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THE FIRST TWO MONTHS

WHO WILL BE NEXT? WILL YOU?

It would be the height of insanity if you, who have come here to try and stop people from killing each other, should yourselves be killed in a road accident. This can so easily happen to-day.

The Force Commander has become very disturbed at the increase of traffic accidents in UNFICYP and has requested that an article on this serious subject be published in this issue of "The Blue Beret."

"MEN OF THE FORCE patience, firmness and perseverance."

"Too many unauthorized people in Cyprus are carrying too many weapons."

Reviewing the first two months work of UNFICYP General Gyani praised the men of the force and hit at the root of to-day's problem — the many unauthorized people in Cyprus who, armed, have been acting on their own reckless initiative regardless of the unfortunate and serious consequences of their acts.

The achievement of UNFICYP so far was shown against a background of difficulties which have become a major factor in the delay in a return to normal life — the irresponsible and senseless conduct of armed men of both communities who do not appear to have any discipline or to be responsible to any established authority.

While these lawless bands have hindered a return to normality soldiers of UNFICYP have been protecting members of both communities during their work especially at harvesting time. "The number of major incidents have diminished and the men of the force have succeeded in stopping hostilities and in many cases preventing the outbreak of violence. By their actions they have extended the moral influence of the United Nations throughout the country."

General Gyani concluded by saying:- "It is my sincere hope as Commander of the Force that the people of Cyprus will succeed in overcoming, with the assistance of the United Nations, their present problems. I can do no better than quote the words of the Secretary-General who two days ago in Ottawa appealed to all Cypriots "to help us to help them before it is too late."



In the two months that UNFICYP has been operational there have been 50 traffic accidents - an average of nearly one per day involving nearly two hundred members of the Force.

Up to now UNFICYP has had no deaths on the road but on three occasions it has only been the promptness of the medical services which has saved serious casualties from dying.

The majority of vehicles involved in accidents have been small 1/4 ton size vehicles and without question accidents have been caused by drivers go-

ing too fast.

The Nicosia Accident Black Spot is the sharp bend on the Nicosia side of the Greek Army Contingent Camp which since the 1st of April has placed over 12 soldiers in hospital and written off 5 military vehicles.

Another Black Spot is the bend approaching the main gates of RAF Nicosia which has caused 4 vehicles - 2 civilian - to be written off and once more people have been very lucky as regards the injuries they have received.

The alarming number of accidents is rising and the only

way in which drivers can be shocked into driving by the rules of road discipline is when their friends are killed or mutilated.

We issue this appeal to all those who drive. Remember:-

The roads are wrongly cambered and in a bad state of repair

Roads are not built as racing circuits or speedway tracks Deaths will result if accidents continue to increase.

There is a military cemetery in Dhekelia. Make sure you are not buried there when UNFICYP leaves Cyprus. YOUR MOTHER & FATHER, YOUR WIFE, YOUR CHILDREN ARE WAITING AT HOME FOR YOUR RETURN.

Better to be 5 minutes late in this world than too early in the next!



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CYPRUSCOPE

Dear Editor,

It is with great pleasure that I read your weekly issue of the Blue Beret. There is one suggestion that I thought might be worth bringing to your notice, and if you were to publish this letter, all UN Contingents would be aware of it.

My suggestion is, that Inter Unit visits within our UN Set-up on the Island would be well worthwhile starting. For example:- a group consisting of an Officer, Sergeant, Corporal and Private could go to the Danes from the Irish and the Danes could send a party to the Finns etc. I am sure that many worth while friendships could be struck up in this manner and at the same time it would give each Unit a working knowledge of the other Forces in UNFICYP.

This system worked admirably in B.A.O.R. and I still correspond with Americans and Germans whom I met whilst on exchange visits.

Sgt P.R.J. Coyle,
"A" Company,
1st Bn The Royal
Inniskillings,

FORCE COMMANDER REVIEWS POLICE

At 09.30 hrs on Saturday 30th of June Lt. Gen. P. S. Gyani reviewed a parade of the recent additions to the UNFICYP civilian police. On parade at Wolseley Barracks were police detachments from Australia, Denmark and New Zealand.

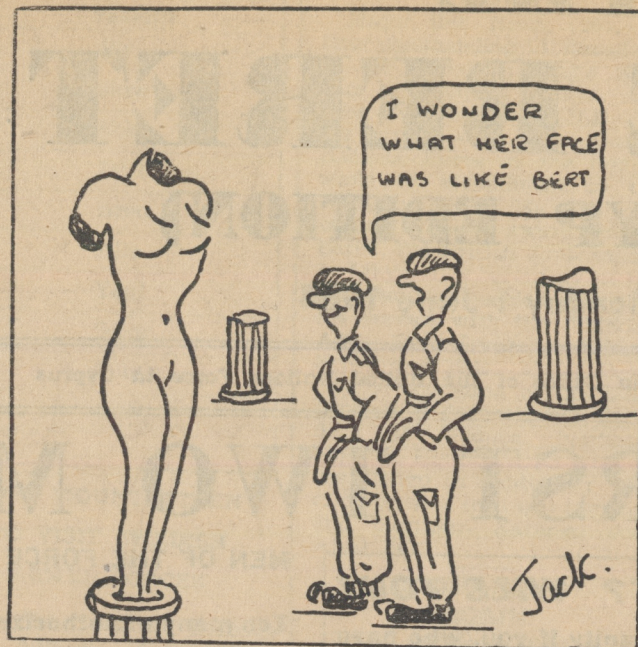
General Gyani addressed the men after inspecting them and explained to them why they had come to Cyprus and what their duties would be on the island.

It had been at his personal request that the civilian police had been included as members of the force and he hoped that with their influence it would be possible to help the Cypriot people to create conditions of peace and return to normality.

One of the most important things to be done by them was to get people to become law abiding and to accept the authority of the state. He hoped they would use their personality and powers of persuasion and influence to help establish the rule of law in Cyprus.

THATS LIFE

by JACK



SECRETARY - GENERAL VISITS CANADA

CANADA'S WORK

In Ottawa, the Secretary - General, U Thant, paid tribute to Canada's support of the United Nations. He said the first peace-keeping force — the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East — was largely a result of efforts of Prime Minister Lester Pearson, who was then Minister for External Affairs.

He referred to the service in Korea of the Canadian Armed Forces and their vital role in the middle east, the Congo and now in Cyprus.

CYPRUS OPERATION

Referring to Cyprus, the Secretary-General said the situation was one of unique difficulty because it had defied all attempts at solution outside the United Nations.

It must be admitted without any discredit to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus that it is still far from achieving all its aims. The Cyprus operation was different from other UN peace-keeping operations. For the first time the United Nations was dealing directly with forces inside a state. In Cyprus it had come to grips with the disruptions of day-to-day life.

The Secretary-General said that it seemed to him that some of the criticisms of the Cyprus operation were based on a fundamental misunderstanding of its nature and purpose.

The United Nations force had undoubtedly had the effect of limiting the bloodshed and misery, but this was not enough, and better results must, he believed, be achieved. The problem was how to achieve them without creating worse problems and disasters for the future.

There appeared to be an assumption in some quarters

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that the Cyprus force was a military expedition on traditional lines and should be conducted as such. The nature of this operation was far nearer to a preventive and protective police action.

U Thant went on to say that an essential prerequisite of a successful preventive police action was the co-operation, understanding and renunciation of violence by the overwhelming majority of the people concerned. A police force does not fight the population it serves nor does it seek a military victory.

"However incensed one may be at brutal killings and the senseless taking of hostages" the United Nations was not conducting a punitive expedition.

He expressed the hope that the leaders and people concerned would make an effort to understand the United Nations in this light.

U Thant stated that the objectives defined in the Security-Council resolution on Cyprus would not be achieved within three months. Consequently, if resources were available and governments contributing contingents were agreeable, the mandate should be extended. Following consultations he would submit his recommendations to the Security Council for its decision about the middle of June.

TRIBUTES TO NEHRU

United Nations bodies meeting at Headquarters and Geneva paid tribute on the 27th May to the memory of India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who died on that day.

The President of the Se-

SNIPPETS

HOP-SCOTCH?

"We have received reports that section training has been going on in this area".

"What were they doing - left-flanking or right - flanking movements?"

"Well we don't really know just yet but we understand they were moving in short hops".

HELLIFANT

"Why is an elephant's tail long and thin?"

"To make it more streamlined."

UNO IS TEN MILLIONTH VISITOR TO UNO

By coincidence the name of the ten millionth visitor to the United Nations building in New York is Mr Uno Laitinen. He is a tool and die maker from Detroit, Michigan.

Mr & Mrs Laitinen were welcomed on 14 May 1964 by the Secretary-General, U Thant, in his office on the 38th floor. The Secretary-General presented them with books on the United Nations, telling them how much he appreciated the fact that visitors came to the United Nations in such large numbers to see the buildings and to learn about the work of the organization.

curity Council, followed by the Secretary General and all council members praised Nehru in turn, stressing his unique quality, as one of his generation whose impact would have its effect for generations to come.

UNITED KINGDOM

On the 21st May the United Kingdom informed the Secretary General that it would in principle be prepared to contribute \$500,000 to the United Nations Training and Research Institute over the initial period of five to six years.

Libya has pledged \$15,000

CANADA

The United Nations Relief and works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) announced on the 25th May that it had received a donation of dollars 9,000 from the Canadian "Save the Children Fund".

MEDITERRANEAN

Cyprus was one of the many countries which attended a meeting dealing with the Mediterranean Development Project.

CANADIANS RECEIVE MEDAL

107 men of the Canadian Reconnaissance Squadron serving with the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) were presented with UNEF Medals on the 25th May at a parade in Rafah, Egypt by the UNEF Commander, Major-General Carlos Paiva Chaves.

LOCAL NEWS IN FINNISH

Juhani Matikainen: in memoriam

Sinä Junani olet siirtynyt rajan tuolle puolen. Me ymmärrämme, ettemme voi tuumaakaan siirtää sitä rajaa, joka on viitoitettu elämän ja kuoleman rajamerkeillä. Ja me tajuamme oman heikkoutemme ja voimattomuutemme tuntiessamme, ettei meidän tahottomme kykene läpäisemään sitä teräksistä panssaria, joka erottaa toisistaan ajan ja iäisyyden.

Mutta posmenostasi huolimatta Sinä elät meidän muistoissamme. Kun me ajattelemme Sinua, Juhani, niin me ajattelemme Kyproksen saarta, sen hehkuvaa hellettä ja sen synkkää yötä, me ajattelemme Yerolakkon kylää ja draamaattista toukokuun 20 päivää v. 1964. Sinun muistosi kertoo meille jotain siitä vihasta, joka täällä vallitsee, mutta myös siitä ystävällisyydestä, jota niin runsaasti olemme saaneet osaksemme. Muistaessamme Sinua muistamme Sinun nuoruuttasi, joka täällä katkesi ammutuista luodeista — rauhanturvaamistehtävässä.

Ennen kaikkea muistamme kuitenkin Sinua rehtinä ja rauhallisena viestimiehenä. Aivankuin Kohtalon käden ohjauksesta liityit mukaan joukkoomme, saavutit pian rehdillä käytökselläsi tovereittesi jakamattoman suosion ja täytit sotilaana ja sotilaan poikana horjumatta velvollisuutesi hoidon.

LONELY HEARTS CLUB

We would like to thank all those who sent letters asking us for the name and address of the young lady whose letter appeared in issue No 4 of the "Blue Beret". In view of the fact that so many letters have been received we feel that the choice could only be made by the young lady herself. No doubt the lucky one will be hearing from her in due course. She may also be able to get some of her friends to reply to the remainder.

taen tehtäviäsi viimeiseen saakka.

Me kysymme yhä uudelleen, miksi juuri Sinä?

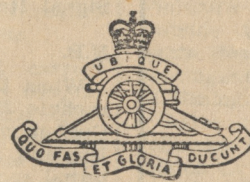
Mutta me yritämme ymmärtää, että "ei ole juoksu nopsain vallassa, ei sota urhojen, vaan aika ja sattuma kohtaa kaikkia."

Sinä, joka vielä muutamia päiviä sitten olit yksi meistä olet nyt nyt poissa. Mutta Sinä et antanut uhriasi turhaan. Sinun muistosi on meille kallis ja velvoittava muisto.

Nicosiassa, 26 p:nä toukokuuta 1964.

Suomen Kypros-pataljoona.

26 Medium Regiment Royal Artillery



It is difficult to trace the origin of the Regiment with any certainty but it is probably fair to put its foundation as being in 1859 when the present 16 and 17 Medium Batteries were brigaded together in the same 4th Brigade and have remained together ever since. Other Batteries have come and gone and the titles of the Regiment and the Batteries have been changed but so far as can be traced the association of these two Batteries in the same Regiment has remained unbroken since 1859.

Before this date, and indeed to some extent until the South African War, Batteries were moved independently and only grouped in Brigades or Battalions for operational or administrative convenience.

The early histories of the two Batteries are therefore traced independently; 159 Battery's history is recorded separately until 1877 when they joined 4th Brigade; the early history of 4th Field Battery is not traced in detail as this Battery did not join the Regiment until 1920 and left the Regiment on being placed in suspended animation in 1942.

During the 2nd World War the Regiment served in the Sudan, Entrea Palestine, North Africa and Burma. Since the War, the Regiment has served in Malaya and Cyprus. Prior to becoming part of the British Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus in February 1964, the Regiment had only recently returned from a second post war tour in Malaya.

The commanding Officer of the Regiment is Lt. Col. D.A.D.J. Bethell R.A. The Regiment was recently replaced by members of the Danish Contringent at various points in Nicosia, and expects to leave Cyprus in the near future.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS VISIT CYPRUS MUSEUM.



Four members of the 1st Battalion Royal 22e Regiment view some of the marble sculpturing during a tour of the Cyprus Museum in Nicosia. The "Van Doos" are from left to right, CSM (WOII) Bernard Rock, Pte Maurice Bernard, Sgt Julien Larocque and CSM (WOII) Denis Lapierre.

LOCAL NEWS IN DANISH

Den 27. maj kl. 12.30 gled Dannebrog til tops på Ledra Palace som tegn på, at det danske kontingent nu har overtaget kontrollen paa den grønne linie.

Kontingentets hovedkvarter med oberstløjtnant Boysen og hans stab er på Ledra Palace, mens kompagnierne ligger fordelt paa kommandostationer langs linien. En del af stabskompagniet samt andre af kontingentets enheder ligger dog ude i camp Ubique.

Før indrykningen gik der mange ubehagelige rygter om de enerverende og monotone forhold inde på linien. Det er naturligvis for tidligt at udtale sig om tjenesten, men med hensyn til bekvemmeligheder har indflytningen i de nye forlågninger vist været en behagelig overraskelse overalt. Selv om mange naturligvis vil savne udsigten ned over bakkerne til Middelhavet og til en dukkert i en ledig stund.

Nu er kontingentet altså sat ind. Opgaven er, som oberstløjtnant Boysen udtrykte det i et fjernsynsinterview forleden dag, "mangeget specielt", og den stiller store krav til den enkeltes situationsfornemmelse. "Man kan ikke skyde sig til fred", og den kølige nordbøs besindighed er utvivlsomt en fordel under de herskende vilkår.

I de sidste måneder har alt vedrørende Cypern haft en fremtrædende plads i dansk presse, og for os hernede har der naturligvis været Cypern over hele linien. Lad os dog ikke for dette glemme, at vi langt fra er de eneste danske soldater i udlandet. Næppe nogensinde før har danske soldater i samme omfang været tjenestegørende rundt om i verden. Der er for det første de 450 mand i Gaza, og indtil 1. juni er der stadig et lille dansk kontingent i Congo. Dan-

CYPRUS MUSEUM

Visitors can see items collected from various archeological sites in Cyprus. They are all arranged in chronological order and include pieces from the Neolithic period (4,000 BC).

Amongst the most important objects are the marble figure of Aphrodite, the bronze statue of a Roman Emperor, a limestone sculpture of Eros and the reconstruction of tombs of the neolithic period.

The museum can be visited at the following hours.

Weekdays 08.00 — 13.00 hrs.
16.00 — 18.00 hrs.
Sundays 10.00 — 13.00 hrs.

TURKISH MUSEUM

The Turkish Museum is housed in the Tekke of Dancing Dervishes near Kyrenia Gate in Nicosia.

Among various ancient items of great interest on exhibit are costumes, musical instruments, an illuminated Koran, Turkish Cypriot folk lore costumes, tombs of sheiks, tombstones of the Ottoman Period, etc.

Members of the press, cameramen and photographers will be accorded special facilities on application to the Cyprus Turkish Information Office.

The museum can be visited at the following hours.

Weekdays 09.00 — 13.00 hrs.
14.30 — 18.30 hrs.
Sundays 10.00 — 13.00 hrs.

skø observatører gør tjeneste i Kashmir på grænsen mellem Indien og Pakistan samt i "Palästina", hvor de overvåger grænsen mellem Syrien-Jordan og Israel. Kontingentet her paa Cypern er det største af disse, men om alle de nævnte indsatser gælder det, at tjenesten et krævende og betydningsfuld, og overalt er opgaven den samme: I FN's navn at forhindre uroligheder i at bryde ud og stridigheder i at udvikle sig.

KNOW YOUR GREEK AND TURKISH

GREEK	ENGLISH	TURKISH
ti óra íne parakaló?	What is the time please?	Lütfen, saat kaçtır?
mía	one o'clock	Saat birdir
dhío	two o'clock	Saat ikíkir
diómisi	half past two	ikí buchúktur
trís pará tétarto	quarter to three	üché cherék var
tésseris ké tétarto	quarter past four	dörtü cherék gechior
pénde pará dhéka	ten to five	beshé on var
éxi ké íkosi	twenty past six	sekizí yirmí gechior
íne noris	it is early	erkéndir
mesiméri	midday	öghlén
mesánihta	midnight	gedjë yarisi

Local News in Swedish.

Farmagusta lockar.

Nu är det antligen möjligt att få den Farmagusta-leave som det så länge talats om och när detta läses är redan de första semesterfirarna på plats.

Vad kan man då vänta sig av en vistelse i Farmagusta? Ja, staden har en verkligt i juvlig beach att bjuda på. I långa, svepande dynningar rullar havet in mot en gyllene sandstrand som är vackert inramad av nybyggda, moderna hotell. Och på stranden finns även annanacker inramning. En rekognoseringspatrull, som besökt leave-staden, har nämligen inrapporterat att en del snygga flickor allt som oftast visar sig där och stör sinnesfriden för de vilande FN-so Idaternas.

Till leaveresenärernas förfogande står två moderna hotell, King George Hotel och Constantia Hotel. Om båda hotellen kan sägas att de är av mycket god standard och ungefär likvärdiga. Maten är både riklig och vällagad och betjäningen god. Constantia är förresten det hotell som Vingresor brukar inkvartera sina Sverigeresenärer på. På beachen finns det möjligheter att förströ sig på olika sätt. För en relativt billig penning kan man hyra en trampå för två och göra en tur ut på sjön och även relativt snabbgående motorbåtar och vattenskidor finns att hyra.

Nattliv - ja, det finns egentligen inget att rekommendera. Barerarna stänger relativt tidigt på kvällarna men verkar det för sakralt, att rekommendera en stilla tur längs stranden och njuta av den skönhet som havets storhet och den mjuka skymningen kan ge.

Svenska Flaggans Dag.

Firandet av vår nationaldag kommer att ges så högtidlig prägel om möjligt. Ett större party

kommer att arrangeras i Pendayia och hit kommer att inbjudas gäster från UNFICYP HQ med general Gyani i spetsen, från de olika nationernas kontingenter, representanter för press och radio m.fl.. Ett visst antal från varje kompani kommer att utses att hjälpa till med värdskapet och då gäller det att "kämpa" pojkar och visa svensk gästfrihet när den är som bäst.

Som ett mycket viktigt inslag i firandet av nationaldagen kommer även finalen i fotbollscupen om bataljonsmästerskapet där stabskompaniet möter 1:a kompaniet.

DANISH CONTINGENT
NOW DEPLOYED IN
NICOSIA

The Danish Contingent of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, under the command of Lt. Col. H.M.H. Boysen, is now fully deployed along the cease-fire line in the city of Nicosia and has patrols extending along a triangle to the north east and south east of the capital.

The Danish Contingent took over positions from 26 Medium Regt RA of the British contingent of UNFICYP by 12.30 hrs on the 27th May and established its headquarters in the Ledra Palace Hotel. 26 Medium Regt RA is now in Elizabeth Camp in reserve.

At the moment the Danish Contingent consists of 677 officers and men. The force will be complete when an additional 300 officers and men arrive in the island. They are expected in Cyprus by the 10th June.

POSTAL ISSUES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS

A book entitled "Postal Issues of the United Nations" covering the years 1951 - 1964, is available from the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017. The booklet includes statistical data about all definitive, air mail and commemorative issues, as well as postal stationery of the United Nations.

SWEDISH SOLDIERS
DRIVE LOCOMOTIVE.

One of the few railways in Cyprus can be found at Xeros in the Swedish sector of the island. This railway was constructed by the Cyprus Mines Corporation and the trains move ore from the mine at Mavrovouni to the loading jetty at Xeros where it is loaded into ships. At the mine there are only Turkish workers so the Greeks will not drive into it and at the loading jetty there are only Greeks so the Turks will not enter the loading area.

There was only one way out of this predicament and that was for the Swedish soldiers to take over the driving of the trains and this they did after being shown how to control them.

Now you can see little black locomotives coming down the high mountain in the area of Lefka with some big blond UN. soldiers wearing the typical blue beret and standing on the foot-plate. Every time they pass the tented camp of the staff-company they give a few toots on the whistle to their friends to say "Here we are again."

Are they the first UN locomotive-drivers in history?

BIRTHS

Son, Derick James, to Sgt F. Small and Mrs Small on Saturday 23rd May 1964 at Tidworth Military Hospital England. Sgt Small, Royal Signals, is serving with 3 HQ and Signal Regt in UNFICYP.

N.B.

When the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment returned to Guillemont Barracks, Cove, England, after four months internal security duty in Cyprus they found their "attached strength" increased by 12. During their husbands' absence a dozen babies had been born to the wives of the Battalion.

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25 Metre Band 2145 (English)
31 Metre Band 1815
19 Metre Band 1715
31 Metre Band 1845 (Swedish)
25 Metre Band 2015

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Finnish Broadcasting Corp

25 Metre Band Finnish & 1200 — 1250 (Daily)
31 Metre Band Swedish 1830 — 2030 (Monday)
1900 — 2005 (Friday)
1800 — 1900 (All other days)
0830 — 0850 (Sunday)
0800 — 0820 (Weekdays) News

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19 Metre Band 1300 — 1600 English
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