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CHAPLAIN GENERAL'S VISIT



On the 25th May, the Chaplain General, The Venerable Arch-Deacon J.R. Youens, OBE, MC, QHC, paid a visit to 'A' Squadron 5 INNIS DG at Zyyi and the Headquarters of the 1st Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Polemidhia Camp, Limassol.

Lt Col D. Isles, (right) Commanding Officer of the "Dukes" poses with the Chaplain General at Polemidhia Camp.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SPECIAL SESSION ADJOURNS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDED THIS AFTER-NOON TO ADJOURN until Tuesday, 6 June, when it will take up the election of the members of the United Nations Council for South West Africa and the appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for South West Africa.

The President of the Assembly, Abdul Rahman Pazhwak (Afghanistan), said that the delegations now engaged in consultations on the membership of the 11-nation Council, which is to be elected during the current special session of the Assembly, in accordance with the resolution adopted on

19 May, had asked for more time.

With regard to the appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for South West Africa, who is to be appointed by the Assembly during this session on the nomination of the Secretary-General, the President said that the Secretary-General had had to leave for Cairo at short notice, in view of the situation in the Middle East, and had not been able to undertake all the consultations he deemed necessary prior to nominating the Commissioner. The Secretary-General had asked for time until Tuesday, 6 June, to make the nomination.

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

U THANT RETURNS FROM CAIRO

REPORTS TO SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT FLEW BACK TO NEW YORK last Thursday following talks in Cairo with President Nasser and other officials of the United Arab Republic on developments relating to the withdrawal of the 3,400-man UN Force which had acted as buffer between the UAR and Israel for a decade.

Reporting to the Security Council following his return from Cairo, United Nations Secretary-General U Thant has reiterated the assessment he made before his trip that the general situation in the Near East is "more disturbing, indeed . . . more menacing, than at any time since the fall of 1956."

In particular, he states, conflicting stands taken by Israel and the United Arab Republic over freedom of shipping through the Strait of Tiran could precipitate a clash which, in the present circumstances, "will inevitably set off a general conflict in the Near East".

But freedom of navigation through the Strait, he adds, is not only the immediate issue endangering peace. Other problems such as sabotage, terrorist activities and rights of cultivation in disputed areas in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria, will, unless controlled, almost surely lead to further serious fighting.

In discussions he had in Cairo, states the Secretary-General, UAR President Nasser and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad assured him that the United Arab Republic would not initiate offensive action against Israel.

Their general aim, as stated, was for a return to the conditions prevailing before the Israeli attack in November 1956 and to full observance of the 1949 General

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS

WHILE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY - GENERAL U THANT WAS IN CAIRO, the Security Council held two inconclusive meetings last Wednesday after being urgently convened at the request of Canada and Denmark.

Declaring that the situation had become more grave since U Thant's departure from New York, the two delegations proposed that the Council place its full support behind the Secretary-General's pacification efforts and request all states to refrain from any steps which might cause further deterioration.

The Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Mali, India, Ethiopia and Nigeria questioned the urgent convening of the Council before there was a Report from U Thant on his Cairo talks.

France favoured Four-Power talks on easing the tension, stating that the Council could take no action so long as the main powers

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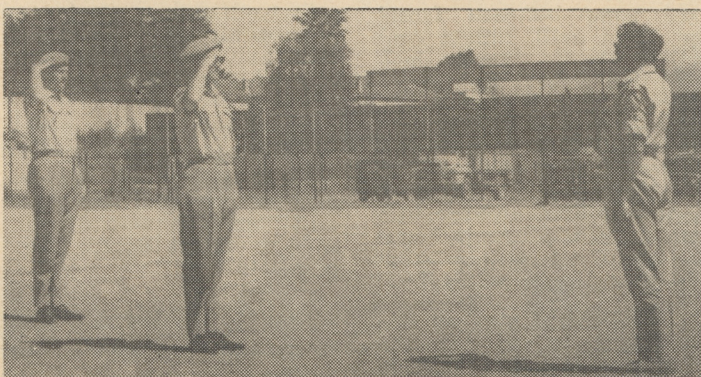
BEREJST DANSKER

PETER KLOKKER HANSEN, 41 ÅR OG FRA KERTEMINDE, emigrerede for 10 år siden til New Zealand. Han faldt godt til der og blev 7 år, hvor han oplevede meget, bl.a. var han regeringsjæger i 2 år og arbejdede indimellem som selvstændig håndværker. De sidste to år af opholdet byggede Klokke selv en 24-fods sejlbad efter først også selv at have tegnet den. I denne båd, "Tiki", startede Klokke i 1964 og sejlede først til Australien hvor han blev i to år og arbejdede. Derefter sejlede han rundt om nordkysten af Australien, til Java, Seychellerne, Aden (hvor han hvilede ud i en måned) og til Port Sudan. Her var det blevet vinter, og Klokke foretrak at blive i fire måneder. Dernæst igennem Suezkanalen, hvor han måtte bøde 8 pund, til Port Said og videre til Famagusta på Cyperns østside, hvor billedet er taget 23. maj. Næste mål bliver Kyrenia på

Cyperns nordkyst, derfra går turen til Rhodos, og den videre plan for hjemreisen til Danmark er ikke lagt endnu. Klokke regner med at kunne træffes i Kerteminde i august 1967. Senere vil han så sejle rundt i de danske farvande og måske tage til Grønland for at tjene penge til at sejle endnu mere for.

Om båden siger Klokke følgende: det er en dejlig båd, selv om den er lille. Længden er som sagt 24 fod, den er 2,4 m bred og stikker 80 cm. Der er en senkekøl, som jeg næsten aldrig bruger, og to sidekøle. Jeg har også en 4 1/2 hk Lister motor, der bruges en del. Båden er så velbygget, at den sejler sig selv. Jeg styrer kun i nærheden af kyster og øer. Der er selvfølgelig en vis risiko ved at sejle alene så langt, f. eks. var jeg på det Indiske Ocean syv af lungebetændelse og havde høj feber. Jeg kurerede mig selv med penicillin fra et forbi-passerende skib.

PARADE 23 MAJ



DANCON VI's personel overgik til DANCON VII ved en parade på fodboldbanen ved Rokka-bastionen den 23. Maj. OL P. Madsen (i midten), modtager her styrken fra den afgående chef, OL J. Ladegaard-Mikkelsen (t.h)

FACTS OM CYPERN

CYPERNS REGERING OPRETTEDE I 1952 "ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY OF CYPRUS" med opgave at levere strøm til fornuftige priser over hele øen og at opmuntre til brugen af el, specielt til landbrug, industri og fabrikker. Man har to el-værker, et ved Dhekelia, oprettet 1952 med kapacitet 84 MW og et ved Moni, øst for Limassol, oprettet 1966, med en foreløbig kapacitet på 60 MW, men med en planlagt kapacitet senere på 180 MW. På det almindelige net er der 240 volt vekselstrøm med 50 svingninger pr. sekund.

I bought a field in Cyprus where grew an olive tree,
I watered it and pruned it with assiduity
Until I found I owned the ground but did not own the tree.

I bought the tree; for weeks I thought the haggling would not stop
Now I can pick my olives and start a little shop.
"Oh, no" they said, "you've bought the tree but not the olive crop".

At least I can sit under it; a little seat I made
Where I could smoke my cigarette and drink my lemonade.
But no, although the tree was mine, I did not own the shade.

In my despair I cut it down, if not for shade or food
It might provide a cheerful fire if that was all it could.
Alas, although I had the tree I did not have the wood.

(pruned=beskar, assiduity=ihærdighed).

KOB AF JORD på Cypern medfører ikke automatisk ejendomsret over træerne derpå. Et lille pudsigt digt (gengivet på engelsk for at træne Dem lidt i sproget) er skrevet af en uheldig mand, der først købte et stykke jord, derefter med meget besvær fik købt retten til et oliventræ på grunden, dog kun for at opdage, at de oliven, der var på træet ikke var hans. For at afslutte sagen måtte oliventræet fældes og fordeles mellem syv personer, der alle havde part i det.

HER ER DET BILLEDE

der ikke måtte tages. DANCONS fotograf var i Famagusta 23 MAJ. Han så her en speedbåd med ødelagt stævn og en med hul i siden, samt to slukørede danske soldater, der absolut ikke ville fotograferes. Grunden? Leg med speedbåde, der ikke er forsikrede. Det koster 3 CL at leje en sådan båd i timen, men løber man på et skær eller en anden båd, koster det dyrt. I dette tilfælde 25 CL til hver af de to.



KS 687594 M. Jacobsen, STGR, DANCON VI og VII er elektriker i pionerdelingen og er her ifærd med at reparere lyset på Keo-posten. Der er i pionerdelingen kun to elektrikere til at ordne alle DANCON's installationer, så de har nok at gøre altid. Herudover hjælper de også til med standvagt og patruljevagt i både "Nicosia Club" og "Fort Worthington"; Jacobsen er tillige hyggemand.



Salamis - ett utflyktsmål i Famagustas grannskap.

Salamis - en gång Cyperns huvustdad

UTFLYKTSMÅL PÅ CYPERN I

Cypern har många vackra och historiskt intressanta platser att visa den tillfällige invånaren. Det finns mer än beachen att intressera sig för när FN-soldaten någon gång kopplar av från tjänsten. Blue Beret startar i det här numret en serie presentationer av några minnesrika sevärdheter på Afrodites ö.

FAMAGUSTA-VÄGEN NORRUT några kilometer från det svenska HQ:t på Carl Gustaf Camp - en vägs skylt pekar in till höger och annonserar Salamis! Femtio mils får man erlagga i inträdesavgift vid vägskälet, men det är det verkligen värt, för här möts FN-soldaten av de intressantaste minnesmärkena på Cypern - den gamla huvudstaden. Att man dessutom kan njuta av sköna bad vid Salamis gör endast besöket mer attraktivt.

Det största namnet bland Salamis härskare är kanske Evagoras den förste - en ättling till grundaren - som år 411 f.Kr. besteg tronen och sedan förde det lilla kungadömet till ekonomisk och kulturell rikedom, militär styrka och diplomatiskt fördelaktiga förbindelser.

Evagoras lade under sig ett efter ett av stadsrikerna på Cypern, men när han också började erövra feniciska städer på fastlandet satte perserna punkt för hans och Salamis framgångar.

Vad finns då att se i Salamis år 1967 e.Kr.? Ja, av Teucers gamla stad återstår ingenting, det mesta av det utgrävda hör till stadens senare historia, då den f.ö. kallades Constantia. Två försvarsmurar - en yttre och en inre - har upptäckts och vidare en båthamn, som faktiskt ännu kan utnyttjas.

"Marmortorget" brukar dra turisterna till sig, marmortorget som egentligen var ett romerskt gymnasium eller mer än idrottshall. I närheten fiurer man också ett Hermesaltare.

Så sent som 1960 fann man Salamis teater, som beräknas ha rymt ca 20 000 människor och därmed var en av de största i hela Mellersta Östern. De utgrävda teaterresterna daterar sig från 200-talet e. Kr.

Och så finns där romerska bad, villor, vatten-cisterner, torg, ett Zeus-tempel och en kyrka - basilikan. Kristendomen kom nämligen

Skööönt!

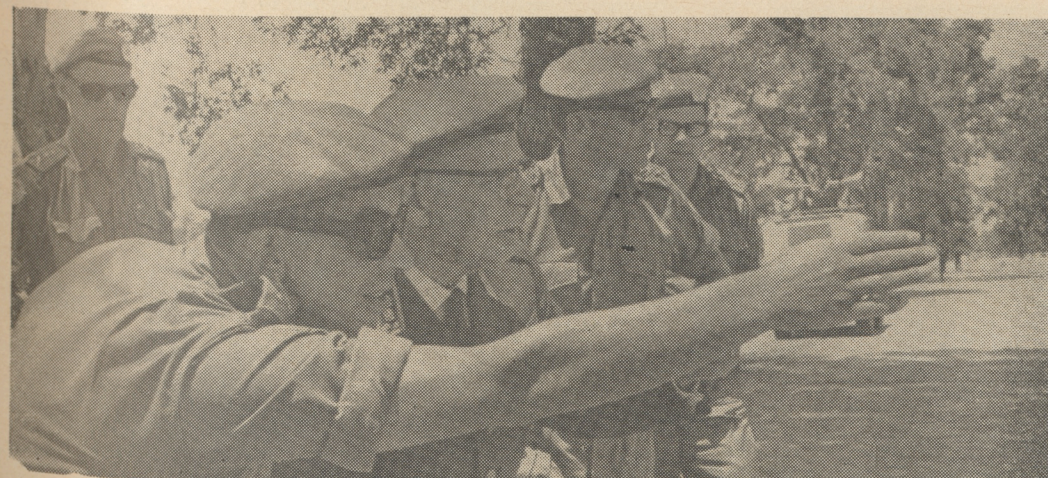
Ja, det här, det är skönt det, säger förstakompanisterna i Komi Kebir, när de tar sig ett svalkande dopp i bassängen alldeles bredvid OP-förläggningen. Den som tvivlar kan ju fråga FN-badarna på bilden: (uppförifrån) Kenth Gustavsson, Töredoba, Torsten Asplund, Kiruna, Ingmar Malm, Västervik, Åke Adolfsson, Oviken, Reidar Andersson, Dannemora, och Anders Persson, Sigtuna.



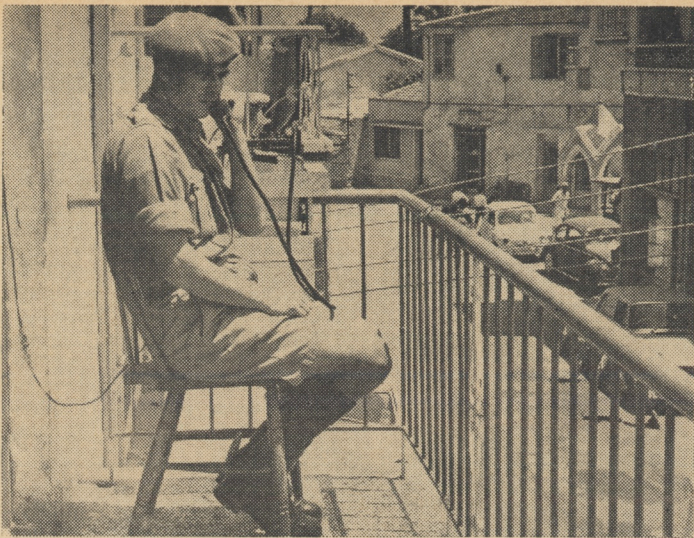
gen tidigt till Cypern och Salamis - genom aposteln Barnabas, själv uppvuxen i Salamis, som till sammans med aposteln Paulus predikade i staden och sedan startade en missions-resa utöver ön.

De många och vackra pelarna vid Salamis som sträcker sig upp mot den blå medelhavshimlen har alltså mycket intressant vid sina fötter - för den som vill veta lite mer om Cypern än bara beacherna a

GENERALS BESÖK PÅ 3. KOMP



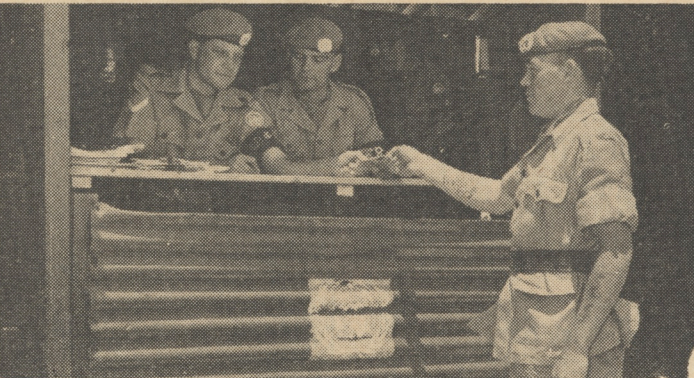
DÄR ÄR DET, GENERAL! Grenadier-kompaniet i Larnaca hade för någon vecka sedan besök av Force Commander, generallöjtn. I.A.E. Martola, som visades runt av kompanichefen, mj J. Fogelin. Med vid rundvandringen var också (på bilden fr.v.) lt Ulf Arvidsson, kn Pär Sjunnesson och kn Mats Orwin.



"Town Patrol" Detachment — Pte James Chapman keeps an alert eye on the street below.



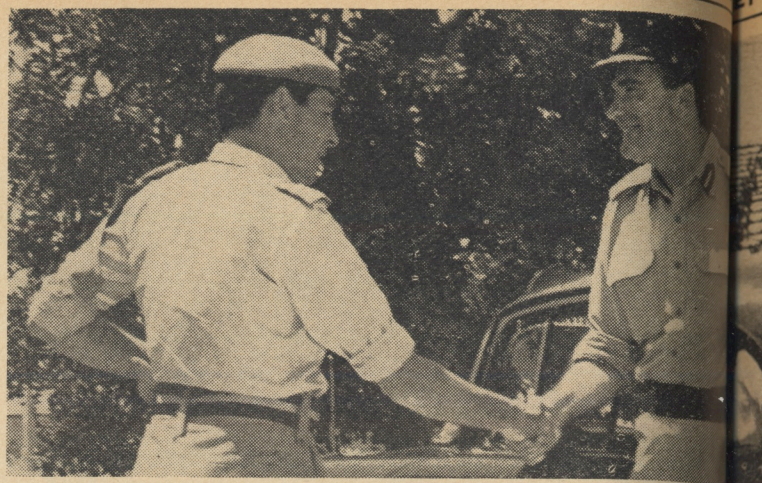
MT Section — Cpl Peter Clughton and Pte David Robinson working on the engine of a 1 ton armoured vehicle.



Booking out — At the Guardroom, L cpl Jack Parkinson books out. On duty are (L to R) L cpl Leslie Stewart and L cpl George MacLean of the Regimental Police.



Seen handing a spanner to Cfn Neil Mackiness is Cfn George Grimison. Both are in REME LAD attached to the "Dukes".



The Chaplain General being met by Major Anthony Millen, Officer Commanding 'A' Squadron, 5 INNIS DG at Zyyi.

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

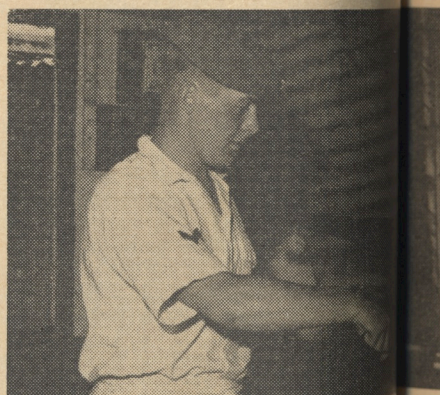
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POLEMIDHIA CAMP

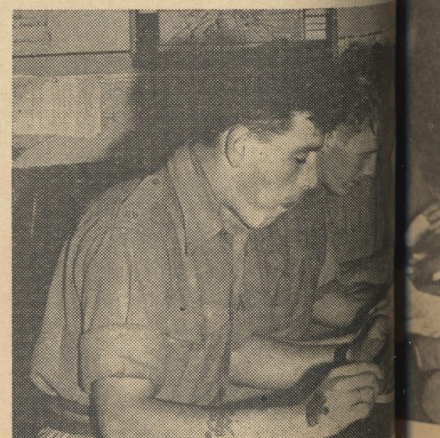
DURING a recent visit to Polemidhia Camp, Limassol, where the Battalion HQ of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment is situated, our roving camera took pictures of various members of the Regiment at work.



At work in the kitchen — Pte C. Evans and L cpl John Stevens.



"Le Chef" Seen preparing the lunch — ACC.



"Time to Dine" — The town patrol duty L to R. Pte John Bone, Nixon and Pte Lendon Moore.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS

BOOMERANG BOYS GO HOME

LAST THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 25th, THE FIRST MEMBERS of the 3rd Australian element of UNCIVPOL left Nicosia Airport for home, having completed twelve months service with UNFICYP. Most of them served in the Irish operational area where they had their HQ at Kakopetria. Their rotation was completed on the 28th May.

During their tour of duty they made many friends amongst the 8th Inf Group and their predecessors. This they did by a ready willingness to co-operate fully on all matters within their sphere and by the efficiency with which they operated. One could hardly expect anything else from them with a Commander of such quality as Chief Superintendent John O'Connor of Victoria Police. The measure of his success is the excellent record he leaves and the regret at his going.

MESSAGE TO IRISH

The following is a message which an Aussie spokesman sent to all members of IRCON just before departure:-

"A departing 'thank you' to the 8th Irish Inf Group. In fact to the 6th and 7th as well, better still would be to the men of the Irish Army, plus the people of Ireland for having such a terrific lot in khaki.

As members of the Australian Civil Police Element we have been very proud to have been associated with these men from the Shamrock Isle. On the night of 23rd May we journeyed forth to Xeros where a farewell function was held in our honour. It was a night of nights, a lot of us said 'fare thee well' no goodbyes, as goodbye to us seems to be too final.

We will leave this island a lot more informed of our country's history, due to the

fact that we have been incessantly earbashed about the good Irish stock so many Australians come from. We know too that the blood is good as it has been so often brought out in our most friendly of relationships with our Irish compatriots.

I could go on and on saying how much we value the many friendships we have made amongst the men from Ireland; it also can be shown that the greater majority of us who are travelling the continent on the way home will also be calling in on the land of St Patrick.

I would state one thing in this regard though we were coerced into saying 'yes' if any of us showed any hesitancy about going there. It makes us all the more convinced about Irishmen, EVERY SINGLE ONE WORKS FOR THE IRISH TOURIST BUREAU!

To the Irish gentlemen whom we have met in Cyprus, we say, 'Thank you lads. Your co-operation, friendly ways, hospitality shown, and ready humour have been really appreciated by all of us from 'Down Under'. So much so that for once words fail me. So on behalf of us all, MANY THANKS ONCE AGAIN!"

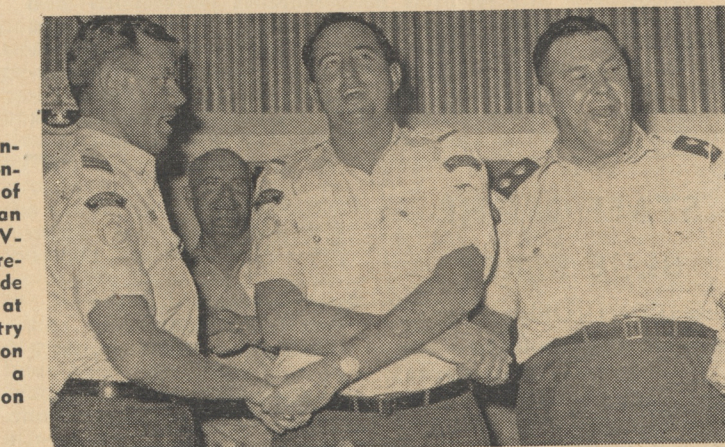
To those who served at Paphos-Ktima and at UNFICYP HQ the Irish extended best wishes and a safe journey. We look forward to establishing an equally amicable association with the 4th Australian Police Element to whom we say "Céad Mile Failte".



The first group of the 3rd Australian Police Element of UNCIVPOL left Nicosia Airport last Thursday morning. Our photograph shows them waving 'Goodbye' to their many well-wishers as they boarded their plane for home.



A brace of Cunninghams — Inspector Anthony "Top Cat" Cunningham of New South Wales police gets tips on Irish step dancing from Cpl Joe Cunningham of the Irish Armoured Car Group at the Xeros party on the 23rd May.



"Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten" (L to R) Sgt "Tricky Trev" Grenenger, Constable "Super Sleuth" Tony Olsen and Inspector Bruce "Tugboat" Wilson "whisper" Auld Lang Syne at the 8th Inf Gp farewell party for the Aussies of UNCIVPOL at Xeros on 23rd May. Rev Fr Denis Killian CF obviously enjoys the harmony.

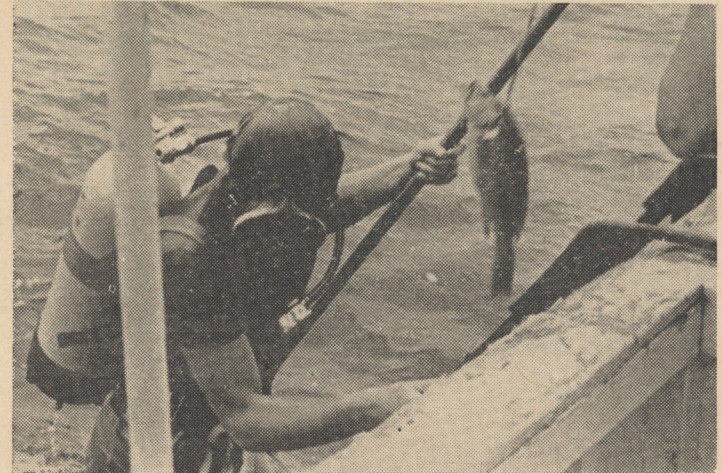
Chief Superintendent John O'Connor, Commander of the 3rd Australian element of UNCIVPOL to whom a presentation was made by COMIRCON at 8th Irish Infantry Group HQ, Xeros on the occasion of a farewell party on May 23rd.



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Veteen siirtymässä. Vasemmalta "Marco" Lehtinen, Karhukopla (toinen korjaa naamarina, toinen on jo vedessä) ja portailla seisomassa Jussi Kohvakka.



Kohvakan saalis ei tällä sukelluksella ollut iso, mutta sitä vaikeampi kai siihen on ollut osua.

LIIKENNEKILPAILU



Pataljoonassa 21.5 suoritettujen liikennekilpailun joukkuevoitto meni varsin selvästi Esikuntakomppaniaan - virhepistein 79 toiseksi tulleen 1.JK:n 89:ää vastaan. Lajivoitot olivat seuraavat: Kuorma-autot 3. JK:n Niemi/Lehtinen, maastohenkilöautot EK:n Ketola/Väistö ja moottoripyörät 2.JK:n Heinikainen. Kuva on palkintojen jaosta. Vasemmalta kapteeni Jaanu, pokaaliaan saava jääk. Ketola, kasvotuksin hänen parinsa jääk. Väistö ja kontingentin komentaja eversti Nuutilainen.

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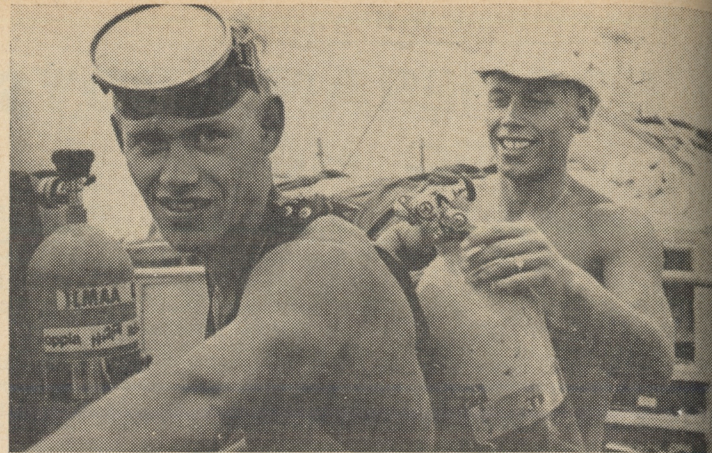
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Lähtövalmisteluja veneen kannella. Tässä "Karhukoplan" toinen mies tarkistaa, että toisen paineilmapullo on oikein säädetty.

KYRENIAN RIUTTOJEN URHEILUSUKELTAJAT

SUOMEN YK-SOTILAJEN VAPAA-AJAN VIETTOTAVAT OVAT VARSIN MONINAISET, mutta epätavallisimpiin kuuluu varmaan sukellus saaren rannikoilla paineilmalaitteen turvin. Tämän urheilun harrastajilla on kumminkin nyt jo oma kerhonsa, joka käy pari, kolme kertaa viikossa Kyrenian vesillä ahdistelemassa harppuunakivääreillään Välimeren outoja kaloja.

Idea kerhon perustamiseen syntyi, kun jotkut pataljoonalaiset saivat näkemään ylläluutnantti Jussi Kohvakan menossa sukeltamaan paineilmalaitteineen. Miehet ryhtyivät tiedustelemaan mahdollisuuksia liittyä mukaan jännittävältä vaikuttavaan urheiluun, ja niin lähti kerhotoiminta käyntiin Kohvakan johdolla. Hän pani toimeen kurssin, johon osallistui 11 oppilasta. Nyt kerhossa on jäseniä jo 25, ja edistyneimmät ensimmäisen kurssin miehet ovat ehtineet suorittaa jo toista kymmentä sukellusta, vaikkei kerholla ole ikää kuin puolitoista kuukautta.

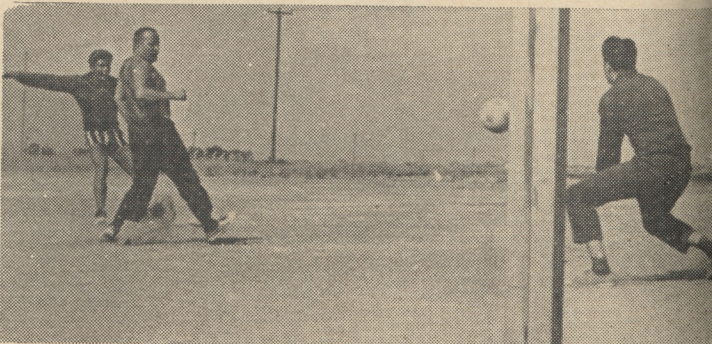
Muutamane harjoitussukellukseen kestää urheilusukeltajalle tarpeellinen koulutus 2-3 viikkoa. Lääkärintarkastuksen jälkeen, jossa tutkitaan sydän, korvat ja keuhkot, kuuluu ohjelmaan mm. noin kahden tunnin luento turvallisuustoimenpiteistä ja paineen vaikutuksista elimistöön. Varsinaisen koulutuksen annetaan osaksi altaasa ja osaksi meressä; alkuun uidaan ja sukellaan räpylöiden, naamarin ja hengitysputken eli "sch-norkelin" turvin tottumuksen sa-

miseksi vedessä ja pinnan alla liikumiseen, ja sitten siirrytään käyttämään paineilmalaitetta, sitäkin aluksi altaan suhteellisen turvallisuudessa. Vielä kuuluu koulutukseen noin tunnin luento Välimeren vaarallisista kaloista ja kasveista.

Seuraavan kurssin on määrä alkaa tällä kuluvalle viikolla. Halukkaiden on ilmoittauduttava pataljoonan operatiivisessa toimistossa yliluutnantti Kohvakalle. Liittymismaksu, joka suoritetaan ilmoittauduttaessa, on kaksi puntaa, ja siitä kertyvät varat käytetään kerhotoiminnan rahoittamiseen mm varusteiden oston.

Oheiset kuvat ovat retkeltä riutalle Kyreniasta itään, jolla toimittaja ja valokuvaaja olivat mukana. Tällä kertaa oli sukellussyvyys vähän yli kolmenkymmenen metrin, ja joitakin kaloja saatiin saaliiksi. Aikaisemmista saaliista voi mainita mustekalan ja noin metrin mittaisen Tunan, jotka pyydystettiin kerhon tekemän kolme päivää kestäneen retken aikana. Tällä matkalla käytiin myös kerran 40-50 metrin syvyydessä.

MESTARUUS MENI HK:LLE



Jalkapallon cupin loppuottelu EK - HK päättyi tasapeliin 0 - 0, mikä merkitsi sarjan voiton menoa huoltokomppanialle. Kuvassa pallo on matkalla kohti EK:n maalivahdin tarkkoja kouria lennetyään ensin hurjasti puolustavan Postimestarin ohitse.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS



Three Corporals from the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers check out mechanism of an ancient Greek Cypriot water pump, powered by a blind-folded donkey trotting round and round. The pump lifts water from a 60-foot deep well sufficient to irrigate several acres of the dry, parched ground in the north-east part of Cyprus. The three Corporals, left to right, are Jerry Marchand, Leo Fournier and Laurie Boehler.



Corporal Noel McCavour, of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, takes time out to see how bread is baked in Cyprus. The oven he is inspecting is situated in the picturesque village of Bellapais near the historic abbey. Corporal McCavour's wife Barbara and their five children are staying in London, Ontario, while he is in Cyprus and his parents live in St. John, New Brunswick.

Corporal Laurie Boehler, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, takes a sight-seeing break from his peace-keeping duties in Cyprus. He's playing head-man for a decapitated ancient Greek amid the crumbling ruins of the city of Salamis, capital of the island in the days of Christ. Corporal Boehler's wife Irene and their two children live at 630, 19th Street, Brandon, Man. His parents, Mr and Mrs Emanuel Boehler, live at 31 Portland Avenue, St. Vital, Winnipeg.



SECRETARY - GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF UNEF

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE SENT ON 19 MAY by the Secretary-General, U Thant, to all officers and men of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF):

"Today, 19 May 1967, you will have received orders to commence the withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force from its area of operation in Gaza and Sinai. This means that within a relatively short space of time you will be returning to your home countries, and UNEF, the first peace-keeping force of the United Nations, will no longer exist. First of all, I wish to make it entirely clear that the withdrawal of UNEF at this time for overriding political reasons is in

no sense the smallest reflection upon the performance or the behaviour of the Force. On the contrary, the Force has operated with outstanding success ever since the time of its establishment more than ten years ago, and the recent months have been no exception to this very fine record. In my special report of 18 May 1967 to the General Assembly on the decision to withdraw UNEF, I said the following:

"Finally, I must express the highest appreciation to the Governments of all the Members of the United Nations which have supported UNEF and especially to those which have provided the military contingents which made up the Force. The ap-

preciation of the United Nations is also due to the many thousand officers and men who have served so loyally and with such distinction in UNEF. The Force at its inception represented an extraordinary innovation in the efforts of the world community to find improved methods of keeping the peace. For more than ten years it has fulfilled its functions with a far greater degree of success than could have been hoped for. It is, in fact, the model upon which many hopes for the future effectiveness of the United Nations in peace keeping have been based."

"The very anxiety throughout the world which the termination of UNEF at this

particular time raises is in itself a measure of the value of the service which UNEF has performed. UNEF by its conduct and the successful discharge of a very difficult task has certainly proved that the pioneering task of peace keeping undertaken by the United Nations in 1956 has never suffered from a lack of skilled, courageous, disciplined and devoted soldiers of peace.

"I wish to express to all of you, and also to the many thousands of officers and men who have served at other times in UNEF, my warm appreciation and admiration for your loyal and distinguished service to the United Nations. I extend to all of you my best wishes for the future."

UNCIVPOL PRESENTATION



At a farewell party at Kakopetria on Sat 20th May, Superintendent O' Connor, Commander of the Australian UNCIVPOL was given a farewell gift by members of his Detachment. Inspector Cunningham (left) making the presentation to Superintendent O' Connor.

U THANT...

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Armistice Agreement between Egypt and Israel.

At the same time, says U Thant, the decision of the UAR to restrict shipping through the Strait of Tiran to the Israel port of Elath — a decision of which he learned en route to Cairo — created a new situation.

He said he was not going into the merits of the two conflicting views regarding the legal situation — that of the UAR being that the Strait was within its territorial waters and that of Israel and others, including the United States, that there existed the right of innocent passage through the Strait.

At this critical juncture, he declared, he felt that his major concern must be "to try to gain time in order to lay the basis for a detente".

While in Cairo, said the Secretary-General, he drew the attention of the UAR Government to Israel's declaration that it would consider the closing of the Strait as an act of war and of the dangerous consequences which could therefore ensue if such action were taken. And he expressed the hope that no precipitate action would be taken.

The Secretary-General tells the Council that, in his view a peaceful outcome to the present crisis will depend upon a breathing spell which will allow tension to subside from its present explosive level. He therefore urges all parties concerned to exercise special restraint, to forego belligerence and to avoid all other actions which could increase tension.

This would allow the Security Council to deal with the underlying causes of the present crisis and to seek solutions.

VISIT TO FIVE COUNTRIES

THE United Nations Committee on Decolonization left New York last Wednesday night for Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, on the first leg of a five-country trip to Africa and the Middle East.

From Kinshasa, it plans to go on to Lusaka, Zambia;

Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania; Baghdad, Iraq; and Damascus, Syria.

During its trip, expected to last five weeks, the Committee will discuss the colonial territories in Africa and the Middle East and hear petitioners.

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had not agreed among themselves.

The United States said the Council should take a stand in support of the Secretary-General and against any moves which might worsen the situation. At the same time, it said it was prepared to join with the Soviet Union and France in a common effort to restore and maintain peace in the Middle East.

Britain also favoured action as recommended by Denmark and Canada and spoke of the need to re-establish some form of United Nations presence in the area. It later indicated it welcomed the French proposal for high-level talks among the Four Powers.

Both Britain and the Uni-

U Thant also suggests that the revival of the functioning of the Egypt-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, "providing a limited form of United Nations presence in the area," might also contribute substantially to the reduction of tension.

The form of presence which could be provided by the Mixed Armistice Commission, he suggested, could to some extent fill the vacuum left by the withdrawal of UNEF.

PEACE-KEEPING COMMITTEE

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK ASKED THE Special 33-Nation Committee to continue the study of the whole question of peace-keeping operations and their financing and report back to the next session.

It also renewed an appeal to all member states, particularly the highly developed ones, to make voluntary contributions to overcome the UN's continuing financial difficulties.

Most of the speakers expressed disappointment that the Committee of 33 had not been able to come up with more substantial recommendations and pointed to the continuing fundamental dif-

ferences on the basic issues of peace-keeping.

All felt, however, that the Committee's efforts should be pursued.

DENMARK CONTRIBUTES TO UNFICYP

THE Government of Denmark has informed the United Nations that it has decided to make a voluntary contribution of \$120,000 towards meeting the cost of the UN Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus for the period ending 26 June 1967.

In the letter to UN Secretary-General U Thant, dated 17 May 1967, sent by the Permanent Representative of Denmark Mr. Hans Tabor, Denmark said that in making this contribution, "...My Government has taken this decision without prejudice to its attitude on the principle of collective financial responsibility for United Nations operations of this nature.

"As previously, the above-mentioned amount will be placed with a bank account in Denmark, and offset against expenses paid by the Danish authorities in connection with the Danish contingent to UNFICYP."

STOP PRESS

The UN Security Council met again on Monday and Tuesday last on the Middle East crisis.

Before the Council was the report from Secretary-General, U Thant, calling for a "breathing spell" to allow the Arab-Israeli tension to subside from "its present explosive level."

Also before the Council was an item submitted by the United Arab Republic and entitled: "Israeli aggressive policy, its repeated aggression threatening peace and security in the Middle East and endangering international peace and security."

The United States, United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, India and Ethiopia, as well as the UAR and Israel were heard in the opening debate on Monday.



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