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RHODESIA:

EXPERT IS CALLED IN TO STUDY EFFECTS OF OIL EMBARGO

THE United Nations last week requested Mr. Walter Levy, a United States oil and petroleum expert, to make a study of the various economic aspects of the oil embargo now in effect against Rhodesia.

The oil embargo was one of the steps called for by the U.N. Security Council to end the rebellion of the white minority regime of Mr. Ian Smith in Rhodesia.

At a meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in Lagos, Nigeria, last week, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, said he felt convinced that full support for his Government's oil embargo and other sanctions would result in a speedy fall of the Smith regime.

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Private Nobby Clarke (left) and Corporal James O'Keefe, both of Headquarters Company, 5th Irish Infantry Group assembling a Vickers Machine Gun at the Group's base stores in Nicosia.

UNFICYP COSTS RUNNING AT TWO MILLION DOLLARS PER MONTH:

Further contributions by three States: BRITAIN TO MAINTAIN 1,000 MAN CONTINGENT

ISRAEL, Turkey and the United Kingdom are making additional contributions to the expenses of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus.

On 4 January, the acting Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, Mr. Joel Barromi, sent a letter to the Secretary-General, U Thant, informing him of his Government's decision to make a contribution of \$10,000 further to a similar amount contributed by Israel last October.

REDUCTION

UNFICYP strength down to 5,000 as Scandinavian Contingents cut back in line with S-G's Report

THE strength of the United Nations Force in Cyprus has been reduced by seven hundred and forty officers and men in accordance with the Observations in the Secretary-General's Report to the Security Council on UNFICYP dated 10 December 1965 (See Blue Beret, 22 December 1965, P.2).

The Finnish Contingent of UNFICYP was reduced by approximately two hundred officers and men during a partial rotation which took place between 28 and 31 December last year.

Between Saturday, 15 January and Tuesday, 18 January, approximately three hundred and fifty officers men of the Danish Contingent and two hundred officers and men of the Swedish Contingent were repatriated. The combined reductions of these three contingents amount to approximately seven hundred

and forty officers and men.

The approximate revised strengths of the three above-mentioned contingents is:

- Danish — six hundred and fifty.
- Finnish — eight hundred
- Swedish — seven hundred and fifty.

The strength of the remaining UNFICYP contingents remain unchanged, and the total revised strength of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, including Civilian Police and Civilians is approximately five thousand and fifty.

Mr. Orhan Eralp, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations, sent a letter to the Secretary-General on 4 January with a cheque for \$50,000 covering the pledge made last December by Turkey of a further contribution to the operational costs of UNFICYP.

On 14 January, the United Kingdom informed the Secretary-General that she would make a further contribution of one million dollars toward the upkeep of the Force during the new

three-month period.

Great Britain also informed U Thant that she would maintain her contingent in Cyprus at its present strength of some 1,000 men until 26 March — end of the three month extension granted to the Force by the Security Council when it met last month.

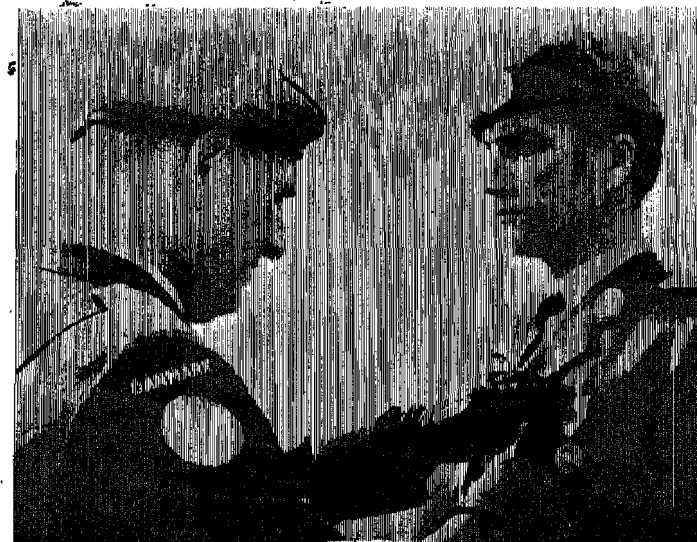
Costs of UNFICYP operations have amounted to some two million dollars a month since it was set up in March 1964.



Tak for kampen. De to holdledere, løjtnant K. E. Kristensen for DANCON og Niels Yde for AB, veksler haandtryk efter kampen paa Nicosia Stadion forrige Onsdag. Det blev en 3—1 sejr til AB, men DANCON-holdet ydede god modstand og foerte med 1—0 ved halvleg. Løjtnant Kristensen bliver maaske snart klub-kammerat med Niels Yde, idet han har planer om efter sin hjemsendelse at melde sig ind i AB.



Ind imellen kampen mod AB og en kamp mod et tyrkisk militaerhold er det ogsaa lykkedes inden reduktionen at faa afviklet turneringen imellem kompagnierne. Finalen spillede Loerdag formiddag mellem A-kompagniet og D-kompagniet. D-kompagniet vandt med 3—1 og selv om A-kompagniets holdleder efter kampen udbragte et "laenge leve" for sejrherrene blev D-kompagniet samme aften det foerste offer for reduktionen. Her ses de tapre elleve fra Delta med maalmanden og holdlederen, løjtnant K. E. Kristensen i midten med sejrens trofae.



Under hensyn til de saerlige omstaendigheder har UNFCYP dispenseret fra reglen om at FN-medajllen foerst uddeles efter tre måneders tjeneste paa Cypern. Alle der ramtes af reduktionen fik medajllen inden hjemrejsen. Ved en parade paa "moaten" haefte chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant E. Lorenzen medajllen paa brystet af chefen for E-kompagniet, major F. Andersen.

Valdemar Atterdag kom ikke til middag i London

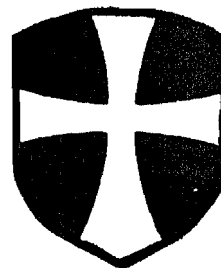
MEN TRAF KONGEN AF CYPERN I KRAKOW OG PRAG.

DE fleste boeger om Cyperns historie beretter, at Kong Peter I af Cypern under en rejse til England i 1363 var til middag hos Londons borgmester sammen med bl. a. kongen af Danmark. Dette maa bero paa en misforstaaelse, for Valdemar Atterdag var ikke i England paa dette tidspunkt.

Kong Peter, der regerede fra 1359 til 1369, havde et braendende oenske om at generobre Jerusalem, men han havde ikke penge og styrker nok til alene at starte et korstog. 1 Oktober 1362 sejlede han derfor fra Cypern for hos paven og Europas konger om muligt at skaffe den fornødne stoeette til sit forehavende. Aaret efter naaede han til England, og det var her, at han blev inviteret til middag hos Londons borgmester, Henry Picard. Blandt gaesterne var ogsaa Englands konge, den franske og den skotske konge, prinsen af Wales

Valdemars hensigt at rejse til England, for han havde udbedt sig og faaet et den 1 Februar 1364 udstedt lejdebreve far sig og sit foelge paa 300 personer. Men uvidst af hvilken grund blev det ikke benyttet.

Naar det i saa mange boeger haevedes, at den danske konge deltog i festen, skyldes det formodentlig, dels usikkerhed om praecis hvornaar middagen fandt sted, dels at en kronike beretter, at der var ialt fem konger til stede ved festen, og endelig tilstedevaerelsen af det ubenyttede lejdebreve.



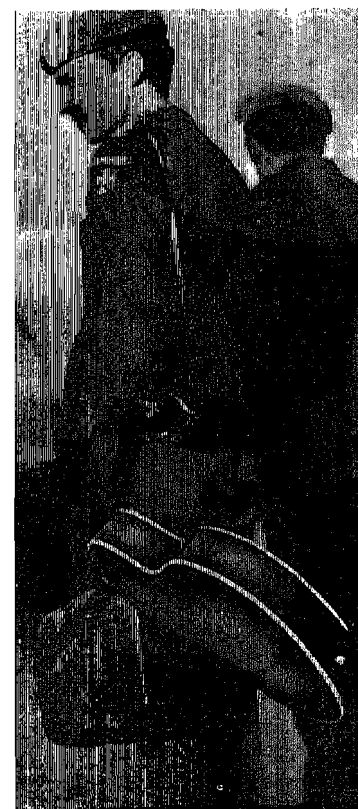
NEWS IN DANISH

og mange andre fornemme personer.

Det fortaelles, at der blev spillet terning og hasard ved festen, og at Kong Peter i foerste omgang vandt, men senere tabte han 50 mark til borgmesteren. Kong Peter var ikke nogen god taber, og for ikke at fornærme den fornemme gaest maatte borgmesteren betale kongen pengene tilbage.

Et senere maleri der nu haenger paa Londons boers viser situationen. Hallen hvori middagen holdtes er festligt udsmykket med vaabenskjolde, og blandt disse finder vi ogsaa det danske.

Saa vidt vided rejste Valdemar Atterdag fra Danmark i Oktober 1363. Fra Pommeren tog han til Polen, hvor han i Krakow, sammen med Kong Peter af Cypern, bivaanede Kejser Carls bryllup med Elisabeth og de i den anledning afholdte turneringer og andre festligheder. Fra Krakow gik rejsen videre, formentlig i selskab med det nygifte kejserspar og Kong Peter, til Prag. Efter her at have afsluttet visse forhandlinger med kejseren forlod Valdemar Prag for i selskab med Kong Peter, der, omend forgoeves, forsoegte at overtale ham til at deltage i det paataenkte korstog, at begive sig over Koeln til Flandern. Det har herefter vaeret



Sammen med AB-holdet ankom forrige Tirsdag et lille hold erstatningspersonal. I geleddet opdagede den altid vaagne DANCON-fotograf en mand med en guitar. Det er 215 P.M.B. v. Kohl. Han kommer fra Den kongelige Livgarde og er ellers journalist. Baade velfaerdtjenesten og pressetjenesten stiller store forventninger til den nyankomme.

MORE DANISH NEWS AND PICS ON FACING PAGE.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT NEWS

BRIGADIER PHILLIPS



PICTURED ABOVE: The Colonel of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Brigadier H. A. Phillips, inspects members of the Regiment serving at Fort Phillips, Nicosia. TOP RIGHT: The inspection was followed by a medal presentation parade, when Brigadier Phillips presented UN Cyprus service medals to ninety-seven officers and men of the Recce Squadron, RCD. BELOW RIGHT: Rather cramped quarters for the Brigadier as he shares the cupola of Lieutenant M. D. Kennedy's Ferret scout car during a convoy escort duty on the Nicosia - Kyrenia road.



VISITS UNFICYP

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, 10th January, for a week-long visit to the Canadian Contingent of the UN Force in Cyprus.

Lt-Col. C. V. Carlson, Commander 2nd Canadian Guards and Major Walter Conrad, Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons' Squadron in Cyprus.

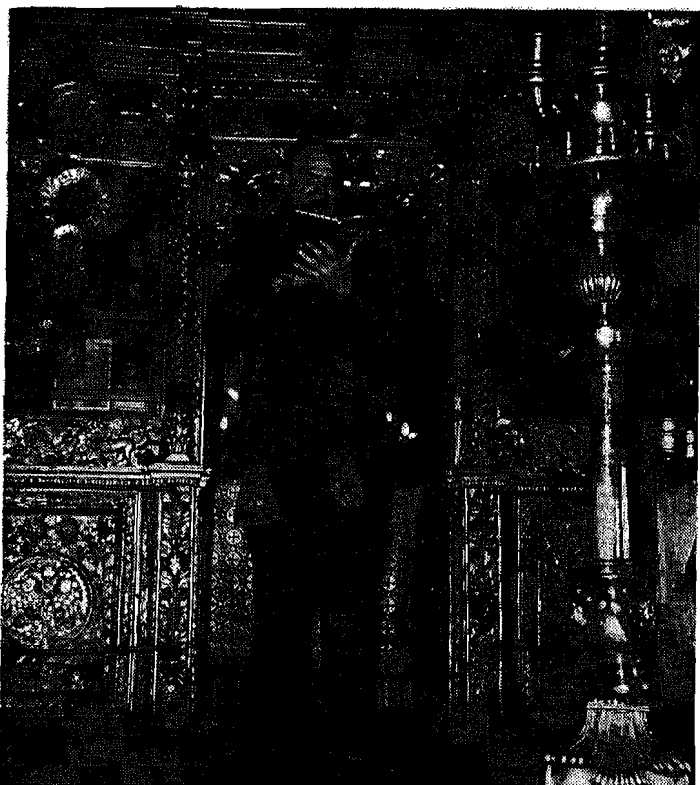
They also visited the Canadian manned observation posts in the Kyrenia district.

During their stay, Brigadier Phillips and Lt-Col. Finan met with Brigadier Wilson, acting Force Commander; Colonel J. L. Drewery, Commander Canadian Contingent;

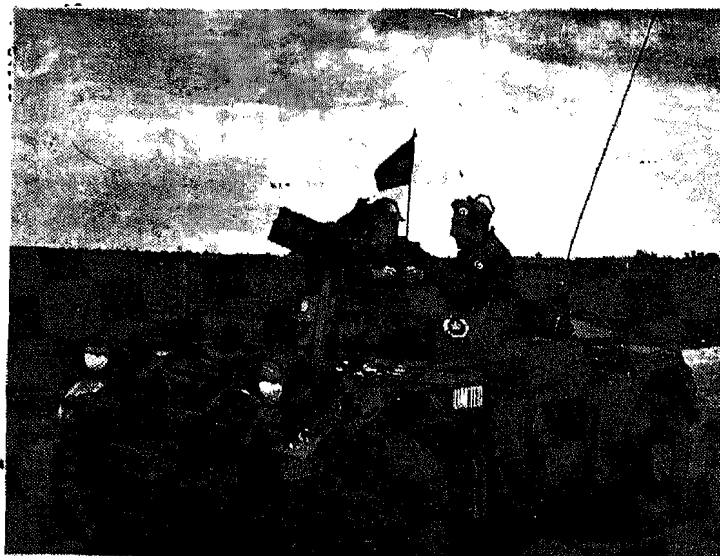
Brigadier Phillips, after whom Fort Phillips was named, presented ninety-seven UN Cyprus medals to officers and men of the RCD Squadron last Wednesday.

DANCON News

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Den foerste danske gudstjeneste i den graesk-orthodoxe St. Georgs Kirke fik et meget smukt og festligt forloeb, og kirken var fyldt til sidste plads. Det lykkedes ikke for presseofficeren at faa det amerikanske fjensyn til at "daekke" begivenheden, men United Press International havde sendt deres fremragende fotograf Georges der Parthogh til kirken, og det er med hans venlige tilladelse at vi bringer dette billede af pastor Per Christiansen foran kirkens guldne iconostasis.



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Rotations that really make headlines

A black and white photograph of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is seated at a desk, looking down at a document or book in front of him. His hands are resting on the desk. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a wall with some texture.

Leaving Cyprus — and the Force — this week, is Mr. Alessandro Corradini (of Italy), who has been attached to UNFICYP since September 1964 as a Political Officer. Mr. Corradini is one of the civilian staff members who have served longest with the Force in Cyprus.

The last sale

BRITISH CONTINGENT NEWS

NEW CAVALRY REGIMENT DUE THIS WEEK



ABOVE: The Acting Force Commander, Brigadier A.J. Wilson, presented UN Medals to members of the British Contingent serving at Force Headquarters at a ceremony held there last Thursday. He is pictured above congratulating Driver Steve Dunn on his award. BELOW: The HQ UNFICYP Camp QM staff; left to right (back row) Pte Willie Thompson, RAOC, Gnr Kevin Clarke, RA, Lcpl Ian Germany, RE, Lcpl Reg Cannon, RAOC, (front row) RQMS John Saxton, RAOC, Capt Pat Patrick, RAOC, SQMS Paul Woods, Royals, and guard dog Sandy, seated in front of Capt Patrick. This picture was taken just prior to a changeover in which three of the staff returned to their units.



'A' Squadron of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Commanded by Major G.M.G. (Mike) Swindells, are due to fly in to Cyprus within the next few days and will be taking over from 'A' Squadron 14/20th King's Hussars at Zyyi.

Major Swindells arrived on 10th Jan with Captain P.G. (Patrick) Brooking, and an advance party under Captain W.A. (Andy) Evans have been working since mid-December to make arrangements for reception of the main body on 21st and 27th January.

The Regiment from which this Squadron is drawn, is the result of the amalgamation in 1922 of two old and distinguished Cavalry Regiments; the 5th (Princess Charlotte of Wales) Dragoon Guards and the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.

The 5th Dragoon Guards were raised in 1685 under Charles, Earl of Shrewsbury being first known as Shrewsbury's Horse and later as the 'Green Horse' because of the colour of their facings; the distinctive green trousers worn by present day members of the Regiment owe their origin to this connection. The Inniskilling Dragoons were raised in 1689 in the town of Enniskillen in Northern Ireland.

The list of Battle Honours borne on the Regimental Standard starts with 'Blenheim', 'Ramillies', 'Oudenarde', 'Malplaquet', denoting distinguished service by the 5th Dragoon Guards under the Duke of Marlborough during the War of the Austrian Succession. The last two Honours, 'The Hook' and 'Korea 1951-52' being earned only fourteen years ago, when the Regiment did its first spell of duty with a United Nations Force.

In the years between, distinguished action by both Regiments are remembered too by a Drum Major's Staff, captured by the 5th Dragoon Guards at Salamanca in 1821, which is carried on all Regimental Parades. Last year was the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, at which the Inniskilling Dragoons took part in the decisive cavalry charge. Both Regiments charged with the Heavy Brigade at Balaclava in 1854.

Among the party in Scott's Antarctic Expedition of 1912 was a Captain of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons — Lawrence Edward Grace Oates — who, struck by the most dreadful frostbite and almost completely crippled, stumbled out into the blizzard to die rather than impede the progress of other members of the expedition. The date was St Patrick's Day and each year the Regiment observe Oates' Sunday with a commemoration service held on the nearest Sunday to St. Patrick's Day.

In 1940, the Regiment which had exchanged its horses for light armoured cars only two years before, fought in the retreat to Dunkirk. They returned to France in Cromwell tanks shortly after 'D' Day and fought through Normandy to finished the War in Schleswig-Holstein. A long period of service in the occupation Army followed till a year in Korea brought a further taste of active service. Then, still equipped with Centurion tanks first issued to them in 1947, the Regiment served in Egypt, trained young soldiers in Cat-trick Camp in Yorkshire, went back to Germany for another long spell of six years and in 1963 and 64 returned to England to form part of the Strategic Reserve.

Last year saw 'A' and 'B' Squadrons alternating between Aden and Bahrain whilst 'C' Squadron were detached in Hong Kong. In Bahrain, 'A' Squadron tanks were loaded aboard a Landing Ship Tank, and the crews spent long periods afloat in the Persian Gulf.

After nearly twenty years with the Centurion tank, ideas must change when the Squadron take over the 14/20th Hussars' Ferret Scout Cars and during the last months in Bahrain all spare time was given to conversion training so that no time will be wasted on arrival in Cyprus.

The Regiment is equally well known for its successes in the field of sport and units of UNFICYP can look forward to meeting keen competition from the new 'A' Squadron in cricket, football, basketball and polo.

These are still available at UNFICYP HQ

"Control Narcotics" stamp will be 21 March this year.

ATTENTION WELFARE OFFICERS. What story can you tell on a piece of paper one inch square? How can a fragment like that serve the United Nations cause of increased public understanding of international problems? These are the questions posed and answered by Alistair Cooke in "28 x 36 Messenger" — a 16 mm. sound film on United Nations postage stamps, now available for screening by Force cinemas.

Any UNFICYP Contingent who wishes to borrow this 28-minutes film can obtain it on loan from Mr. Luis Moreno-Verdin, Force Principal Information Officer, Wolseley Barracks. (Tel. 77061, Ext. 13 — or 76291, Ext. 236).

Remember: 29 January is the date on which the new WFUNA (World Federation of United Nations Associations) commemorative stamp issue will be placed on sale. Force philatelists can contact U Min Han to obtain their mints.

Ny Zonpress- officer :

**Arne Friberg
tar över från
Kaj Karlholm**



Arne Friberg - tar över



Kaj Karlholm - lämnar av

Det är dags för vaktombyte på posten som zonpressofficer. Major Arne Friberg, journalist på Gefle Dagblad, har i dagarna efterträtt major Kaj Karlholm, som i nästa vecka återvänder till Sverige och sin ordinarie tjänst på TT:s radioredaktion i Stockholm efter att ha avslutat sin sexmånadersperiod med den svenska bataljonen.

Den nye zonpressofficeren, som är född 1921, är väl bekant med förhållandena på Cypern, eftersom han tidigare tjänstgjort i samma befattning under drygt sex månader på bataljonerna 28 C och 30 C. Han lämnade sin befattning i augusti i fjol och efterträder alltså nu sin efterträdare.

Den avgående zonpressofficeren tackar för all god hjälp i pressjobbet under den gångna sexmånadersperioden och önskar Arne Friberg hjärtligt välkommen tillbaka och lycka till!

K O K A vattnet!

Det kan vara på sin plats att upprepa vatten-varningen! Vattenprover från camperna i Famagusta, Larnaca och Chatos har som bekant undersökts vid Statens Bakteriologiska Laboratorium i Stockholm, och resultatet blev ju att vattnet är direkt hälsovådligt. Det är därför enligt zonorder förbjudet att använda vattnet inom bataljonens område som dricksvatten, innan vattnet först har kokats.

Tidigare dystra erfarenheter visar att det lönar sig att följa den bestämmelsen!

Stålnacke mästare i terränglöpning

Zonmästerskapet i terränglöpning avgjordes i lördags med start och mål vid Scala-skolan i Larnaca.

Banan mätte omkring 4 km och gick till stor del på ett härligt mjukt underlag genom vacker natur. En slinga av banan följde saltsjön, där de 34 deltagarna hade det lite besvärligt i motvinden.

Individuellt segrade överfurir Stålnacke, 2 komp., med tiden 13.03. Andre och tredje man, Hedvall och furir Holm, båda från

Skandinavisk reduktion, UNFICYP nu drygt 5.000

“Den stora reduktionen” är över - för både danskar, finnar och svenskar.

Danskarna har minskat sin kontingent med omkring 350 man, finnarna med omkring 200 man och svenskarna också med omkring 200 man. Sammanlagt har FN-styrkan på Cypern reducerats med 740 man och räknar nu omkring 5.050, inklusive civilpolis och civilanställd personal.

Den danska kontingenten uppgår till 650 man, den finska till 800 man och den svenska till 750 man.

Den svenska reduktionen genomfördes huvudsakligen i lördags. Allt gick i stort sett bra, trots att det första planet inte kunde starta från Nicosia förrän ungefär ett halvt dygn efter utsatt tid. Snöstorm i Belgrad tvingade nämligen bolaget Adria att hålla kvar maskinen, tills stormen dragit över. Det blev alltså redan från början en liten påminnelse för svenskarna om vintervädret norr över...

I övrigt gick allt bra, fast lite trassel med vikten var det ju lite här och var. Det ordnade dock upp sig i sista stund, och ingen behövde lämna kvar någon kamelsadel på soliga Cypern.

Transportchefen, I 17-kaptenen Arne Fridolfsson, hade ett hårt tvådygnsjobb ute på Nicosia International Airport, och han hade också samordnat alla förberedelserna för denna oväntade hemtransport.

De hemvändande verkade kanske inte så där överdrivet lyckliga vid avfärden. De tröstade sig i allmänhet med att det kanske finns chans att så småningom komma tillbaka....



NEWS IN SWEDISH

Färgbild efterlyses på General Thimayya

Har ni en bra färgbild på förre Force Commander, general Thimayya? Den vill i så fall den cypriska regeringen gärna låna.

Regeringen planerar nämligen att hedra general Thimayyas minne genom att ge ut ett särskilt frimärke med hans bild. Då man vet att general Thimayya ganska ofta besökte den svenska bataljonen och särskilt Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta har man vänt sig till svenskarna med en särskild förfrågan om man från svensk sida kan skaffa ett bra färgfoto på den bortgångne generalen.

Alla de fotograferande svenskarna bör alltså titta efter bland sina färgfotos från general Thimayyas besök.

Medaljutdelning med storfraemmande

Det nya årets första besökare på bataljonen har redan anmält sig.

Det blir stor medaljutdelning på lördag, och då finns troligen på plats både ambassadör Claes Wollin från Beirut och chefen för armestabens FN - avdelning i Stockholm, överstelöjtnant Sten Ljungquist.

Det är omkring 550 man i bataljon 32 C som nu står i tur att få ta emot FN:s Cypern-medalj efter tre månaders “oförvitlig FN-tjänst”. Medaljutdelare blir fungerande Force Commander, brigadier A.J. Wilson. Han kommer flygande i helikopter till Carl Gustaf Camp i Famagusta kl 12.

Och i slutet av januari får den svenska Ghaza-bataljonen, som ju skall sändas hem inom kort, besök av ÖB, general Torsten Rapp. Hans hårt pressade tidsprogram medger tyvärr inte att han denna gång besöker också Cypern. Istället flyger bataljonschefen, överste Iwan Hörnquist, till Beirut den 1 februari för att på den svenska ambassaden sammanträffa med general Rapp och orientera honom om Cypernbataljonens verksamhet.

Return to Cyprus for Col. Lehtovirta

Eero Lehtovirta tunnettu mies Kyproksella



NEWS IN FINNISH



The new 2 IC of YKSP 4 (Fincon), Lt Col Eero Taneli Lehtovirta is no newcomer to UNFICYP duties, since in 1964-65 he served for twelve months in HQ UNFICYP as LO 2 in Ops Economics.

Lt Col Lehtovirta was born in Loviisa, Finland in November 1922; graduated from Hameenlinnan Lysee in 1941; entered the Finnish Military Academy and was commissioned in 1942. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel last year.

In World War II, Col Lehtovirta served in the front lines as both Platoon and Company Commander in the Carelian Isthmus and Lapland. After the war he was posted to a Tank Regiment in Hameenlinna, where from 1960-64 he was a Battalion Commander in the Armoured Brigade. After his tour of duty in Cyprus he returned to Finland as the Chief of the Technical Office of the Regiment.

Lt Col Lehtovirta is married, the father of five children.

Olmme katsomassa kuinka monen kasvot kirkastuivat pataljoonassa, kun jokin aika sitten pataljoonaan saapui uusi pataljoonapääseeri; evl Eero Lehtovirta. - Eika ilme, sillä olihan tassa tuskin ehditty kunnolla viikko virsua pitää siitä, kun han meidat jatti kesän loppupuolella.

Taman tutun miehen tapaamiset eivät kasvot ilahtuneet ainoastaan suomalaispataljoonassa, vaan myös muissa kontingenteissa, poliittisessa sihteeristössä ja paikallisen väestön keskuudessa. Sillä niin laajalti oli tama Ops Econ LO2 joutunut saarta varhemmin virkasioissaan ja muutenkin kiertamaan. Ja miellyttävällä ja vaatimattomalla käytöksellään ehtinyt laajalti suosituksi tulla.

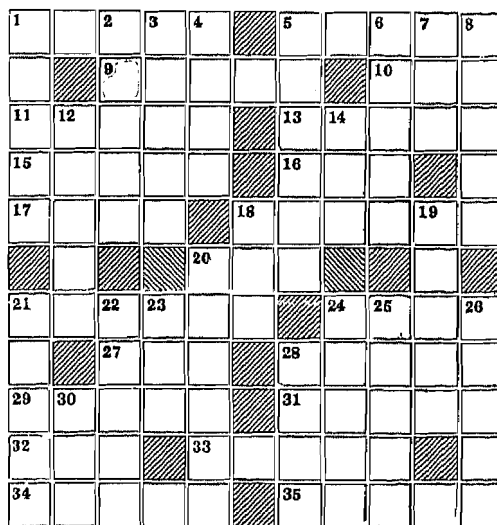
Everstiluutnantti Lehtovirta on syntynyt Loviisassa 13.11.22, tullut ylioppilaaksi Hameenlinnan Lyseosta 1941, käynyt Kadettikoulun 1942-43, ylennetty vanrikiksi 1942, luutnantiksi 1943, kapteeniksi 1949 ja majuriksi 1960.

Sodissa han oli mukana joukkueen johtajana ja komppanian päällikkönä aina Lapin retkea 1945 myöten. Sen jälkeen han on palvelut eri tehtävissä koulukaupunkinsa Hameenlinnan Panssari Prikaatissa; vuosina 1960-64 Panssaripataljoonan komentajana ja viimeeksi Kyprokselta kotiutumisensa jälkeen Panssarirykmentin teknillisen toimiston päällikkönä.



Kolme Järvisen veljestä Turust', jotka palvelivat samanaikaisesti Kyprospataljoonassa.

"DAILY MIRROR" CROSSWORD.



ACROSS:- 1. Dress (5). 5. Laths (5). 9. Subject (5). 10. Not glossy (3). 11. In many oases (5). 13. Torment (5). 15. Outstanding (5). 16. Pale (3). 17. Description (4). 18. Group of geese (6). 20. Youngster (3). 21. Silly (6). 24. Cease (4). 27. Important (3). 28. Suppose (5). 29. Onward (5). 31. Swill (5). 32. Meal (3). 33. Wrathful (5). 34. Consumed (5). 35. Avian homes (5). **DOWN:-** 1. Amphibians (5). 2. Quadruped (5). 3. Swindle (5). 4. County (4). 5. Ship's progress (3-3). 6. Surrounded by (5). 7. Colour (3). 8. Manner (5). 12. Cold conditions (5). 14. Silence (3). 18. Deity (3). 19. Animals (5). 20. "Hill" (6). 21. Fish (5). 22. Submarine (1-4). 23. Fix (3). 24. Thwart (5). 25. Prongs (5). 26. Strips (5). 28. Algerian town (4). 30. Meadow (3).



Tiedustelujoukkueen miehet kokoontuneina käskynjälle ennen reissulle lähtöä.

WESTMINSTER HALL: TWENTY YEARS AFTER

U Thant looks back on UN's progress

Looking back at the problems that the United Nations has had to grapple with during its first twenty years of existence, the U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant, declared last week that "an infinitely larger public opinion throughout the world now looks to the United Nations, with infinitely greater and ever-increasing insistence, for effective action to help set the world right and make it a safe and pleasant environment for the lives of all."

In a message prepared by U Thant on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the first meeting of the UN General Assembly held at Central Hall, Westminster, London, the Secretary-General said that twenty years later, the United Nations "finds itself grappling with problems as different in nature, in urgency and in significance as the world itself is different from what it then was".

"Yet", the Secretary-General added, "common strands tie the two periods together: above all, there are still the political differences between great Powers, still the awful implications of nuclear armament, still the intolerable inequality in the distribution among the people of the world of the benefits of scientific and technical development, and still indeed man's inhumanity to man, that press most strongly upon the destinies of all of us. It is the surface of things that has changed — the shape of our problems, the identity of the leading figures — rather than the fundamental causes".

In stressing the world's present-day increasing reliance on the United Nations, U Thant said that the U.N. has responded "in a not unsubstantial degree to this demand."

The extent of its response can be measured especially, in the Secretary-General's view, in the trend over the years to transform it into an Organization for action, and not only for discussion: action in keeping the peace where other efforts have failed; action in tackling in a concerted, systematic and direct fashion the problems of economic and social under-development; and action, it is hoped, for universal peace through firm agreements on stopping the spread of the nuclear menace and on disarmament as a whole.

"So far, so good", the Secretary-General stated, "but voices by the millions are crying for more. These are the millions in whose name the

Charter was written, and for whose sake the United Nations must be made to function in the fullness of its potentialities".

These millions, he said, are asking for peace — not only the cessation of firing on the immediate battlegrounds of Viet-Nam or other areas of conflict, but also security for themselves and the generations to come against the threat of war anywhere and at any time, for with the present capabilities for mass destruction, a nuclear holocaust hangs as an ominous danger over the whole of mankind.

"These peoples of the world", he said, "are clamouring, in short, for that lasting and universal peace in which, alone, international cooperation can work for the greatest good of the greatest number".

Industrial progress of developing areas to be subject of conference

Symposium planned for next year.

PLANS for an international symposium in 1967 to appraise the industrial progress and potential of the world's developing countries and the action needed for accelerated growth, have been communicated by the United Nations to one hundred and twenty-three Governments.

In a progress report on preparations for the symposium, the United Nations Commissioner for Industrial Development, Mr. I. H. Abdel-Radman, suggests a tentative agenda, invites papers on problems relating to industrialization, and proposes that Governments set up national machinery to plan their participation.

The Commissioner expresses hope that national delegations will be "at the Ministerial level", with "appropriate authorities and specialists" present for consideration of particular agenda items. Participants will be representatives of the Member Governments of the United Nations or its related agencies.

The international symposium, expected to last about three weeks, will follow the holding of a series of regional symposia on industrialization in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle

East. All are being planned in response to resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Industrial Development.

RHODESIA

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Many U.N. members, and African States in particular, have argued that the use of force would be the only effective means of bringing down the racist regime which had illegally established itself in Rhodesia.



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"WAR ON WANT WILL BE WON" UN DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATOR TELLS COMMITTEE:

Economic expansion essential

THE Governing Council of the new United Nations Development Programme met last week at United Nations Headquarters in New York to consider proposals for more than 80 pre-investment projects for about 60 developing countries and territories.

The new programme, established by the last UN General Assembly, merged the U.N. Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance into a single enterprise which U.N. Secretary-General, U Thant described last week as the most extensive cooperative and multilateral endeavour ever undertaken by the World Organization.

The Administrator of the Programme, Mr. Paul Hoffman, told the 37-nation Governing Council that the war

on want could eventually be won. Development aid, he said, was not a matter of choice or charity, but vital to both the nations that gave and those that received — because the expansion of the world's economy was essential to all.

Another point made by Mr. Hoffman was that development aid could be successful only when it involved the full participation of developing countries.

The Co-Administrator of the Programme, Mr. David Owen, spoke of the role played by technical assistance in the help provided by the United Nations family of organizations and said the merger with the Special Fund opened constructive possibilities for an increased flexibility in the financial management of

development aid.

A report before the Council showed that as of 7 January, 111 Governments had pledged contributions totalling some 154 million dollars for this year's activities of the Development Programme. The target is 200 million dollars. Many of the speakers expressed hope that the target would be reached, while some looked forward to the time when there would be sufficient resources to permit direct investments as a follow-up of the present pre-investment activities.

Need to expand industrial activities in the developing countries was emphasized by a number of speakers.

At the outset of the new session, Mr. Mario Franzl of Italy, was elected Chairman of the Governing Council.