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## CHANGE IN CANCON COMMAND

### HALE succeeds DREWRY



Colonel Hale was born in Toronto and educated at Sir George William's College and McGill University in Montreal.

During the Second World War he served in Canada, the United Kingdom and northwest Europe with the Canadian Grenadier Guards (then the 22nd Canadian Armoured Regiment).

After the war, he was posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons and served at The Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School, Camp Borden, Ontario, and later attended the Australian Staff College.

In August 1957, Col Hale was selected for special employment in the Department of External Affairs with the Military Component of the Canadian Delegation in Indo-China. He returned a year later to assume command of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), at Calgary.

Col Hale became assistant adjutant and quarter-master general, Canadian Army Liaison Establishment in London, in July, 1961. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed deputy commander of the Canadian Army Liaison Establishment and deputy army member of the Canadian Joint Staff, London, in June, 1963.

He attended the National Defence College course in Kingston, Ont., in 1964-65 and became commander of Newfoundland Area in August, 1965.

## SECRETARY-GENERAL RECEIVES NOTE

### Irish ask UN to meet and extra Contingent costs

A United Nations spokesman last week confirmed at UN Headquarters that the Secretary-General, U Thant, had received a note from the Irish Mission to the UN stating that unless she were assured of payment for the additional costs of its 500-strong contingent with the United Nations Force in Cyprus it would have to be withdrawn.

The Secretary-General met on Thursday with the representatives of the nine Member States that have made units available to UNFICYP. When the UN Security

Council acted earlier this month to extend the peace-keeping operation for another three months, U Thant stressed the need for ensuring finan-

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## Canadian rotation starts next week

### BLACK WATCH REPLACE GUARDS, HUSSARS TAKING OVER FROM ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS

WITH the UN Peace-Keeping Force mandate extended to 26th June, the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch, of Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick and "B" Squadron, 8th Canadian Hussars, of Camp Petawawa, Ontario, will begin a tour of duty with the U.N. Force in the first week of April (next week) when the advance-party will arrive in Royal Canadian Air Force Yukon aircraft.

The contingent will be the fifth to be despatched by Canada to serve with the UN Peace-Keeping Force here.

Colonel G.R. Hale, of St. John's, Newfoundland and Toronto, has taken over as Commander Canadian Contingent from Colonel J.L. Drewry, of Ottawa and Cobourg, Ontario, who is returning to Canadian Forces Headquarters, in Ottawa. Commanding Officer of the Black Watch is Lt.-Col. D.A. McAlpine, of Montreal, Quebec, while the Hussars' Squadron Commander is Ma-

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## COURTS MARTIAL FOR FOUR UNFICYP BRITONS

### All plead guilty to charge of carrying prohibited items for Turkish Cypriots

Four British UNFICYP soldiers were court-martialed last week for carrying weapons and ammunition, cement, uniforms and other prohibited items for Turkish Cypriots.

On Thursday, 24 March, a spokesman for the United Nations Force in Cyprus issued a statement in which it was stated that as a result of investigations carried out under the direction of UNFICYP's Provost Marshal by the British Element of the Force Special Investigation Unit, four British UNFICYP soldiers

were placed in custody on 11 March 1966.

The four soldiers — Lcpl Peter Edge and Dvrs George Chadwick, Peter Bell and Raymond George Emmett, all of the UNFICYP Transportation Unit in Nicosia — were alleged to have been involved in the illegal carriage of cement, uniforms and other prohibited items for Turkish Cypriots in Nicosia and Famagusta in late February and early March this year.

The Commander British Contingent immediately convened a Special District Court Martial to try the accused on charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, and failing to observe Contingent orders on this subject.

The four accused pleaded guilty and on 23 March were sentenced as follows: Lcpl Edge and Dvr Chadwick, nine months detention; Dvrs Bell and Emmett, eighteen months imprisonment and ignominious discharge.

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## UNFICYP COSTS

### Further contributions from Norway and Italy

Norway and Italy have informed the United Nations that they will make further contributions to meet the operational costs of the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

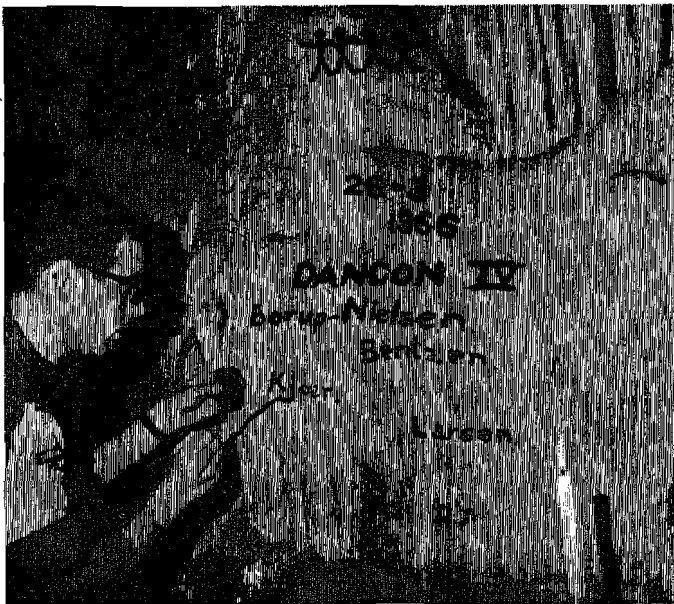
On 16 March, the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, Ambassador Sivert A. Nielsen sent a message to the Secretary-General, U Thant, in which he said that the Government of Norway had decided to make a contribution of 375,500 Norwegian Kroner

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## HULEFORSKNING



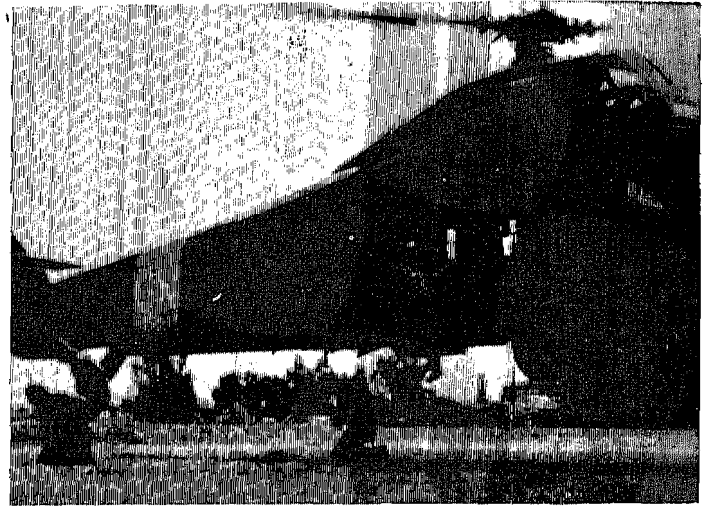
Vore huleforskere har for nylig fundet en klippespalte, som i lørdags blev nærmere undersøgt. Den viste sig at være cirka 150 meter dyb. Den allestedsnærende DANCON — fotograf deltog i den nervepirrende expedition, hvor ned- og opstigningen tilsammen varede omtrent fem timer. Fra hulens dyb lykkedes det ham at hjemføre disse billeder. Øverst ses med ryggen til løjtnant N. Kjaer, derefter skrivende premierløjtnant L. Borup-Nielsen og i baggrunden pionerdelingsfører løjtnant S.E. Bentzen. Paa det nederste billede er løjtnant N. Kjaer ved at prente sit navn paa inskriptionen i hulens hund.



## VEDLIGEHOULDESESSKYDNING



Selv om vagttjeneste og afvikling af orlov lægger beslag paa næsten alle har det dag vaeret muligt at gennemføre nogle vedligeholdelsesskydninger. Her instruerer kontingentets skydelærer og hjælpeskriver, premierløjtnant L.A. Schleimann konstabel F. Groth fra B-kompagniet i hvorledes man som linksskytte affyrer sit gevær i liggende stilling uden at faa fipskaaget i klemme i laasen.



Stabskompagniets folk har i sidste uge vaeret igennem heli-copter-traening og er her lynskudt under lektionen, der omfatter spring fra flyet i luften — uden brug af faldskaerm.

## Sensationelt historisk fund under dykning ved Famagusta

Tilfaeldigvis var DANCON-fotografen til stede da den første taende blev bjaerget i land. Her er toenden netop bragt op paa skaerene øst for hotel Constantia. Omkring toenden ses fra venstre, konstabel Niels Aage Thomsen, konstabel Soeren Soerensen og konstabel Laurids Viborg.



Under orlovsophold i Famagusta har tre danske konstabler gjort et højest interessant fund. Søndag eftermiddag kort efter deres ankomst til hotel Constantia gik konstablerne 817 L. Viborg, 921 N.Aa. Thomsen og 815 S. Sørensen, alle fra C-kompagniet, ud for at bade med deres snorkeludstyr. På havbunden mellem nogle klippeskær fandt de en gantmel tønde, som det lykkedes dem at bjærge i land. Senere på dagen fandt de i nærheden endnu en tønde.

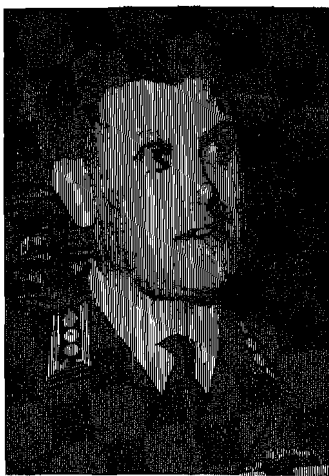
En lokal historiker fik lejlighed til at undersøge fundene, og han mener med sikkerhed at kunne sige, at tønderne er fra en engelsk fregat ved navn "Motley", der strandede i en efterårsstorm ud for Famagusta i 1657, lastet med en sending af Cyperns berømte Commanteria-vin.

I betragtning af at tønderne har ligget på havbunden i over tre

hundrede år er de forbløffende velbevarede, og da man forsigtigt slog spunsene løse, viste det sig, at tønderne stadig indeholdt vin.

Mandag morgen kom en vinexpert fra KEO-koncernen til stede og undersøgte vinen. Han konstaterede ikke alene at vinen er drikkelig, men at den er endog særdeles

Fortsættes side tre



# EVERSTI KOSPENPALO KOKENUT UUSI KOMENTAJAMME



ARKKIPPIISPA

Tällä kertaa tapahtui vaihto tavallista nopeammin jugoslaviaalaisilla suihku-caravelleilla. YKSP 5 aloitti toimintansa ja sen uusi komentaja, eversti Uolevi Koskenpalo otti ohjat käsiinsä huktikuun 1 puä. Edellinen, eversti Lauri Boldt oli chtinyt toimia ruorimichenä tavallista pitempään - 12 kuukautta.

Toisaalta ei eversti Koskenpaloakaan ole mikään uusi mies ulkomailla tai YK-tehtävissä, sillä hän on tätä ennen ehtinyt olla maailmanjärjestön rauhantuuvaa-mistehtävissä pariinkin otteeseen. Lisäksi hän on toiminut sotilassiamiehen apulaisena Lontoossa ja läpikäynyt vuosi sitten yhteispuhjoismaisen YK-kurssin Ruotsissa. Alkuaan helsinkiläinen.

Eversti Koskenpalo on syntynyt 21.11.1915 Helsingissä, jossa hän tuli ylioppilaaksi v. 1937, kävi Kadettikoulun 1938-39 ja Sotakorkeakoulun 1949-51. Hänet ylennettiin vänrikiksi 1939, luutnantiksi 1940, kapteeniksi 1943, majuriksi 1954, ja everstiluutnantiksi 1959.

Hän on ollut mukana molemmissa sodissamme rintamajoukoissa jv. komppanianpäällikkönä. Sotien jälkeen hän palveli JR 9:ssä, Haminassa ja Oulun Sotilaspiirin esikunnassa v.1945-52. Hän toimi Puolustusvoimain komentajan adjutantina v. 1952-55, opettajana taistelukoulussa v.1957, puolustusministerin adjutantina v. 1959-64 ja viimeeksi ennen Kyprokselle tuloaan pataljoonakomentajana Savon Prikaatissa Mikkelissä.

### Paljon Kiertänyt ja Paljon Kokenut.

Ulkomailla on eversti Koskenpalo ollut sotilassiamiehen apulaisena Lontoossa v.1955-56, yhteysupseerina UNEF:in esikunnassa Suezillä v.1956 ja sotilaallisena havainnoitsijana UNOGIL:ssa Lebanonissa v.1958. Vuosi sitten hän osallistui Strängnäsissä Ruotsissa järjestettyihin yhteispuhjoismaisiin YK-kursseihin. Virka-tehtävissään hän on lisäksi joutunut matkustamaan laajalti kolmessa maanosassa aina kaukaista Taskentia myöten. On siinä kokemusta yhden miehen osalle.

Eversti Koskenpalo on naimisissa, kahden lapsen isä ja mainitsee harrastuksikseen kirjallisuuden ja kиеlet.

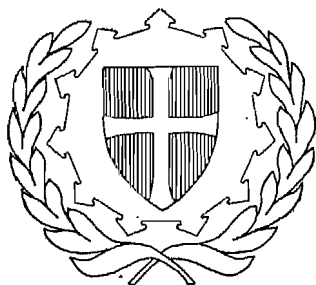


Jerusalemien anglikaaninen arkkipiispa MacInnes pistäytyi pataljoonassa, jossa hän kävi tervehtimässä myös komentajiamme.



Urheilussa kunnostautuneet saivat mitallinsa. Kuvassa Arvi Loukonen, 21. Kisko 4JK saamassa ku aista pesäpallomitallia. j.

## DANCON - Nyt



Fortsat fra side to velsmagende. Han regner med, at vinen må være verdens ældste - ældre end vinen i Rosenborgs kældre i København. Samtidig udtrykte experten imidlertid ængstelse for, at vinen kunne holde sig ret længe, efter at der nu var kommet luft til den.

## SIDSTE NYT

Ved et møde i tirsdags mellem de lokale myndigheder og chefen for DANCON, oberstløjtnant E. Lorenzen blev det vedtaget, at vinen skulle tilfalde det danske kontingent, medens de tørste tønder skulle afleveres til Cyperns Museum.

Da der som tidligere nævnt er fare for, at vinen ikke vil kunne holde sig ret længe, har chefen bestemt, at vinen vil blive udskænket med en deciliter til hver mand nu på fredag kl. 17 ved velfærdstjenestens kontor. Flasker bedes medbragt, og der er mulighed for at hente rationer til kammerater, der et tjenstligt forhindret i at møde op, såfremt skriftlig fuldmagt medbringes.

## SPORTEN

### Fodbold i vindstyrke 9

Kampen i Famagusta mod den lokale tyrkisk-cypriotiske klub endte uafgjort 2 - 2. Paa grund af den stærke blæst blev kampen ikke den store oplevelse. Efter at have været bagud 0 - 2, sørgede konstabel J.C. Jensen for udligningen med to hurtige maal. Søndag den 3 April kl. 15 spiller DANCONholdet returkamp, og det bliver paa stadion indenfor murene i Famagusta.



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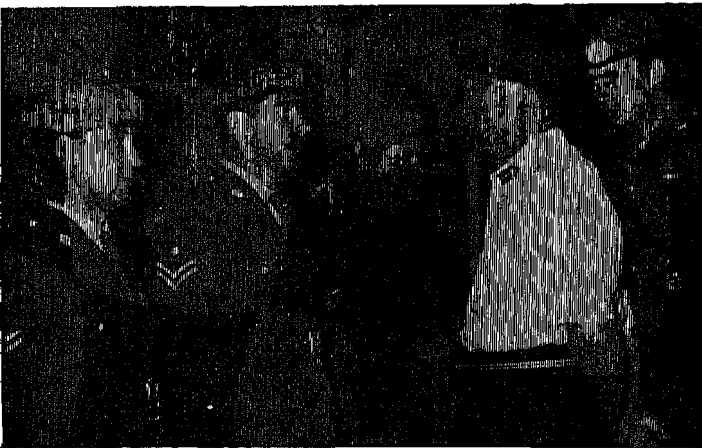
Nuhteetonta ajotaitoa osoittaneille kuljettajille jaettiin kunniakirjat ennen kotiin lähtöä. Kuvassa Asko Kymäläinen, 21, Koski HI, EK saamassa omaansa.



### New Ordnance OC

Pictured left Captain Peter Matthews, RAOC, right, the OC of the HQ UNFICYP Ordnance Detachment with his relief Captain Leslie Marsham.

### MAJOR-GENERAL POTTER VISITS 65 SQN



Major-General W.J. Potter, CB, CBE, the Transport Officer in Chief, Ministry of Defence recently visited members of 65 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, stationed at Force headquarters in Nicosia. Pictured above, General Potter, accompanied by the Squadron OC, Captain Keith May (right) talks to left to right; Corporal Brian Buckingham, Corporal Fred Harris and Sergeant Dick Foran, and below, in an informal moment in the Squadron's 220 Club, shares a pint with Driver 'Wings' McGann.



### MOST WANTED MAN . . . ?

Pictured above, the most sought after man in Force Headquarters — Postal NCO, Lance-Corporal Terry Bruce. Twenty-one year old Terry joined UNFICYP in December last year after previously serving with 19 Infantry Brigade Group at Colchester.

## DEATH OF WARRANT OFFICER CAHILL

THE editors of 'THE BLUE BERET' regret to report the sudden death of Warrant Officer First Class Jim Cahill, until recently the UNFICYP Hygiene Adviser.

Well known to all contingents of the Force for his work here, thirty-nine year old WO I Cahill recently returned to the United Kingdom on rotation after completing a six month tour, and it was in Aldershot that he suffered a heart attack, dying in the Cambridge Military Hospital on the 15th March. He leaves a wife and three children.

Apart from his work, Warrant Officer Cahill took a great interest in the sporting life of the Force. A first class rugby player in his younger days, he still played for the Force team and also found time to manage the side. He was a competent referee and acted in this capacity on several occasions. He was also a keen hockey player.

### PROFILE:- COLONEL UOLEVI KOSKENPALO

## New FINCON CO

THE new CO of FINCON, Colonel Uolevi Koskenpalo was born in Helsinki in November 1915, matriculated in 1937, attended the Finnish Military Academy 1937-39 and the Staff College of the Finnish Defence Forces in 1949-51. He was commissioned in 1939, promoted Lieutenant in 1940, Captain in 1943, Major in 1954 and Lieutenant Colonel in 1959.

In WW II Colonel Koskenpalo served as OC of an Infantry Company in the front lines in East-Karelia and the Karelian Isthmus. After the war he was a Company Commander in the 9th Infantry Regiment in Kouvola in 1945-47, Staff officer at HQ Military District of North Finland, Oulu, in 1951-52, after which he acted as ADC to C-in-C of the Finnish Defence Forces from 1952-55 and as the Assistant Military Attache in London during 1955-56.

Colonel Koskenpalo was an Instructor at the Finnish Combat School in 1957, ADC to the Minister of Defence from 1959-64 and CO of a Battalion of the Savon Prikaati (Savo-Brigade), Mikkeli, from 1964-66.

Besides London he served in Gaza in H.Q. UNEF as LO in 1957, and in Lebanon in 1958, where he was a Military Observer with UNOGIL. A

### Lt Col

Lieutenant Alpine was treated. He attended the Contingent Black Watch Second Lieutenant upon 1942, and the Regiment's Fin Carleton of graduated from Staff College in various Canada and 1963, Colonel of the Watch (Royal Canada).

### DECOLON

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# MAN ROTATION NEXT WEEK

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Major J.A. St. Aubin, also of Montreal.

Returning to Canada after six months in Cyprus are the 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guards, to Camp Petawawa, and the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, to Camp Gaagetown.

Commanding Officer of the Canadian Guards is Lt.-Col.



Lt Col C. V. Carlson

C.V. Carlson, of Regina and Ottawa, and the Dragoons' Squadron Commander is Major W.L. Conrad, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Since the UN Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus began operations in March 1964, more than 5,000 Canadian soldiers have served on this island. Canada, in lieu of making cash contributions to the U. Nations, provides soldiers and equipment at her own expense for peace-keeping duties with UN in various parts of the world. Canadian troops are not paid by the United Nations but are entirely supported and financed by Canada.



# IRCON NEWS

IRCON photographer, Cpl Mick Prince who is nearing the end of his tour in Cyprus. Cpl Prince, who has been with the Air Corps for nearly 13 years was a keen footballer in his day, but now contents himself with the backstage activities of the very successful Air Corps Gaelic Football Club.



At a demonstration and lecture at HQ UNFICYP, on new developments in roof trussing and quickly erected buildings, left to right: Comdt John Burke, Chief Engineer Officer UNFICYP, Cpl Joe Nolan, Engineer Section, and Capt Walter Rafferty, Engineer Officer 5th Irish Infantry Group.

# COURTS MARTIAL FOR UNFICYP BRITONS

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On Saturday, 26 March, a UNFICYP spokesman issued an additional statement in which it was stated that as a result of certain parallel investigations undertaken and now completed by UNFICYP in connection with those that led to the arrest of the four soldiers, it could now be revealed that among the "other prohibited items" which two of the soldiers carried for Turkish Cypriots were some weapons and ammunition. The accused admitted to have carried such items on various occasions.

The spokesman said that in view of the seriousness of this activity UNFICYP deemed it essential to carry out further thorough investigations with the purpose of trying to find out if other elements of the Force might be implicated. The investigations established that no other members of the Force were involved.

In his earlier statement, the Force spokesman said that the Acting Force Commander had taken stringent steps to prevent by all means at his disposal UNFICYP troops becoming involved in future illegal activities.

The spokesman also disclosed that further allegations have come to the notice on UNFICYP that one of the convicted soldiers may have been involved in causing a bomb explosion in Nicosia early in March. Joint investigations by UNFICYP and the Cyprus Government are continuing.



The successful Limnitis team captained by Sergeant Dave Evans which beat Kato Pyrgos by two goals to one, in the final of the Inter Company Soccer Cup on Wednesday.



Two brothers serving with 5th Irish Infantry Group are Sgt Paddy and Pte John Tobin. Both brothers are enthusiastic members of the Unit Pipe Band and are also keen sportsmen, John's game being hurling while brother Paddy follows soccer.

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## COMMITTEE

# Arrests in Aden to Britain

Decolonisation last week has been a vote of abstention on carrying out actions that are also as a result of the Committee's decision to reject the charges of mass arrests and torture, Mr Frances Brown of Britain told the Committee that arrests were made solely in the interests of public safety and on the strongest evidence of complicity or intended complicity in acts of violence.

## BÖRJE LINDELL SV. RADIO GÖR PROGRAM OM FAMAGUSTA

En del svenska turister har gästade Cypern under de gångna veckorna. Där bland syntes intendent Börje Lindell på Sveriges Radios kultur redaktion. Han har samlat material till flera program, men det som är aktuellt kommer att heta "Famagusta idag". Det kommer att sändas i Sveriges Radio på påskdagen.

Intendent Lindell har rest runt och besökt bl.a. Larnaca,

Limassol, Troodos och Kantara Castle. På lördagen gästade han Carl Gustaf Camp och fick tillfälle till en intervju med överste Hörnquist. Måndagen tillbringades bl.a. på Cyprus Radio i Nicosia, där han fick ett band med grekisk folkmusik, som ingår i programpunkten "Dikten". Lindell var speciellt intresserad av detta eftersom han själv producerar programmet "Önskedikten".

## Strong fältpatrulltävlan Sekundstrid in i det sista

In i det sista var det oklart vem som skulle bli zonmästare i patrullfälttävlan. Patrull nr 6 från 3. komp och nr 8 från Lifkomp låg ännu efter fyra grenar på samma platssiffra. 3. komp patrull avgjorde emellertid striden till sin fördel genom att besegra Lifkomps ptr med 13,9 sek i terränglöpningen. De två patrullerna stod i en fullkomlig särklass. 3. komps ptr hade som sämst en 6:e placering i hgrkastning, medan Lifkomps sämsta grenar var skjutning och terränglöpning, där man nådde 5:e placeringar.

Mästerskapen, som anordnades på Dhekelia A-range och Reindeer Camp den 23.3, arrangerades mästerligt av Lifkomp. Vädrets makter hade varit nådiga och hörsammade begäran om vackert väder.

Tävlingarna startade på Dhekelia A-range med gren 1 - skjutning. På plats fanns också major Erik Ahlberg, Jönköping, som hälsade deltagarna (18 patruller om fyra man) välkomna samt uttryckte en förhoppning om en god kamp.

Skjutningen visade sig vara för svår för många patruller. Maxpoäng var 42 och bästa resultat uppnådde av ptr 10, 3. komp, som fick 30 poäng.

Nästa gren var avståndsbestämning. Två man stegade efter en ganska kuperad bana medan de övriga två fick vardera bedömma två avstånd. Segrare i denna gren var ptr 6 (slutlig segrare) följd av ptr 8 (slutlig tvåa).

Tredje grenen, handgranatskastning, gick på Reindeer Camp. Varje man gjorde tre kast mot en dubbelring belägen på 15, 20, 25 eller 30 meters avstånd. Maximalt kunde man erhålla 28 poäng. Hela 21 lyckades ptr nr 3 från STR-komp kasta till sig, vilket räckte till en knapp seger före ptr 2, 3. komp, som hade 20 poäng.

Näst sista gren var det kombinerade signal- och motorprovet, där platssiffrorna från de två proven lades samman för att på så sätt få fram grensegraren. Två man skulle byta ackumulatörer och batteri på Ra 122 resp 105, upprätta stn samt göra förbindelseprov. Ptr 8, Lif och visade sig vara helt suveräna komp, utförde provet på 1 min och 58,1 sek.

De återstående två patrullmedlemmarna utförde under tiden ett backningsprov med Land-Rover, där det gällde att med vänster bakhjul köra över ett antal klossar liggande i en ca. 40 m lång serpentin. Provet utfördes med ledare, varför drivern heit fick lita på honom.

Bäst visade sig ptr 3, STR-komp, vara med tiden 2 min och 3 sek. Grensegrare blev emellertid ptr 17 från STR-komp på platssiffra 9.

Inför sista grenen, terränglöpning, låg således ptr 6 och 8 på samma platssiffra - 13. Därpå följde två ptr på 28 och en på 29 poäng. Terrängbanan, som mätte ca. 2 km, hade 12 inlagda hinder, vilka satte deltagarna på verkligt prov. Patrull 15 från 3. komp tog hem segern på den utmärkta tiden 9.23,6 min tätt före 2. komp ptr nr

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Här en episod från patrullfälttävlan. Tommy Dahlén, Uppsala, kryper genom ett av hindren, medan serg. Anders Rydlund, Hässleholm, väntar på sin tur.



Malariakontrollen på Cypern pågår just nu för fullt. På bilden syns HQ:s Warrant Officer H. Edward Bustin, tillsammans med sin svenske kollega, förvaltare Lars Lager, Motala. Diskussionen om malariaproblemen ägde rum i byn Psilatos mellan Chatos och Lefkoniko.

## AKTUELLA ROTATIONER

Våren är rotationernas tid. Finska kontingenten har redan fått ned sin förtrupp och har måndag-torsdag fullföljt sin rotation. Det är samtidigt en reduktion, eftersom 344 hemvändande finska FN-soldat ersätts av 208 och totala styrkan av Fincon nu är ca: 650 man. Rotationen sköts av Adriatic med fem st Caravelle och en DC6 för godstransporten.

Ny chef efter överste L. Boldt, som varit på Cypern de senaste elva månaderna, är överste O. Koskenpalo.

Den turkiska armekontingenten

roterade på tisdagen i Famagusta. 350 man, 40 officerare, 23 underofficerare och 237 övriga anlände med trupptransportfartyget Onaran. Motsvarande antal lämnade Cypern och förläggningen Orta Köy, norr om Nicosia.

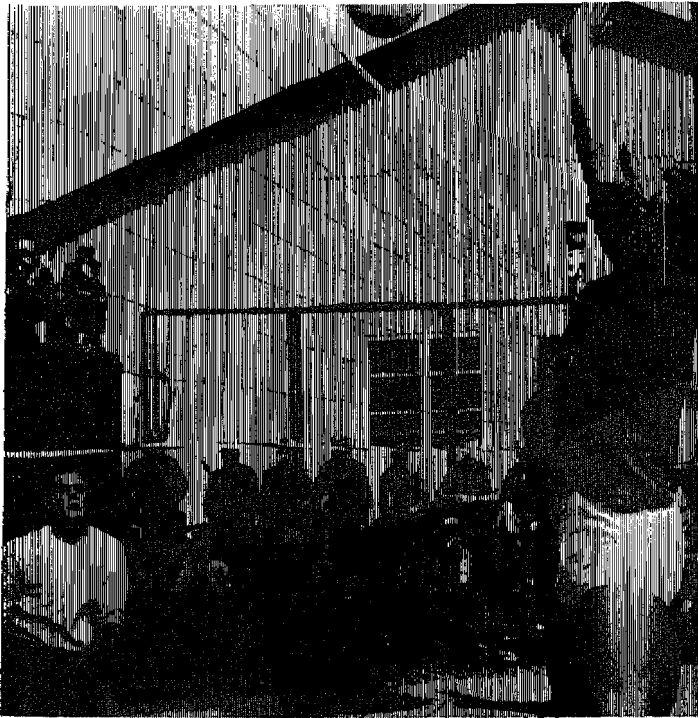
FN ansvarade för transporten och den svenska bataljonen svarade för organiserandet och skyddet i hamnen. Kontrollen av godset utfördes gemensamt av tull- och FN-personal.

Även den svenska bataljonen går i rotationsfeber. En förtrupp på

ca: 70 man kommer ner den 6 april nästa vecka, lagom till påsk. Nye bataljonschefen överste Lars Lavén beräknas anlända den 18 april och den slutliga rotationen äger rum mellan den 24-29.

Nuvarande chefen, överste Iwan Hörnquist, åker i första fligheten hem, varför överlämnandet av befälet kommer att ske omkring den 20 april.

Någon reduktion av den svenska styrkan i samband med rotationen, är inte aktuell. Bat. 34 C kommer att räkna 755 man.



Suomi ja Ruotsi ottivat mittaa lentopallossa. Suomi voitti 3-0 (15-12) (15-8) ja (15-3). Seuraava koitos ensi kuussa Famagustassa.

Svenskarna mötte finnarna i en volley-boll-match förra söndagen. Den här gången vann finnarna 3-0.

## New Ops (A)2 Joins Force



Taking over shortly from Major Ken Reeves, CD, Canadian Guards, as Ops (A)2 at Force Headquarters will be Major George Olson of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Pictured left, Major Olson (seated left) discusses his new job with his predecessor

# Battle Training tests for Dragoons

**D**URING the latter part of March, the Reconnaissance Squadron Royal Canadian Dragoons carried out annual battle physical training tests in the Nicosia area. The tests were in accordance with the Canadian Army physical standards for field units. Because of the more favorable climatic conditions of Cyprus, as compared with Canadian winter weather at this time of the year, the squadron wisely chose to do their tests here.

Each squadron member is certified medically fit before he undertakes the preparatory training and the actual tests. A "trim-down" programme, authorized by Major W.L. Conrad, Squadron CO, and supervised by Sgt. J.A.R. Labelle, battalion PT and recreation specialist, began about a month ago when all RCD personnel started getting into trim for the tests.

The programme consisted of route marches followed immediately by physical strength, coordination and agility exercises. The final tests were carried out with each member of the Dragoons' squadron wearing complete battle order. The whole test programme had to be completed within two and a half hours or else the soldier did not qualify and had to be retested.



Under watchful eye of Sgt. J.A.R. Labelle, a member of Royal Canadian Dragoons Squadron prepares to lift and carry a fellow trooper for two-hundred yards.



Member of Royal Canadian Dragoons Squadron, wearing complete battle order dress, goes over a six-foot wall he has just scaled.



## Sekundstrid..

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16, som hade 9,29,8. I striden mellan ptr 6 och 8 avgick, som sagt, ptr 6 med segern genom att belägga en 4:e plats mot ptr 8 5:e plats. Hårt ända in i det sista!

Efter terränglöpningen utdelade kompch, mj Ahlberg, 1 4:s medaljer till de fyra främsta lagen samt av signalist Bengt Källman, Söderhamn, förfärdigade diplom till segrarna.

Furir Arne Jansson, Hagfors; furir Hans Carlsson, Eskilstuna; Håkan Andersson, Mölltorp och Sven-Erik Andersson, Sibbhult, kan alltså sätta zonnmästare i patrullfälttävlan på sina visitkort i fortsättningen.

Andre pristagarna heter: Furir Lars Ahlmark, Göteborg; furir Åke Johansson, Oskarshamn; krp Tommy Pettersson, Matfors; krp Bo Skoglund, Arbrå.

Tredje pristagarna; Furir Arne Holm, Guldsmidshyttan; Rolf Lindholm, Gällö, Lars Hedvall, Lesjöfors och Lars Krantz, Linköping.

Fjärde pris tillföll: Lt Enar Jonasson, Kristinehamn; Öfu Torsten Stålnacke, Svappavaara; furir Johan Leijon, Solna och Lennart Arvidsson, Rörvik.



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## REPORT FROM 14-NATION COMMITTEE

# THIRTY TO FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED TO SOLVES UN'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

**A**N expert panel has estimated that the United Nations will need — in round figures — from 30 to 50 million dollars in additional voluntary contributions to get out of its current financial troubles.

This was announced last week by Mr. Mario Majoli of Italy, Chairman of the 14-nation Committee set up by the U.N. General Assembly to review the United Nations financial situation.

Mr. Majoli noted that some 20 million dollars had already been donated by various States in response to the Secretary-General's appeal last year for contributions to overcome the United Nations' short range money problems.

The Committee, he said, estimated that further voluntary contributions ranging from 31.9 to 33.3 million dollars would be needed to meet obligations involved into as of

## Further contributions to UNFICYP costs

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— approximately 50,000 dollars — to meet the costs in connection with the extension of the Force mandate from 27 December 1965 to 26 March 1966.

Furthermore, Ambassador Nielson said that "in view of the critical financial situation" of UNFICYP his Government had also decided to make a further contribution of 72,500 Norwegian kroner — approximately 10,140 dollars — towards meeting the deficiency in the Force account. This contribution, he said, is in addition to the 14,000 dollars contributed by Norway in December.

On 24 March, the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations, Ambassador Piero Vinci, informed UNFICYP that his Government will contribute 135,000 dollars to the cost of UNFICYP for the three-months period from 27 December 1965 to 26 March.

the end of this year. The bulk of these is related to the U.N. military operation in the Congo — now concluded — and the continuing peace-keeping operations in the States have

A number of States have declined to help finance one or both of these undertakings for political and legal reasons.

Mr. Majoli said that as to the long-term financial situation, the Expert Committee noted that 186.4 million dollars remained to be paid on the U.N. bond issue through its maturity in 1990. The money raised through the sale of bonds was used for the Congo and Middle East operations and most of the countries which did not help finance these, Mr. Majoli said, had declined to help retire the bonds; the result was a recurrent yearly deficit of 2.4 million dollars.

The Committee's report on the U.N.'s financial difficulties is expected within a few days. The group will then meet again, in Geneva, to survey the budgetary problems of the U.N. and its specialized agencies as a whole.

## Irish ask to UN to pay extra Contingent costs

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cial support. He also warned that unless unforeseen support were provided, the United Nations would not be able to fully reimburse the Governments providing units for the extra costs they incurred.

UNFICYP is running a current deficit of over 2.5 million dollars, and, as of last Thursday, only one million dollars had been pledged toward the estimated costs of over five million dollars for the new three-month period beginning 26 March.

During the two years the Force has been in operation,

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## UNFICYP assists, observes Partial relief of Turkish National Contingent

**T**HE relief of part of the Turkish National Contingent in Cyprus started to take place as the BLUE BERET went to press yesterday. As in past rotations, inland transportation, escorts and observers were provided by the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

Forty officers, twenty-three NCO's and two hundred and eighty-seven other ranks, personal baggage and battalion stores arrived on the Turkish ship "Basharan" which docked at Famagusta at 0720 hours on Tuesday morning.

An outgoing draft of approximately the same strength was scheduled to leave the Turkish National Contingent area at Orta Keuy yesterday in the afternoon.

UNFICYP provided the necessary three-ton and ten-ton trucks for the operation. Escorts consisting of scout cars from the Canadian Royal

Dragoons serving with UNFICYP were at both the start and end of each packet. UNFICYP Civilian Police escorts were also provided to lead convoys into, and out of, Nicosia and Famagusta.

UNFICYP observer team supervised the operation at both Nicosia and Famagusta.

Preparations were being made to carry the operation though until the late evening when the "Basharan" was expected to leave Famagusta for Turkey.

The last partial relief of the Turkish National Contingent took place in September last year.

## DIVE TO HISTORY

### DANISH SKIN-DIVERS FIND 300 YEAR OLD WINE CASKS. AT FAMAGUSTA

**T**hree Danish Privates on leave at Famagusta made a sensational discovery on Sunday afternoon, when during their first skin-diving session of their leave, they brought to light two barrels of wine estimated to be at least three hundred years old.

The three PFCs, L. Viborg, N.A. Thomsen and S. Sorensen were diving off the rocks near the Constantia Hotel when they found a old wooden cask which they managed to bring ashore. Later they found a similar cask in the same area. A local historian who examined their find stated that the two barrels probably came from the British frigate 'Mot-

ley' which had gone ashore near Famagusta in 1657, carrying a cargo of Commandaria wine.

Despite the fact that thousands of barrels have been in the water for more than three hundred years, they are extraordinarily well preserved, and when the taps were opened, they were found still to contain wine. The following day a wine expert was called in and he stated that it was not only drinkable but of an excellent quality. However, he feared that the wine would not remain good for very long as it has now been exposed to the air.

At a meeting held yesterday while 'Blue Beret' was going to press, local authorities and the Commanding Officer DANCON, Lieutenant Colonel E. Lorenzen decided that UNFICYP should be allowed to dispose of the wine, believe to be the oldest in the world and that the casks should be given to the Cyprus Museum. Colonel Lorenzen then decided that the wine will be offered free to anyone who turns up at the Danish Welfare Office opposite the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia, at 1700 hours on Friday, 1st April. The only condition attached is that the drinkers should bring their own glass.

Ireland has met both ordinary and extraordinary expenses of her troops. However, External Affairs Minister, Mr. Frank Aiken, told the Dail (Parliament) in Dublin on Wednesday last that the Irish Government was seeking reimbursement of past extra expenses as well as requesting that new ones be met by the U.N.

Mr. Aiken said that Ireland had done her share and more in supporting U.N. peace-keeping operations — and this task should not be left to a few.