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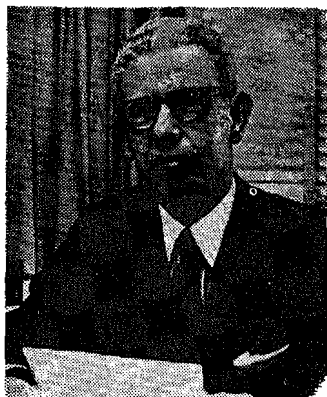
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U.S. 'PEACE OFFENSIVE'



"Ready to enter Viet-Nam peace negotiations" — Goldberg tells U Thant

UNITED States Ambassador Arthur Goldberg last week stated in a letter to United Nations Secretary-General, U Thant, that in recent messages to a number of governments the United States had made known its readiness to enter into discussions or negotiations on Viet-Nam "without any prior conditions whatsoever or on the basis of the Geneva Accords of 1954 and 1962".

Ambassador Goldberg said that the United States suggested a reciprocal reduction of hostilities could be envisaged and a cease-fire might be the first order of business in any discussions or negotiations. He stated further that the United States remained prepared to withdraw its forces from South Viet-Nam as soon as that country was in a position to determine its own future without external interference; that America desired no continuing military presence or bases in Viet-Nam; that the future political structure of South Viet-Nam should be determined by the South-Vietnamese, and that the question of the reunification of the two Viet-Nams should be decided by free decision of their two peoples.

In making known to the Secretary-General the purport of the messages which the United States had been conveying to various Governments, Ambassador Goldberg said the steps taken during the past two weeks in the pursuit of peace flowed in part from the obligations of the United States Government under the United Nations Character, and in part from the appeals addressed to America and others just before Christmas by Pope Paul VI and the UN Secretary-General. Mr Goldberg commented in his letter that he thought the Secretary-General would observe that the United States "had already responded in terms which go somewhat beyond the appeals addressed to it". He noted that American bombing of North Viet-Nam

had not been resumed since the Christmas truce.

At Ambassador Goldberg's request, his letter was circulated amongst U.N. Member States as a Security Council document. Following the publication of the letter, Mr Goldberg emphasized to newspapermen "as emphatically as possible", that his Government's "Peace Offensive" had not been intended as a propaganda exercise and that the publicity attending the visits that he, Ambassador Averell Harriman, Vice-President Hubert Humphrey and others had made to various capitals had not been of their making. It could be assumed, he added, that there was "a great deal of quiet diplomacy going on" in addition to what had been publicized. The essential purpose of it all, Ambassador Goldberg declared, was to make sure that channels of communication remained open, and to make it crystal clear that it was the United States' earnest

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**CAMBODIA
PROTESTS U.S.
FRONTIER
VIOLATIONS —
RETALIATION
THREATENED**

IN letters to the U.N. Secretary-General made public last week, Cambodia protested against what she described as last month's declaration of the intention by the United States to violate her frontiers; and she warned that she would "reply to any act of war with an act of war".

The letters, which were dated in the last few days of December, included the text of a resolution adopted by the Cambodian legislature to this effect. The resolution said that any armed incursion into Cambodian territory by forces of the United States or South Viet-Nam would be met by counter incursion into South Viet-Nam. The letters also included a statement by the Cambodian Government that, if faced with violation of its frontiers, Cambodia might appeal to whatever countries were prepared to grant it any form of aid and support. They stressed

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S-G mourns Shastri death

'Sudden and untimely — whole world will share burden of grief'

U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, said in New York on Monday night that he had learned "with the deepest sense of shock" about the "sudden and untimely" death of Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Prime Minister of India.

"Not India alone, nor Asia alone, but the whole world will mourn Mr. Shastri's passing", U Thant said.

The United Nations, he added, will carry "a full share of that burden of grief".

The Prime Minister, U Thant said, gave his country "guidance and leadership which helped it not only to approach with renewed vigour its immense tasks of social and economic improvement, but also to exert with undiminished determination at the international level its powerful influence for the good of all mankind."

The Secretary-General said he mourned the loss of Mr. Shastri "as a statesman with

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UNFICYP ACCIDENT

STATISTICS - November 1965

Contingent	No. of miles driven	Accidents	Miles per Accident
Austrian	9,400	Nil	
British	181,441	13	13,957
Canadian	227,268	6	37,878
Danish	105,702	6	17,617
Finnish	72,095	3	27,365
Irish	75,200	1	75,200
Swedish	127,100	2	63,550

Forsvarsministeren kommer paa besog 31 Januar til 3 Februar

H OVEDKVARTERET har modtaget meddelelse om, at den danske forsvarminister Victor Gram vil aflægge besog paa Cypern i tiden 31 Januar til 3 Februar. Forsvarministeren vil blive ledsaget af departementschef C.C.F. Langseth og orlogskaptajn M. Telling.

Ministeren vil aflægge visit hos Cyperns praesident aerkbishop Makarios og hos vicepraesidenten dr. Kutchuk. Ministeren vil ogsaa besøge hovedkvarteret for de Forenede Nationers styrke paa Cypern ligesom kompagnierne ved det danske kontingent vil blive besøgt.



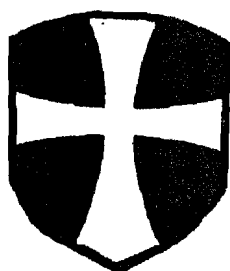
VELFAERDSTJENESTENS nye bustur til Cyperns oestkyst har allerede faaet stor succes. Undervejs besøges korsfarerborgen Kantara og ruinerne af Salamis. I romernes gamle badeanstalt er konstabel N. Nissen og konstabel S. Christensen, der begge snart forlader Cypern sammen med D-kompagniet, ved at tage hovederne ved synet at en hovedloes gudinde.

Styrken nedskaeres med en trediedel

S OM meddelt for fjorten dage siden i "Den blaa Beret" skal DANCON's styrke skaeres ned med ca. en trediedel fra midten af Januar maaned, og nu foreligger planen for reduktionen.

Allerede natten mellem den 15 og 16 Januar afgaar det foerste hold fram Cypern. Det kommer til at bestaa af 76 mand fra D-kompagniet. Den foelgende aften afgaar andet hold, som er sammensat af 22 mand fra D-kompagniet og 51 mand fra stabskompagniet. Tredie hold, der flyver med Caravelle, afgaar den 17 Januar om eftermiddagen og det bliver sammensat af 33 mand fra A-kompagniet, 14 mand

fra C-kompagniet og 19 mand fra E-kompagniet. Samme dags aften afgaar endnu et



NEWS IN DANISH



KONSTABEL E. HANSEN koerer sektionens anden spejdervogn og er klar til gennem hovedtelefonen at modtage ordrer fra vognkommandøren.

Spejder-vogns - delingen

D ANCON's spejdervognsdeling bestaar af en delingstrop og to sektioner, og de to sektioner skiftes til at patruljere hver anden dag.

Man patruljerer i et omraade oist og syd for Nicosia. Det er ren rutinekoersel for at kontrollere der stadig er fred og ro i omraadet, men det er et interessant og afvekslende ter-rain, saa spejdervognsdelingens arbejde er misundt af mange. Synet af en 6-cylindret Rolls Royce motor kan give kloee i fingrene paa de fleste soldater, og det 10-12 mm tykke panser, der yder god beskyttelse mod projectiler fra haandvaaben, giver en dejlig fornemmelse af sikkerhed.

Spejdervognene er terrain-gaande, men de er ogsaa ret tunge, saa nu regntiden er begyndt er hver patruljetur en kraevende oevvelse i terrainkoersel.



SERGEANT S. FENNEBERG, der er foerer for foerste sektion, har gjort holdt og afsoeger nu ter-rainet gennem kikkert

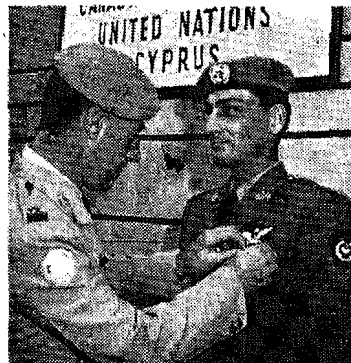
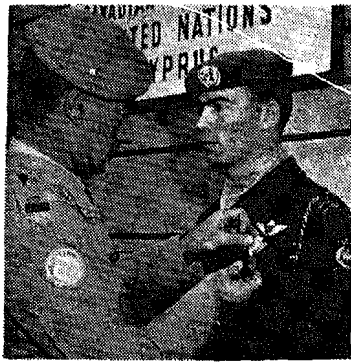
NY KIRKE IGEN

F ELTPRAESTEN, pastor P. Christiansen har truffet aftaler om at kontingent kan anvende en graesk-cypriotisk kirke til sine soendagsgudstjenester. Det drejer sig om St. Georgs kirken, der ligger lige ved C-Kompagniets kommandostation. Det er en smuk lille kirke, der vil kunne danne en god ramme om vore gudstjenester.

Det nye arrangement trae-der allerede i kraft fra paa soendag og tidspunktet er uændret kl. 1030.

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UN MEDALS PRESENTED TO HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL



Headquarters personnel of the Canadian Contingent recently received their United Nations Cyprus Service medals. Pictured here, left to right, Private James Brown, Private C.F. Flanagan and Signaller Charles Leroy Doughty receive their medals from Major N.A. Robinson, the DAA/QMG of Headquarters Canadian Contingent, UNFICYP.

New Year 'levy'



ABOVE: Almost a naval occasion at the Canadian Contingent New Years' Day 'Levy' as Lieutenant Nick James, Royal Navy, a helicopter pilot attached to 18 Squadron detachment RAF (left), and Canadian AMPIO, Lieutenant Commander John Bonneau, Royal Canadian Navy get together. Looking slightly apprehensive in the centre is Army man Captain Bernie Wallace, the Movements Control Officer.

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RCD Colonel visits UNFICYP, presents UN medals to Recce Sqn

THE Colonel of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Brigadier H.A. Phillips, OBE, CD, and the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lt.-Col. W.T.E. Finan, CD, arrived on Monday for a week long visit to the Canadian Contingent UN Force in Cyprus.

During their stay, Brigadier

Phillips and Lt.-Col. Finan will be meeting with Brigadier Wilson, Acting Force Commander; Colonel J. L. Drewry, Commander Canadian Contingent; Lt.-Col. C. V. Carlson, Commander 2nd Canadian Guards and Major Walter Conrad, Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons Squadron

in Cyprus.

They will also visit the Canadian manned observation posts in the Kyrenia district.

Brigadier Phillips, after whom Camp Phillips was named, will present UN Cyprus medals to officers and men of the RCD Squadron today Wednesday.

DANISH NEWS

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De foerste af DANCON IV har nu vaeret paa Cypren i tre maaneder og saaledes gjort sig fortjente til de Forenede Nationers medaille for tjeneste ved UNFICYP. I mandags haefte chefen for det danske kontingent, oberstløjtnant E. Lorenzen personligt medaillen paa brystet af major J. T. Lind, major J. Højland Christensen, premierløjtnant K. N. Ikast, premierløjtnant E. A. Jensen og, som det ses paa billedet her, reservelaeg P. O. Eriksen.

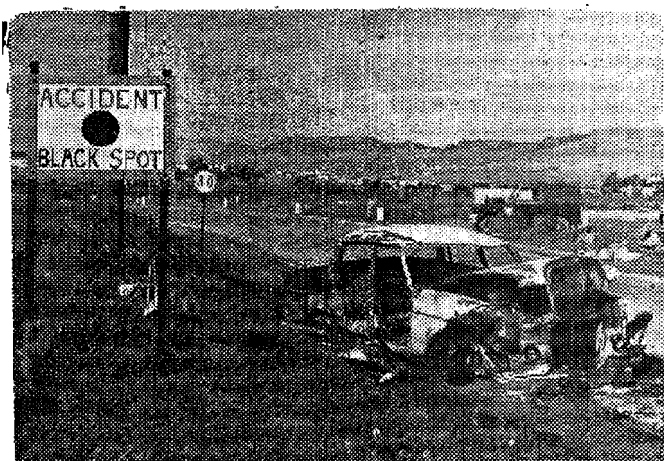
Tilgang

SAMTIDIG med reduktion- en finder der ogsaa en mindre rotation sted. Med SCACYP' en i tirsdags ankom saaledes (foruden AB's fodboldhold) kontingentets nye naestkommanderende, oberstløjtnant P. Stolze fra Jydske Dragonregiment. Oberstløjtnanten skal til sin tid afløse oberstløjtnant L. Kirkebjerg. Endvidere ankom to majorer, to kaptajner, to sergenter og fem konstabler og menige.

IRISH CONTINGENT NEWS



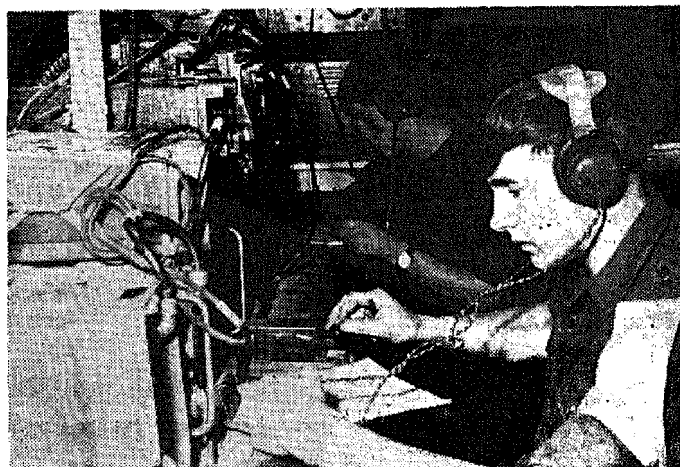
A GRIM REMINDER



This wrecked and gutted Mercedes is a grim reminder of what can happen to you on the road. It stands under a Force 'Accident Black Spot' sign near the Greek Camp on the Morphou—Troodos road just outside Nicosia, where it crashed in the early hours of Monday morning. Remember — these signs are put up to help you avoid something like this — use your head and drive carefully.



Brigadier A. J. Wilson, the Acting Force Commander wishes Gunner Danny Wilton of Mullingar a Happy New Year during a visit to 5 Inf Gp's observation post 'Hotel' at Limnitis last week. Looking on, from left to right, are: Gunner Michael Devanney and Corporal Larry Poynton, the post commander, both also from Mullingar.



Signalman James Keogh from County Kildare, left, and Signalman Denis Deasy, from Dunmanway, County Cork, on duty in the Communications Centre of the 5th Infantry Group's Headquarters camp at Xeros.



"A flask of wine, a tin of nuts and thou" (with apologies to Omar Khayyam).... It is said that authors draw inspiration from their surroundings. In the 5th Infantry Group Headquarters at Xeros, Captain James Flynn, the man behind "The Bugle Call", Xeros' weekly news sheet. His probing and satirical pen has made him the terror of the unrighteous from Limnitis to Lefkosia... could it be the surroundings?

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The Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A. J. Wilson, presents UN Cyprus medals to members of the 4th Troop at Anadhiou. Left to right: Lance Corporal Ricky Massiah, Lt John Williams, REME, Trooper Jim Harrison, Brigadier Wilson, Trooper Malcolm Bush, Trooper Paul Edwards, receiving the award and Trooper Kevin Burns.



ABOVE: Sergeant Major Trevor Sharrock receives his medal from the Acting Force commander during the parade at Zyi. Others in the picture are, left to right: Cpl Bob Leather, the Regimental Police Corporal, holding tray, Captain Peter Whittington, Captain Peter Harman, Lieutenant John Barrow and RQMS Peter Markey, REME.

SENIOR M.O. LEAVES FORCE

Pictured at right is Colonel T.M.W. D'Arcy, Royal Army Medical Corps, who has been the Force Senior Medical Officer since January of last year. Colonel D'Arcy will be returning to England within the next few days, and on behalf of his many friends in the Force, BLUE BERET would like to take this opportunity to wish him 'au revoir'.

Colonel D'Arcy has been replaced as Senior Medical Officer by Colonel H.R. Miller, Royal Army Medical Corps.



Members of the Squadron's Fifth Troop, based on Nicosia receive their medals from the Brigadier. Left to right: Trooper Bob Matthews, Trooper Brian Tunner, receiving the UN medal, Trooper John Clements and Trooper John Kenna.

Brigadier Wilson presents medals to 14/20 H.

On Thursday, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, CBE, MC, Acting Force Commander circled the island by Scout helicopter of 21 Flight, Army Corps, piloted by Sergeant Jim Brown, on visits to Squadron Headquarters and three outlying troops of 'A' Squadron, 14/20th Hussars, who have been part of the UN peace keeping force on the island for the past eight and a half months and are shortly due to return to the United Kingdom.

Over one hundred officers and men, including attached personnel of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the Army Catering Corps were presented with the United Nations Medal for service in Cyprus by the Brigadier on parades at Nicosia, Anadhiou, Ktima and at the Squadron's base camp in Zyi.

Presenting the medals on behalf of the UN Secretary General, Brigadier Wilson stressed the importance of the inscription "In The Service Of Peace" and thanked Major Robin Harris, the Squadron Commanding Officer, and each of his officers and men for the excellence of their contribution towards the achieve-

ment and maintenance of peace on the island and congratulated them on the award of the UN medal.

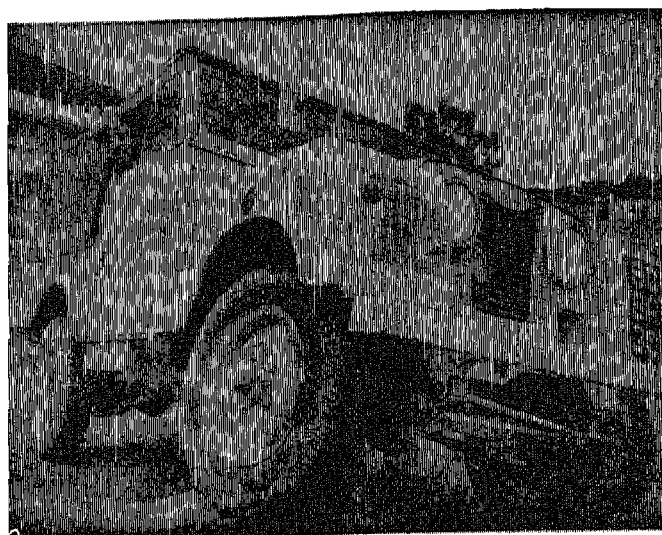
The 14/20th are recruited principally from Lancashire, the county from which Brigadier Wilson recruited for his own battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers and he often paused to talk with NCOs and men from towns and areas well known to him. On completion of the medal presentation parade at Zyi the Brigadier took the salute at a march past, then spent a pleasant half hour talking with NCOs and Troopers in the Squadron Club.



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Det här en gosse som kan hantera sin Landrover: Lars Lennebring från 3.komp. och Karlsborg blev zonmästare med sin vagn med den överlägset bästa klass-tiden.



I Bedford-klassen gick segern till STR genom Eskil Pihl från Tvångsviken, som här får sin silverplakett av överstelöjtnant Hans Håård.

SOLIGT VARDAGS-PLOCK



Spaennande biltaevling, UNFICYP-taevlan 9 jan.

Det lönar sig att kontrollera också bränslet som en av "åtgärderna före körning", innan man ställer upp i en biltävling. Fråga folket på 2. kompaniet!

Det handlar alltså om zonmästerskapet i bilkörning, som avgjordes på Carl Gustaf Camp på fjolårets näst sista dag, och i Bedford-klassen måste en av deltagarna från 2.komp. bryta tävlingen på grund av bensinbrist. Hans vagn knuffades bort från banan av några av de övriga deltagarna, vilket bör ha känts rätt pinsamt för vederbörande.

Tävlingen gick i fyra olika moment och var uppdelad i två klasser, Landrover och Bedford. I båda klasserna ställde tre deltagare upp från varje kompani.

Det var spännande värre ibland, när förarna tog sig igenom de olika tävlingsmomenten - mjuk körning med balanskropp, parkeringsprov i parkeringsficka, körning på plank och vändning i en cirkelgård, där cirkelradien var identisk med bilens slängd. Men överstelöjtnant Hans Håård konstaterade med tillfredsställelse att genomsnittsstandarden var ganska hög, när det gällde körskickligheten.

I Landrover-klassen vann 3. komp. dubbelseger genom Lars (Continued page seven)

SOLIGT FRITIDS-PLOCK



Medan Syerige gastkramas i århundradets värsta vinterkyla lyser solen - i varje fall för det mesta - på FN-folket på Cypern. Som fortfarande kan bada i Medelhavet, om så önskas, och dessemellan ägna fritiden åt apelsinplockning. Här är det Göran Landström från Falkenberg och Inge Edvinsson från Vånga i Östergötland som hjälper till med skörden i Sakarya.



Jul - och nyårsfirandet är över, och vardagsrutinen har satt in igen. Här är det vapenvård på 2.komp., "Goldfish Camp". Jörgen Larsson från Bålsta, Gunnar Eriksson från Alfta och Olle Hansson från Hallsberg pysslar med k-pistrengöring.



Edessa harkaviikot ja mustan leivan paivat

Vasta tapahtuneen vaihdon yhteydessä saimme pataljoonaan runsaat sata uutta 'Kyprosjääkäriä'. Kotiin meni kuitenkin kolmisen sataa, minkä vuoksi tulimme komppaniaa köyhemmäksi. Vastuualue, työ määrä ja velvoitteet pysyivät kuitenkin samoina. Tämä tosiasia mielessä ja vanhaa suomalaista joulunjälkitraditiota noudattaen meillä on edessä 'härkäviikot ja mustanleivän päivät'.

Lähinnä tämän vuoksi meidän on syytä kertoa tulokkaille - ja miksei myös varhemmin saarelle saapuneille - muutamia tosiasioita, jotka meidän on pidettävä mielessä tärkeää ja vastuunalaista rauhanturvaamis-tehtävää suorittaessamme.

Hyvä Kielitaito Tarkeä

Asioiden edistytessä yhä useamman tulokkaan eteen tulee tehtäviä, joissa suomen kielellä ei enää tulla toimeen. Onneksi useimmat kuitenkin ovat jo etukateen hankineet taidon ja tuntuman rauhan-

täin manan maille menneen opettajamme ja päättökimmme suunnittelema kielikurssit, joiden parusteella moni on tähän mennessä saattanut oppia tätä tarvittavaa kieltä. Lisäksi meillä jokaisella on mahdollisuus harrastaa parasta oppimiskeinoa; keskustelua ja kanssakäymistä muihin kontingentteihin kuuluvien kanssa.

Käyttäytymiseen Huomiota.

Toinen näkökohta, johon näin alkajaisiksi on kiinnitettävä huomiota, on jokaisen henkilökohtainen käyttäytyminen, pukeutuminen - ja ennen kaikkea alkoholi juomien käyttö.

Meitä nimittäin tarkkailaan jatkuvasti niin turvajoukkoihin kuuluvien, poliittisen sihteeristön ja paikallisen väestön kuin kansainvälisen lehdistön edustajien taholta. On siis syytä muistaa, että emme ole saarella valloittajina tai sodanomaissa miehitysolosuhteissa vaan valittuina rauhanturvajoukkojen edustajina, joilta edellytetään sen mukaisesti sivistynyttä esiintymistä ja käyttäytymistä.

Pukeuduttava Asiallisesti.

Tilanteen saarella pysyessä rauhallisena on yhä suuremmassa määrin ruvettu kiinnittämään huomiota turvajoukkoihin kuuluvien pukeutumiseen ja siisteyteen, minkä vuoksi nimenomaan meidän suomalaisten on kiinnitettävä asiaan tavallista suurempaa huomiota.

Asia koskee yhtä hyvin palvelustehtäviä kuin vapaa-aikojen viettoa. Emme nimittäin edusta saarella ainoastaan meitä itseämme tai pataljoonaamme, vaan suomalaisen sotaväen valiota. Meillä on siinä suhteessa kovia kilpailijoita nimenomaan anglosaksisten maitten kaartinpataljoonat, jotka tällä hetkellä edustavat omia maitaan.

Varovaisuutta Alkoholin Kaytossa.

Nimenomaan alkoholin käytön suhteen meidän on oltava erittäin varovaisia. Kotimaan oloihin verrattuna saarella on aivan toisenlaiset juomatavat kuin mihin olemme tottuneet.

Naimollon paikallinen väestö kuin myös muut turvajoukkoihin kuuluvat pitävät juopuneena esiintymistä ihmisarvoa alentavana tekona. Eikä meillä siinä suhteessa ole enää varaa törmaillyihin.

Nocheinmal in Cypern



Am 3.1.66 hat Capt. Mosser wieder das Kommando ueber die Austrian Civilian Police uebernommen. Vielen ist dieser Offizier von seiner Taetigkeit auf Cypern in der Zeit von April 1964 bis Juni 1965, in welcher er ebenfalls als Kommandant die Taetigkeit des Kontingents lenkte, bekannt. Fuer seine eben erwahnte Einsatzzeit wurde ihm vom Bundesministerium fuer Inneres eine hohe Auszeichnung verliehen. Wir alle heissen den alten neuen Kommandanten nochmals herzlich willkommen und wuenschen ihm fuer seine weitere Taetigkeit viel Glueck und Erfolg.

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Return to Cyprus this week for Captain Frederick Mosser, who took over the command of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent on January 3rd. Captain Mosser previously served with UNFICYP from April 1964 to June of last year, but was then called home to take up a job with the security division at the Ministry of the Interior. Welcome back to Cyprus.



SWEDISH NEWS

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Lennebring, Karlsborg, och MP-furiren Jansson, medan Eskil Pihl från STR och Tvångsviken tog hem segertecknet (bataljonens silverplakett) i Bedford-klassen. Fast vid plankprovet hängde det nästan på ett hårstrå att provet underkånts. Men den välplacerade tävlingsledaren avvisade helt riktigt alla protester, och Pihl fick välförtjänt sin plakett.

Lagseger gick till 1.komp före STR.

Och den 9 februari är det dags för UNFICYP-tävling i Nicosia, med MP-plutonen som arrangör. De tre främsta i varje klass vid zonmästerskapet kör där för SWECON. Vi håller redan tummarna!

turvaamistehtävissä käytettävään toimintakielen englantiin. Kuinkas muuten sillä olihan se eräänä tärkeimpänä ehtona valituksi tulemisellekin.

Valitettavasti vain kokemus varhaisemmalta ajalta kuitenkin osoittaa, että varsin moni anomuslomaketta täyttäessään on hieman liioitellut kielellisiä taitojaan. Seurauksena on ollut väärinkäsityksiä, jotka joskus ilman hyvää onnea olisivat saattaneet muodostua seurauksiltaan jopa hengenvaaralliseksi.

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Edellmainittu valittava asiain-tila voidaan kuitenkin korjata suhteellisen helposti opiskelun ja harjoittelun avulla. Pataljoonassa on tarkoitusta varten saatavana riittävästi oppikirjoja ja aineistoa.

Lisäksi meillä on jäljellä äsket-

DEATH OF UNMOGIP CHIEF

Secretary-General expresses 'great sadness' at loss

UN Secretary-General U Thant this week expressed his "great sadness" on the death of Lieutenant-General Robert H. Nimmo, the Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan. General Nimmo died suddenly in his hotel room at Rawalpindi, Pakistan, in the early hours of Tuesday, 4th January.

In a statement on the General's death, the Secretary-General said that "his wisdom, judgement and strength of character were completed by a modesty, kindness and calmness which endeared him to the officers of many nationalities who served under him as military observers, and to all those with whom he worked both in the field and at United Nations Headquarters. The most difficult and dangerous situations did not ruffle his composure or affect at all his objectivity and determination to establish the true facts of a situation. I had great personal admiration for him as a man

of fine character and of the highest ideals of public service".

India and Pakistan also paid tribute to General Nimmo for his contribution to the maintenance of peace along the ceasefire line in Kashmir. In a telegram, dated 4 January, the Indian Defence Minister, Y. W. Chavan said; "He won our esteem by his fair-mindedness and by the fearless discharge of his onerous duties. He was a gallant soldier who served the United Nations, India and Pakistan well". The Acting Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, Agha Shani said that the Government of Pakistan acknowledged the most valuable contribution made by General Nimmo as chief of UNMOGIP to the peace-keeping efforts of the UN in Jammu and Kash-

TRIBUTES BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN

mir and said that "The United Nations had lost an international public servant of outstanding ability and devotion to duty".

General Nimmo, an Australian national, was 72 years old. He had headed the UN Military Observer Group for more than fifteen years, having been appointed by Secretary-General Trygve Lie on 28 October, 1950. He had just returned to Rawalpindi following consultations at UN Headquarters in New York, and a year-end holiday with members of his family in London.

A memorial service for the late General was held at Christ Church, Rawalpindi on Thursday, and his body was then flown to Karachi on the first stage of its journey to Brisbane, Australia, for burial.

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intent to negotiate a peaceful solution. "We want peace", he asserted, "but at the same time we reaffirm our determination not to be driven out of Viet-Nam by force of arms".

Questioned about the American attitude towards having representatives of the Viet-Cong at the conference table, Ambassador Goldberg said that if Hanoi truly desired negotiations, he saw no difficulty in arranging that the Viet-Cong point of view be represented. The modalities of a conference, he suggested, were subject to discussion.

Asked about a possible United Nations role, the Ambassador said that his letter was an invitation to the Secretary-General and any United Nations Member to do anything that could contribute to a peaceful settlement. He recalled that in a letter written last July, President Johnson had similarly invited all United Nations Members to use their influence, individually and collectively, to bring about unconditional discussions, and, he said, the Secretary-General had been the first to be informed — on 28 December — of the peace initiatives which the US was undertaking. At the same time, Mr Goldberg said that, for reasons which had already been made clear, he did not feel the United Nations offered the best forum for negotiations.

U Thant back after brief holiday

The Secretary-General, U Thant, returned to New York on Sunday from Port of Spain after a brief private visit and rest in Trinidad and Tobago. While there, he had talks with the Prime Minister, Dr. Eric Williams.

The Secretary-General was accompanied on his eight day visit by Donald Thomas and Neil Breen, his personal aides.

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whom I had so recently been directly engaged in negotiations to resolve the conflict which had disturbed his country's relations with Pakistan, as a fellow Asian and as a warm and good friend".

U Thant said that the Prime Minister's death had come "all the more as a shock" because it followed so closely upon his signing of the "Tashkent Declaration" with President Ayub Khan of Pakistan.

"I had wholeheartedly welcomed this Declaration," the Secretary-General said, "in which the two leaders expressed their firm resolve to restore normal and peaceful relations between their two countries, reaffirming their obligations under the Charter of the United

ITALY AND BELGIUM GIVE FOR UNFICYP COSTS

CONTRIBUTIONS totalling over \$625,000 have been made towards the costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus by Italy and Belgium.

A note verbale, dated 23 December, from the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, regarding the expenses of the Force, encloses a cheque for \$292,587.76 equivalent to 183,000,000 Italian liras, which represents the voluntary contribution of the Italian Government to the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations in Cyprus for the period 27 June 1964 to 26 March 1965.

In a letter to the Secretary-General, dated 28 December, the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, C. Schuurmans, said "In pursuance of your letters of 25 March and 18 June 1965, I have the honour to inform you that the Belgian Government has decided to make a voluntary contribution of 18 million Belgian francs (approximately 360,000 dollars) towards meeting the expenses of the fifth and sixth periods of the functioning of UNFICYP (from 27 March to 26 December 1965).

I must stress that Belgium will reserve its position as to any future participation in the financing of UNFICYP, if it should turn out that the interested parties were not to demonstrate an active willingness to contribute to the search for a negotiated solution".

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that United States forces had never been attacked from Cambodian territory by anyone, but that Cambodian frontier villages were constantly harassed by US and Vietnamese units. They said that the US could easily demonstrate its sincerity with regard to Cambodia by affording the International Control Commission means and facilities necessary for carrying out investigations proposed by Cambodia.

The International Control Commission, set up by the 1954 Geneva Conference, is made up of Canada, India and Poland. The Cambodian letters asserted that the supervision of border areas must be left to this Commission, and that any attempt at seeking United Nations intervention in any form would be rejected.

In other letters addressed to the Secretary-General last week, Cambodia protested against attacks which she said had been carried out by Thai forces against her territory, and against what she described as a policy of genocide being practised by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam against its Khmer minority.