, as suggested by President Bourguiba, would consist in a Security Council decision based on a report by the UN Secretary-General and Ambassador Jarring, declaring that the resolution had received sufficient application and ordering the withdrawal of UN troops so that the count-

ries concerned could resume the control of their respective territories.

Before outlining his plan, Mr. Bourguiba said that while the past dozen years had witnessed substantial progress or solutions regarding such problems as the cold war, colonialism, and economic and social issues, the Palestine problem had become even worse, increasing the risk of explosions and permanent endangering international peace and security.

GREAT BRITAIN ASKED TO DEFER BERMUDA VOTE

The Special UN Committee on Decolonization last week asked Great Britain to withdraw the troops it had sent to Bermuda following the recent disturbances, and to defer the elections scheduled for this week until conditions in the Territory were completely brought back to normal.

The Committee called on Britain to ensure the necessary conditions so that the people of Bermuda might express their views in full freedom and without any restrictions.

Britain said that the Committee's action was irresponsible and misguided; that it sought to encroach on Britain's responsibilities; and that it risked having a prejudicial effect on the electoral process in the island. She said that calm and normality prevailed in Bermuda, and that, under their new constitution, the people would for the first time vote on the basis of universal suffrage to elect a more fully representative House of Assembly.

UNFICYP's cost, while Singapore also informed the Secretary-General that it would make a voluntary contribution of 500,000 francs (approximately 2,100 dollars) to offset UNFICYP's costs during the period of March-June 1968.

DANCON IX MELDER KLAR

Sidste onsdag overtog oberstløjtnant O.M. Acthon kommandoen over det danske kontingent ved de Forenede Nationers styrke på Cypern, men først nu når dette læses er rotationen afsluttet. Siden marts 1964 har det været stationeret danske styrker i FN's tjeneste her på Cypern. Der står respekt om dansk indsats i fredens tjeneste, og den danske soldat har vundet sig et godt ry, både i den lokale befolkning og blandt de andre bærere af den blå beret. Det er nu op til hver enkelt om vort omdømme skal bevares.

Redaktionen af The Blue Beret benytter lejligheden til at byde sine nye læsere velkommen, og vi udtrykker håbet om, at vi må få et godt halvt år sammen. Vi er åbne og modtagelige for gode ideer, og vi vil meget gerne underrettes om særlige begivenheder ved kompagnierne. Pressektionen har til huse i samme bygning som Velfærds-kontoret, ikke langt fra Nicosia Club. Her vil De også finde udstillet DANCON-fotografens sidste billeder, og der er mulighed for at bestille dem til en rimelig pris.

Kort Visit

Søndag aften ankom chefen for hærstaben, generalmajor A.C.B. Vegger på besøg til DANCON. Generalen var ledsaget af major Haslund Christensen. Generalen havde ønsket at orientere sig om tjenesten på Cypern. Generalen aflagde visit ved HQ UNFICYP og besøgte samtlige danske kompagnier. Den 22 maj rejste generalen hjem til Danmark. The Blue Beret håber i næste nummer at kunne bringe billeder fra besøget.

JOURNALIST FRA KOLDING

Med SCACYP'en den 22 maj ankom journalist Ole Christer Jørgensen. Har er fra Kolding Folkeblad og skal besøge DANCON indtil den 6 juni. Koldingenserne får her deres store chance for dels at trykke en landsmand i hånden, dels at komme i den "lokale".

DANCON NYT



CHEFSKIFTE VED MP

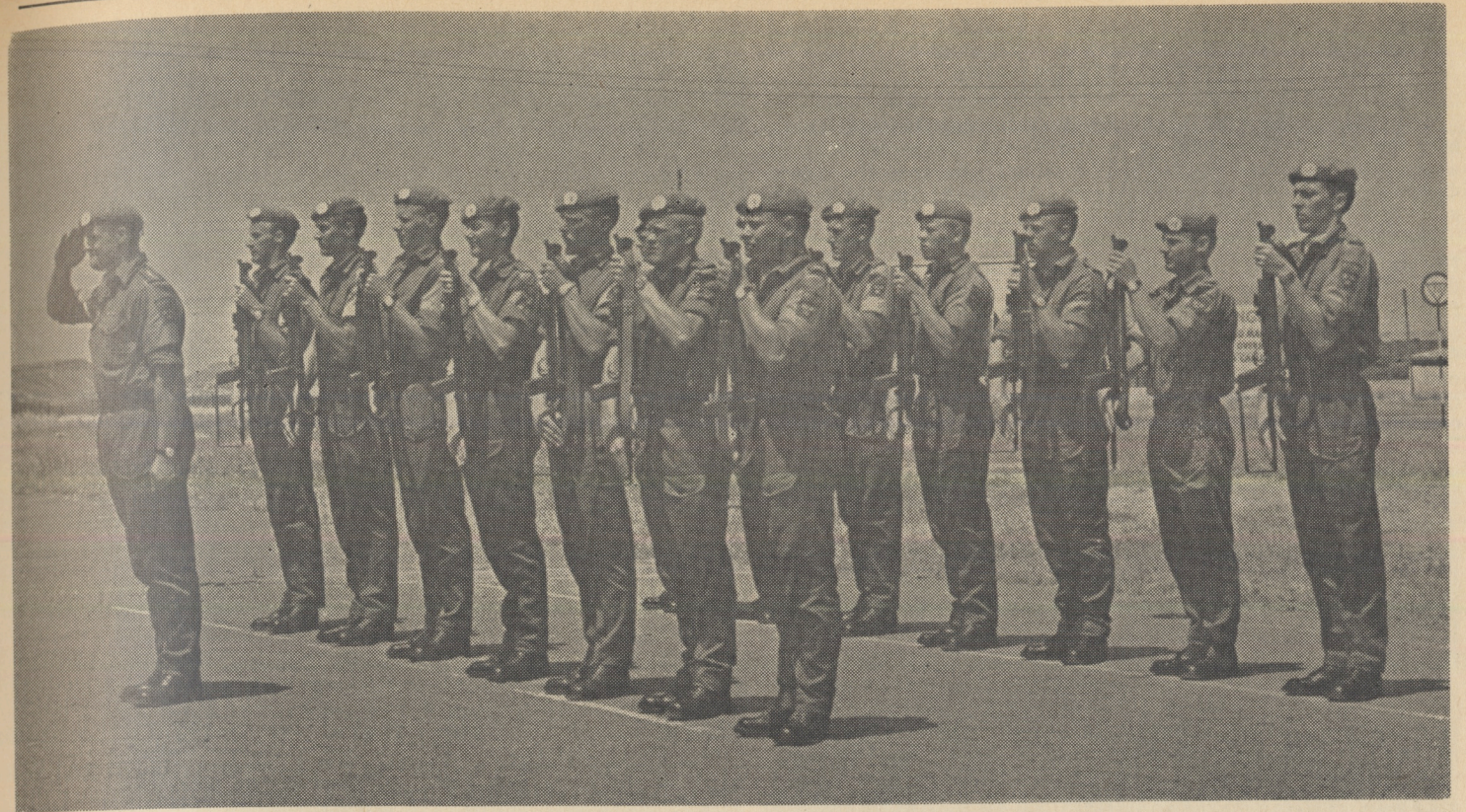
I forbindelse med rotationen ved DANCON har UNFICYP's militærpolitikompagni også skiftet chef. Til venstre ses den afgående chef, major V.A. Jacobsen, og nærmest geleddet går den nye chef, major N.B. Stampe Nielsen. I kompagniet indgår personel fra alle de nationer, der har kontingenter i FN-styrken. Tidligere havde DANCON sin egen militærpolitideling, men den er nu nedlagt.



Det fly, hvormed chefen for DANCON VIII, oberstløjtnant Severinsen skulle forlade Cypern, kom først af sted ved ti-tiden om aftenen. Til ære for DANCON-fotografen benyttede oberstløjtnanten ventetiden til at afprøve trappen, således at vi kan bringe dette afskedsbillede.



Det fine forår i Danmark gør det svært - i hvert fald på et sort-hvidt billede - at skelne pinkier fra gengangere. For de ikke sprogyndige kan vi oplyse, at pink betyder lyserød på engelsk.



VAKTDEBUT PÅ HQ - UNFICYP

Lite nervøsa och kanske något spända var väl grabbarna den första dagen, alltså måndagen den 10, när det var svenska FN-bataljonen 40 C:s vaktdebut på UNFICYP-högkvarteret i Nicosia. På tisdagen märktes det att alla blivit varma i kläderna.

Vaktsystemet vid HQ följer ett rotationschema så att varje kontingent svarar för vakthållningen en vecka i stöten. Kl elva på måndagarna sker avlösningen, och förra veckan var det irländarna som lämnade över ansvaret.

—Det har egentligen inte varit några problem med pojarna, berättar fanjunkare Bo Edman, Älvdalen. Lite svårt med språket var det förstas för någon, men vi har gjort så att de mest språkkunniga har stått post under rusningstiderna på morgonen och eftermiddagen och sedan har de som inte är så värst hemma i engelska fått sköta vakthållningen när det varit lugnare vid infarterna.

Veckans vaktstyrka hade tagits ut (på frivillig basis) från 1. kompaniet. Den bestod av 16 man nämligen förutom fanjunkarna Bo Edman och Reinhold Fogman: Sten-Erik Karlsson, Vetlanda,

Sören Andersson, Mattmar, Bernt Törnberg, Holmsveden, Sölve Johansson, Motala, Lennart Torbjörk, också Motala, Torbjörn Harbom, Uppsala, Tommy Persson, Uddevalla, Ingvar Hansson, Lye, Dick Eriksson, Luleå, Göran Johansson, Eringsboda, Ronny Magnusson, Gislaved, Peter Kern, Skene, Keith Johansson, Göteborg samt Bo Josefsson.



Fanjunkare Fogman övade grabbarna tillsammans med några man ur den irländska vaktstyrkan. Det hela klaffade och när klockan slog elva tog de svenske över ansvaret för bevakningen av HQ.

SWEDCON NEWS



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BRITISH MINISTER OF DEFENCE VISITS UNFICYP

On Friday last, the Right Honourable Mr. Dennis Healey, MP, the Minister of Defence in the British Government, paid a courtesy call on HQ UNFICYP where he met the Force Commander Lt Gen A.E. Martola and U Thant's Special Representative Dr. B.F. Osorio - Tafall.

On Saturday morning Mr. Healey visited the 1st Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry, at Kophinou where he also met men of 'B' Squadron, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards one of whom, Lcpl Haddlesey, comes from near Mr. Healey's constituency area of Leeds East. From Kophinou he went by Land Rover to Tango Hill OP and then to Ayios Theodoros. Here the local population were out in force having been alerted by the landing of a Whirlwind from the detachment of 230 Helicopter Squadron, RAF, which was waiting to return Mr. Healey to Episkopi at the end of his visit.



Mr. Dennis Healey shakes hands with Lcpl Stephen Haddlesey, of 'B' Sqn 4/7 DG, from Leeds, near Mr. Healey's parliamentary constituency of Leeds East. The last man in the line was Trooper Chris Ellam from Huddersfield and the Troop Officer looking on was 2Lt J.W.A. Woodall.

SAPPERS AID TO "OFF-SPRING"

As is probably known to readers, the Royal Engineers were the forerunners both of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Corps of Signals. The fact that each branch still has need of the other was perpetuated last week.

At the Rebroadcasting station (See "On Blue Beret Hill") a detachment of Sappers was improving the landing strip used by the RAF detachment with UNFICYP — currently 230 Helicopter Squadron — when they resupply the station with its needs. Sandbags had been transported by vehicle from Zyvi to the foot of the hill and the upward journey to the landing strip was completed by locally engaged mule. When the rocks on this strip were unearthed last week, it is indicative of the skill with which the choppers have been handled by their pilots when "calling in" at the station.

It is hoped that they will now have smoother landings.



Pictured working at the site are Lcpl John Elliot from Cowes, Isle of Wight; Cpl John Townsley from Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Sapper Howard Coleman from Hereford and Spr Michael (Lofty) Moulton from Abbey Wood, Kent. All except Spr Coleman are veterans of airfield construction in Thailand.



Mr. Healey inspecting the Quarter Guard of 'A' Coy, 1 DLI at Kophinou, is just passing Pte Roy Shelley from Wakefield, Yorks.

In the canteen at Kophinou compound, Mr Healey spoke to some of the men of 1 DLI. Sharing a joke at this table were (left to right) Pte James Walsh from Hebburn, Cpl Keith Rogers from South Hetton and Cpl Tom Wardrobe from Gateshead.

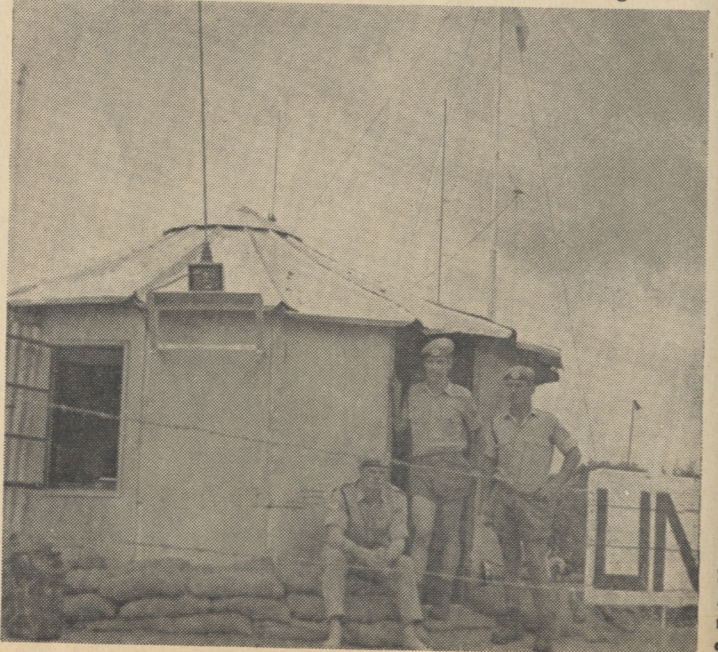


BRITCON NEWS

ON BLUE BERET HILL

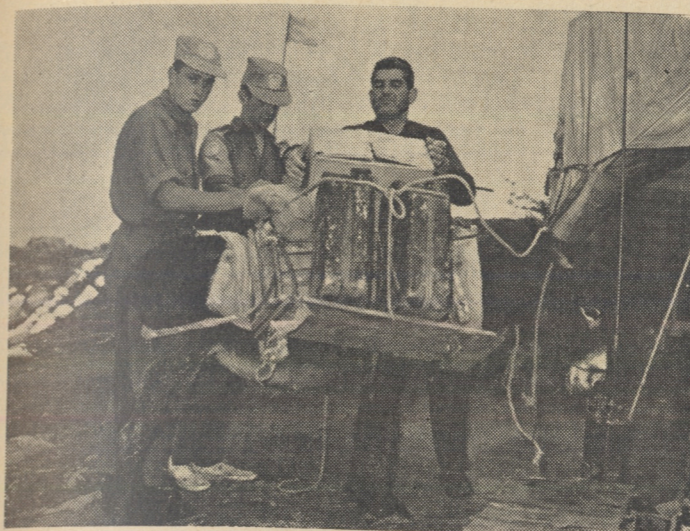
High in the hills above Lefkara — Kato Lefkara, to be precise — is the 'Rebro' station. This is the radio rebroadcasting facility run by 644 Signal Troop.

As direct radio and telephone communication from Nicosia to the British Zone stations is difficult, the re-broadcasting station



was set up to overcome this situation. To the approach of 45 minutes to Skarinos right. The 75 minute journey, all time in the air, is a three hour trip. The detachment is spending their comparative break time in the hills. It has been thought that the one might be a Christmas gift to the detachment. The 'Paddy' Smith from Westmeath and Aldridge.

"MAHOMET" GOES TO THE MOUNTAIN



Arrived safely at last and looking as if he wishes to send a signal announcing the fact on the post's R/T set, "Mahomet" gladly submits to being unloaded by OP "Cook" Pte Paddy Mullarney and escort Pte John O'Connell... and that is how "Mahomet" came to the mountain!!!

Lately our photographer, Sgt. T. Scott, visited "C" Coy in Kato Pyrgos. Knowing the men in the lovely, roadless OP 2 did not live on air, he was intrigued as to how supplies were transported up the rugged mountain-side and with his camera, followed the route of the daily supply line. Starting at the Coy ration store (bottom right) and working upwards, this is what he saw.



Awaiting at a point on the road nearest OP.2 is a local "muleteer" and his donkey "Mahomet". Here supplies for that observation post are "trans-shipped" from the landrover to the donkey by OP detail member Pte John O'Connell who has come down to escort the rations safely up to the OP, Driver Pte Foley and Sgt Wykes. First the containers of precious water are settled onto the mountain saddle astride "Mahomet's" back and the lighter and less bulky articles are packed around them and the "convey" moves off.



As the climb up the rugged terrain begins, "Mahomet" picks his own way up the trackless mountainside. Zig-zagging thro' rock and scrub, he mounts slowly upwards until the road he has left becomes a mere ribbon far down below. Still leading his master, the donkey finally approaches the crest and, entering on more level ground, follows the path that leads to his destination.

THE EASY WAY!

If, as Napoleon alleged, "an army marches on its stomach", then the quartermaster's staff at HQ in Xeros, is ensuring that 10 Inf Gp, like John Brown's body "will keep marching on". Here shown replenishing supplies is Killkennyman Sgt Jim Egan now married and living in the Curragh.



IRCON NEWS



Coy ration store. In charge of the delivery of rations to all Coy outposts, Sgt George Wykes (left) helps Coy Quartermaster Jim Power and Cook Cpl Danny Shine pack away the supplies in the landrover and trailer while driver Pte Mick Foley looks on.

PAPER PEACE KEEPING



There may not be much glamour to routine paperwork in the headquarters office, but without skilled clerks like Private J.R. (Mike) Bougie, Montreal PQ, the business of the 840-man Canadian Contingent in Cyprus would grind to a horrible halt, snarled in confusion. Even with paper work kept to a minimum, thousands of forms, letters, requisitions, and documents pass through the headquarters office daily.



Anywhere in the world pay day is a red letter day, but when your 7,000 miles or so from home, somehow it is doubly welcome. Warrant Officer Michael Petryk, Ville LaSalle P.Q., has been a key cog in the pay master's machine for six months with the Canadian Contingent U.N. in Cyprus. Now he's explaining the paper work intricacies of his job to his replacement, Warrant Officer G.A. (George) Chaput, Richer Man.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

102 YEARS YOUNG!

When Saerif (right) was a little girl, Cyprus was part of the Ottoman Empire and she remembers those days. At 102 years young, Saerif is undoubtedly one of the oldest Cypriots.

Here she is sharing her memories with Private W.D. (Wayne) Wright, Lower Sackville Nova Scotia a member of the Canadian Contingent with the United Nations, in Cyprus.

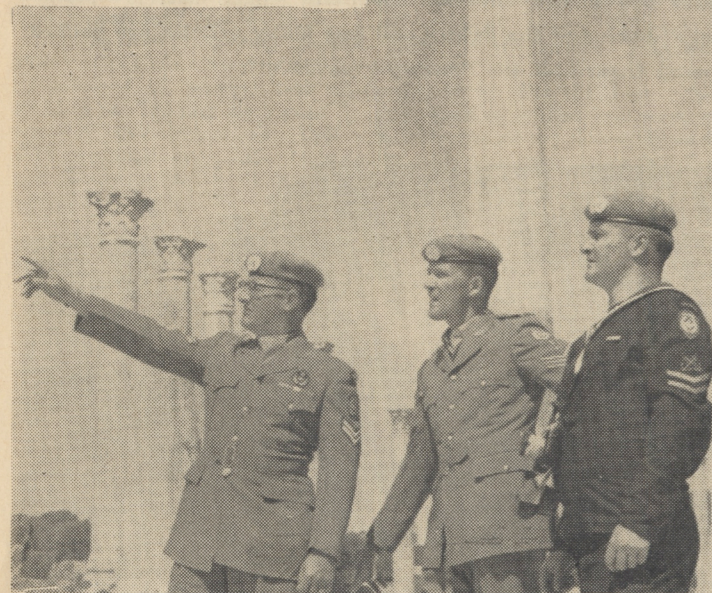
Pte. Wright is a transport operator and his parents Mr and Mrs Kenneth Wright reside at Lower Sackville Nova Scotia.



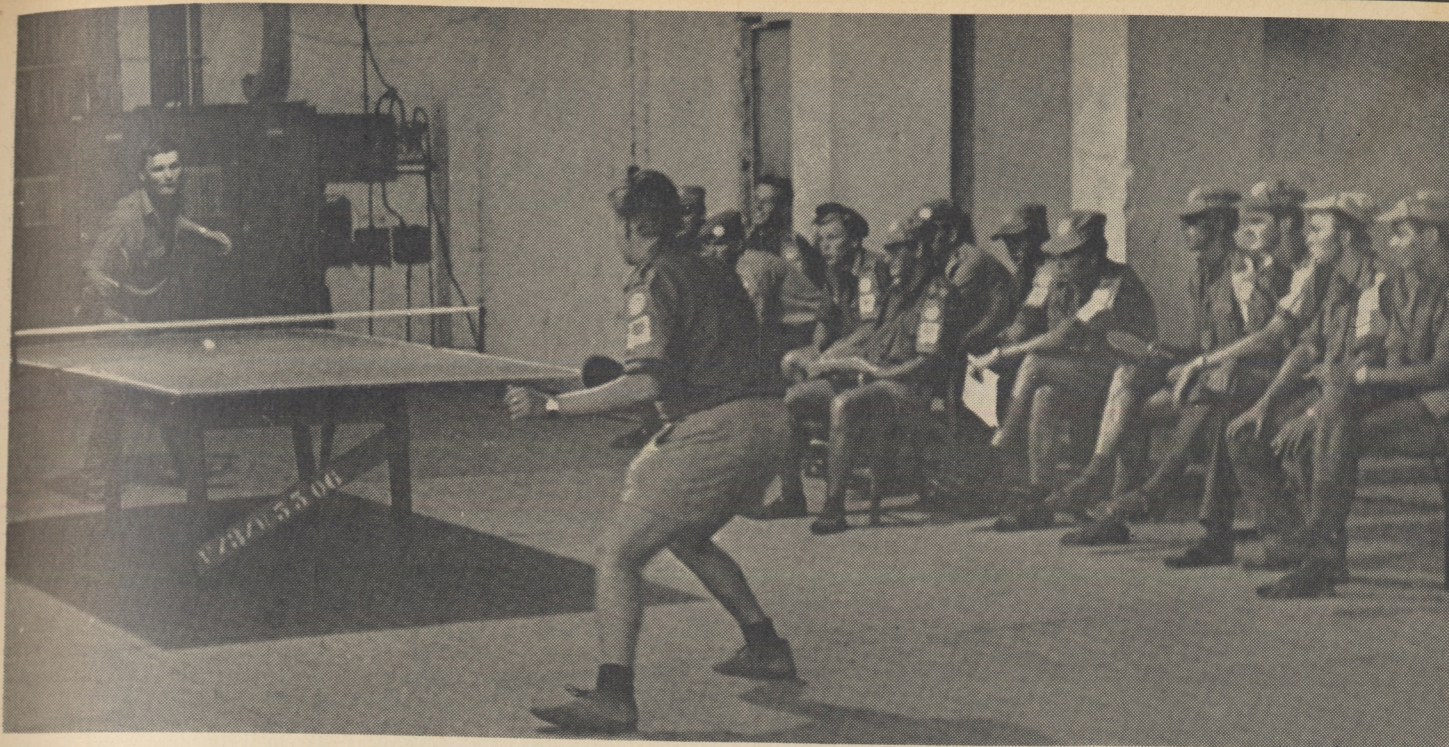
Since 1964 the machinery at Teko Lime Plant, one of the largest in Cyprus, has been idle. It's nearly four years since the Canadian Contingent established a United Nations Outpost at the plant to keep the peace south of the Kyrenia Mountains, and currently Pte. H.A. Barker (below), 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, is one of six Canadian soldiers on the job there. Pte. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker, live at 122 Eighth st. N.E., Portage LaPrairie, Manitoba.



UNFICYP TOURISTS



When you've got a week-end free and your stationed in Cyprus, what better way to spend the time than sight-seeing on that beautiful island? These three Canadian armed forces NCOs are touring Salamis, ancient Greek Capital of Cyprus, where some of the ruins date back to 700 B.C. The ruined city has an idyllic setting, basking in the sun less than 100 yards from the blue Mediterranean Sea. Representing the three arms of the Canadian Forces are L. to R. Corporal G.R. (Ross) Golden, Supervisor Yukon Unloading Montreal P.Q., Sergeant T.J. (Joe) O'Meara, Communication Supervisor London Ont., Sergeant R.J. (Bob) McCall, North Bay Ont. Warehouse Manager.



Tässä ottavat yhteen jääk Raitamo, 3.JK. ja jääk Vartiainen, 1.JK. Hyvä ja korkeatasoinen ottelu.

PINGISPALLO PYÖRII

Suomen Pataljoonalla on olemassa kaksi mukavaa paikkaa, joissa yleensä edustuskelpoiset asiat hoidellaan ja viedään läpi. Nämä paikat ovat Kykko ja Mylly. "Sateen sattuessa Myllyllä, muuten Kykkossa". Tulee vain mieleen mm. mitaliparaatit, joita on suoritettu sekä Myllyllä että Kykkossa. Moneen muuhunkin mukavaan tarkoitukseen nämä paikat kelpaavat. Kykkossa on pidetty mm. nuotioita ja Myllyllä on jaettu esim. liikennekilpailujen palkinnot. Tällä kertaa Myllyllä kuitenkin pelataan pingistä.

Pataljoonassamme pyörii palloilusarjoja aika ajoin varsin runsaasti. Pelataan lentopalloa, ja kun siitä päästään, niin alkavat jalkapallosarjat, eikä kansallispeleimme pesäpaloakaan ole unohdettu. Tästä kaikestahan on sanottavana vain pelkkää hyvää ja näitä kaik-

kia palloilumuotoja on tälläkin suomalaissivulla jo aikaisemmin käsitelty. Nyt on tullut mukaan kuvaan uusi tulokas, pöytätennis eli pingis niinkuin sitä kansanomaisesti nimitetään. Viime viikon aikana alkoi yksiköiden välinen sarja pyöriä täydellä teholla ja



Harmaaparrat, takkutukat, millä kaikilla nimityksillä niitä tuomareita yleensä nimitelläänkin. Näillä tuomareilla ei kylläkään ollut päässään englantilaismallista peruukkia, mutta linnunkivittäjän lakki kuitenkin. Ylik Saikkonen ja kers Koljonen.

lienee tätä luettaessa suoritettu jo loppuunkin.

Kyllä pöytätenniksissäkin saadaan hiki lentämään jos niikseen tulee, eikä se pelkkänä liikuntamuotonakaan ole niitä hasuimpia. Se tuli todistetuksi 15.5 Myllyllä, kun laudan ääressä kävivät neljän yksikön edustajat. Pingiksen pelaaja joutuu suorittamaan melko lailla äkäisiä liikkeitä, peli vaatii todella kovaa reagointinopeutta, ja tämän lisäksi tietysti myös monia ominaisuuksia, joita tässä on turha käydä luettelemaan.

Todettakoon vain, että 15.5 illan otteluista 1.JK voitti erittäin korkeatasoisessa ja tasaväkisessä

FINCON NEWS



Ilme kertoo keskittyneisyydestä. Pallo on tulossa kohti, ja se olisi tietenkin saatava kunnialla palautetuksi takaisin. Jääk Vartiainen, 1.JK, palautti.

UK DEFENCE MINISTER AT HQ



COURTESY CALL... Mr. Dennis Healey (centre), British Minister of Defence, at HQ UNFICYP where he conferred with Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Lt Gen A.E. Martola, Force Commander. (More pictures and story, page 4).

U THANT ADVOCATES NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, last week said that settlement of the overall problem of Viet-Nam should envisage the neutralization of the entire area once known as French Indo-China — North and South Viet-Nam, Laos and Cambodia. It would be a source of stability, he added, if the neutrality of that region were guaranteed by all the big Powers.

The Secretary-General expressed this belief in a speech delivered in Edmonton, Canada, celebrating the diamond jubilee of the University of Alberta.

U Thant said he believed the Paris talks, now being held between representatives of the United States and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, "should start the irreversible trend towards the normalisation of the situation in Viet-Nam".

The Secretary-General urged that no pretext be offered, and no excuse accepted, by either side to halt this movement towards normalization, even though it may be inevitable that both sides might seek to improve their military positions while talks went on.

U Thant reiterated his long-held view that "the first and most important step is the un-

conditional cessation of bombing of North Viet-Nam". He said he regarded such bombing as "of questionable morality and doubtful legality".

U Thant said he felt that the evidence of the last 20 years was sufficient to indicate that the war in Viet-Nam could not bring about a clear-cut victory of defeat for either side — the conflict could only be brought to an end by direct dialogue.

The Secretary-General felt it entirely erroneous to view the war in Viet-Nam as a "holy war" against communism. Nationalism, a force he considered to be far more potent than political ideology, was the main motivating force in the country. And he pointed out that the 1954 Geneva Conference had clearly stated that the 17th Parallel was to be regarded purely as a military demarcation line, and in no way interpreted as a political or territorial boundary, cutting Viet-Nam into two parts.

POPULATION ..

(Continued from p. 1) ed that this occurred last year although 1967 was an exceptional year for agriculture — with India, for instance, having a record grain harvest, Pakistan enjoying a ten per cent increase in farm output, and the Philippines producing its largest rice crop in history.

In his annual report to UNDP's Governing Council, meeting next month in Vienna, Mr. Hoffman said the population increase had offset the food increase — and there were indeed indications that some regions had less food per person than in the early 1960's.



From the Congo to Cyprus "Otto" at Last Goes Solo

Inspector Ottokar Chvosta of the Austrian Civilian Police with UNFICYP recently went through the much cherished ceremony of the clipping after his first solo flight at Nicosia.

Chvosta is no stranger to the UN Secretariat Personnel, where he served as Security Officer for 3 years with UNTSO all over the Middle East and for 2 years with ONUC in the Congo.

He started flying "in the bush" as a member of the "Aeroclub du Congo" in Kinshasa but was transferred back to Jerusalem just before going solo.

Since his resignation from

the UN and rejoining the Austrian Police in Vienna "Otto" has seen UNFICYP for the second time and hopes to qualify for his FAA — Private Pilot License before returning to Vienna in June.

Picture shows the great moment with his flying instructor Mr Loukis, Chief Instructor Psillidis and Mr Paris of "Daedalus Aviation Inc." at Nicosia Airport.

Anti-Nuclear Pact Backed, Criticised at UN Assembly

The UN General-Assembly's Main Political Committee last week and early this week continued to hear expressions of both support and criticism of the US-Soviet draft Treaty to prevent further States from acquiring nuclear weapons.

India told the Committee she could not subscribe to the draft. While reaffirming her policy of not making a bomb and of using atomic energy only for peaceful purposes, she said the proposed pact did nothing to curb the real nuclear threat — the build-up of existing atomic arsenals — and discriminated in a number of ways against the non-nuclear nations.

Although some African nations proposed that final action on the Treaty be postponed until this Fall, the bulk of more than a dozen other speakers from the world's major regions endorsed the present draft, with some reservations and suggested changes.

Australia expressed qualified support for the draft Treaty.

Road Safety Corner

Recreational run in the car, lovely afternoon, road to yourself, cruising along at 40, relaxed, day dreaming about rotation — you are all set for an accident. A dog/goat/child runs into the road — it is going to take 80 feet for you to stop once your foot pushes the brake down. But how far will you travel while you come out of your day dream? If you are attentive, you will probably need 40 feet to react. You don't really want to kill anyone, so:-

Assume every other road user is an idiot, anticipate the unexpected, be on your toes.