



Wednesday

6th August

1969

U.S. PRESIDENT AFTER ASIAN TOUR:

# World Yearns For Peace

"The message that comes from all over Asia and Easter Europe is that the people of the world want peace", President Richard Nixon said on arriving in Britain on Sunday last on his way back to U.S. from a recent far-ranging visit to Asia.

The tour took the President through six Asian nations and also East-European Rumania, where he met with Communist President Nicolae Ceausescu.

In his statement, made at the short stop over in Britain, President Nixon declared, that "it is the responsibility of

leaders... to develop those policies that will reflect the deep yearning of people who want to be together rather than apart, to communicate rather than be denied an opportunity to know each other."

"It is this great goal to which we are dedicated", President Nixon stressed.

# The Blue Beret

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## Iceland and Norway Contribute To Unficyp

● In a note dated 11th July to the Secretary-General, U Thant, Mr Haraldur Kröyer, Deputy Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, makes it known that the Government of Iceland has decided to make a contribution of \$3,000 in response to U Thant's latest appeal for further voluntary contributions for the financing of the UN

Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

● The Secretary-General, U Thant, in a communication to the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, Edvard Hambro, has expressed his appreciation for the contribution of \$120,406.02 made by the Government of Norway on 15th July towards the expenses of Unficyp.

## Carnegie Seminar In Cyprus

The end of course seminar of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has been held in Kyrenia, Cyprus during the past week.

The students who come from Africa, the Caribbean and Asia, were addressed by President Makarios, Mr Osorio-Tafall and leaders of both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

This has been the second time that the seminar took place in Cyprus the previous occasion being in 1964.

The course was held in two parts, one in the French language and the other in English.

The French course is held in Geneva at the Institute of High International Affairs and the students attend meetings at the UN Office in that city.

The English course is held at Columbia University in New York, where the students have the opportunity of attending a

meeting of the UN at their Headquarters in the city.

## Sea Rescue By Cancon Soldier

Cpl Russel Matthews (42) of Camp Maple Leaf, rescued a Greek Cypriot, Charalambos Neophytou (52) of Kato Deftera, from drowning at 5½ Mile Beach in Kyrenia, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr Neophytou who was given artificial respiration by a doctor and admitted to hospital is expected to be discharged, fully recovered, on Wednesday.



### RALPH BUNCHE TO VISIT UNFICYP

Dr Ralph J. Bunche, Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs of the United Nations will pay a visit to UNFICYP from 12 to 14 August.

During his stay he will meet with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Force Commander and also call on the authorities of the Republic.

Dr Bunche, who will be accompanied by his wife and daughter will arrive from Beirut on Tuesday 12 August and leave for Athens on 14 August.

## Memorial Service For Sergeant L. J. Thomas

A memorial service was held on Wednesday 30 August for Australian Uncivpol Sergeant L.J. Thomas of New South Wales. Sgt Thomas was killed in a traffic accident in Cyprus on 26 July.

The Worcestershire Regt Padre, The Rev. Peter Clemett conducted the service at St. George's Church at Berengaria. The ceremony was attended by the Force Commander, Lt Gen A.E. Martola and the Police Adviser, Chief Supt G. Davidson as well as by members from all the Uncivpol elements among others.

● Australian Uncivpol men march up at Berengaria in honour of their lost comrade. (Pict. above).

## Press Officers Convention

Contingent Press Officers met at HQ Unficyp on Saturday 2nd August to discuss matters of common interest. The Force Commander, Lieut General A.E. Martola, attended the conference, which was addressed by Mr. B.F. Osorio-Tafall.

● Our picture shows (L to R) Capt D. Ryan, Lt Gen A.E. Martola, RCM W. Watorski, RSM A.L.H. Windsor, Sen Lt J. Eräkare, Maj W. Lamquet, Capt T.J. Roberts and Capt J.C. Patton.



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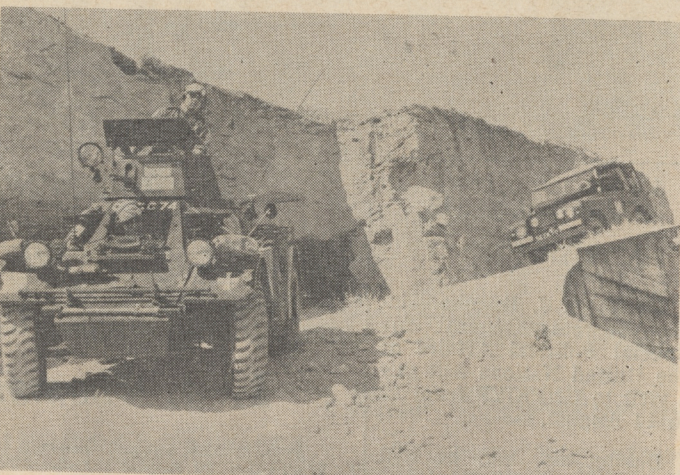
The Blue Beret of 30th July included an article on UNTSO in the Middle East. This named various countries which provided observers to the Truce Supervision Organisation.

It is interesting to note that several of the nations that provide forces for UNFICYP also provide observers for UNTSO. They are: Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Sweden.

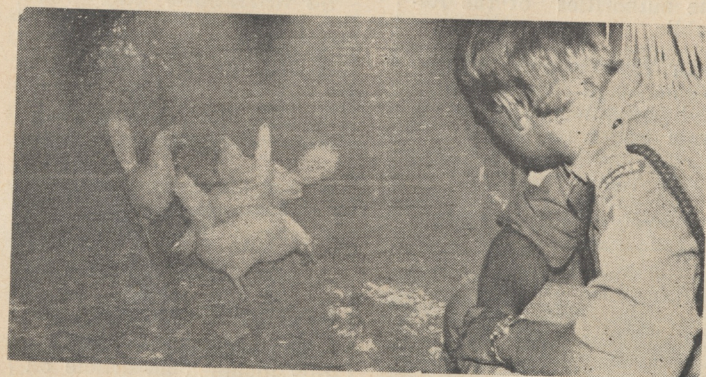
# HVA' LAVER SPEJDERNE?



KS K.S. Jørgensen, SG E.S. Andersen, KS E.N. Damgaard, KS K. Thomsen, KS E.B. Johansen SG J.K.H. Madsen, SG F. Hansen, SG P.E. Nielsen, KS K. Ingvorsen, KS L.Christoffersen,KS K.B. Knudsen



Vi er med Ferretten sydøst for Nicosia - i nærheden af Athalassa. Driveren er KS K.C. Jørgensen og vognkommandøren er SG J.K.H. Madsen.



"Jeg ser hvide høns....." Dilerium tremens maaske? Dog ikke. Det er sergenterne Madsen og Nielsen der hengiver sig til hønseavlning.

## DRIVERS CORNER

Skal vi undgå kørselsrestriktioner? Vi var ved at være overbevist om rigtigheden i paastanden" Vi har ingen trafikproblemer i DANCON!" Men det modsatte er nu bevist, idet DANCON i tiden 17.-24. juli havde ikke mindre end 6 færdselsuheld fordelt med 2 pr. KMP.

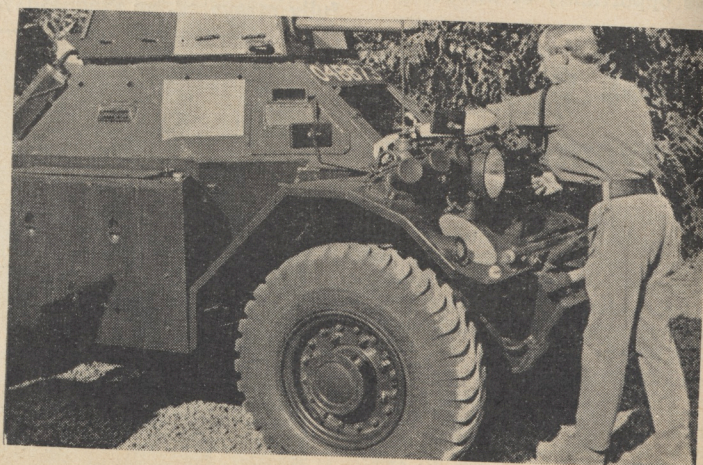
Flere af uheldene skyldes meget alvorlige færdselsforseelser fra DANCON-personels side og selvom finansministeren vil glæde sig over de klækkelige bøder der vil rulle i kassen, saa skal vi nu dæmpe modet og skærpe agtpaaagivenheden i trafikken!

## DANCON NYT

Morgenappel. LT P. Woetman fordeler dagens arbejde. Der er driveren der skal være haard-driver. Der er vagtkommandøren der skal være vognkommandør- anderledes sagt: ud at køre som vi ser paa bille. det. Hjemme fordeles arbejdet. Nogle arbejder udvendig paa huset- Endelig er der husvagten, der fungerer som stuepige med rengøring og lign.



Paa vej igennem en snæver gade i Athalassa.



Starteftersyn - KS K.B. Knudsen

# SOL OCH BAD för FN - soldatens fritidstimmar



Vad gör FN-svensken på sin fritid, när cypernsolen steker obehagligt hett och pressande på den egna företagsamheten? Jo, han kopplar av med sol och bad naturligtvis. Svensk som han är! Och för att berätta detta fullständigt publicerar vi denna vecka tre badbilder.

■ Hans Götz håller radiokontakt med C.G. Camp, medan kamraterna ur första vaktgruppen svalkar sig i Medelhavets vågor. (Ovan).

## SWEDCON NEWS Swedish Forces Photos

### Söndagsradio för Cypern- svenskar

Ett nytt svenskt FN-magasin sänds på söndag över Cyperns Radio (CBC), närmare bestämt kl. 1330 - 1357. Innehållet är i skrivande stund inte fastställt, men det kan varje FN-svensk själv informera sig om genom att på söndagsmiddagen "ratta" in 498 m, 602 kc. På eterhörande!



■ Söndag förmiddag i solgasset på Alassia-beachen i Famagusta. Bat-pastor Sven Joelsson läskar sig med en Yoo-hoo. (T.v.)

■ Med Salamis mångsekelgamla ruiner i bakgrunden lögar sig svenska FN-soldater i Levantens böljor. (Mitten t.v.)



## DAGS FÖR FOTBOLLFINAL Swedcon - QOH 7-3

Dagen F närmar sig, F som i fotboll, F som i final. På lördag spelas den i Famagusta, Unficyp-fotbollens seriefinal mellan Dancon och Swedcon. Sist var det Dancon som vann.....

Inför finalen har svenska laget avancerat till andra plats i tabellen genom förra veckans vinst över Queen's Own Hussars med hela 7 - 3. Men ändå vill det nu till en verklig svensk satsning. Dancon har nämligen inte bara två poängsprång utan också en kraftig övervikt av mål när startsignalen går för finalmatchen.

■ K.G. Andersson ger Swedcon ledningen med 1-0 i matchen mot Queen's Own Hussars. (Nedan)



## Famagusta - basar i dagarna tre

Furir Krister Söderström fann både det och det andra att beskåda på basaren i Old City i Famagusta i förra veckan. Och det gjorde hans kamrater också, när de besökte den festival som öppnades den 1 augusti och pågick i dagarna tre med parader, minneshögtider och basarhandel. (Bilden ovan).





# Unficyp Falling Plate and Tug of War Competition

The codeword "LIMERICK AVENGED" sent over the radio link to their base in Lefka District was a clear indication of the jubilation of the Ircon spectators on their teams fine win in the Falling Plate competition. This was organised by 1 Worc R and took place on the Polemedhia Range. Teams from Britcon, Ircon, Cancon, Fincon, Dancon, Swedcon and HQ Unficyp participated and competition was fierce.

An indication of the high standard of shooting was given when, in the first round Ircon beat Dancon in the very fast time of 26.9 seconds, their first volley accounting for no less than six plates! In another first round match Cancon who fired well in practice were surprisingly beaten by Fincon who eventually emerged as Bronze Medal winners, a very commendable performance by them.

As the first round ended it was obvious that the two teams to watch were Ircon and 1 Worc R. Although the Worcesters had not recorded a very fast time they were some 8 seconds faster than their opponents in the second round, HQ Unficyp. This round almost spelt doom for the "Paddys" when that dread of all Falling

for a final between 1 Worc R and Ircon.

### ELECTRIC ATMOSPHERE

The atmosphere was electric as the preliminaries were carried out and from the dropping of the starters flag it was obvious that it was Ircon who got the first round away. Both first volleys were poor and accounted for little, but in their second volley Ircon almost cleared the shelf and it was to give them victory by a margin of only one plate. A fitting climax to a very well organised competition. In the final of the losers competition Cancon beat QOH to salvage some of their reputation albeit in the rather slow time of 41.2 secs.

### TUG OF WAR

The entries for this part of the competition were poor to

For summary of results see Back Page.

Plate teams, a 'Side-on' plate occurred, however, hardly had the groans of their supporters subsided, when it was confidently despatched. It did however slow down their shoot and they recorded a time of 38.5 seconds. In their next round 1 Worc R cut their previous time of 31.4 seconds by over a second. So the scene was set

say the least and the whole thing was something of an anticlimax. However the teams that had entered gave the spectators something to shout about and it was Cancon who cleared the board, winning both the 100 stone and 88 stone class. The team from 18 Sqn RCT (HQ Unficyp) who were appearing in UN Competition for the first time gave a good account of themselves in the 100 stone class by beating the Worcesters by two straight

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beaten by the same team in the final by a stone match it was clear two straight for Cancon. A fitting day was a Display Band and the 1st Regimental of Drums of Worcestershire clearly appreciated all spectators. After the prizes were presented the CO of 1 Worc R, G.A. Leman.

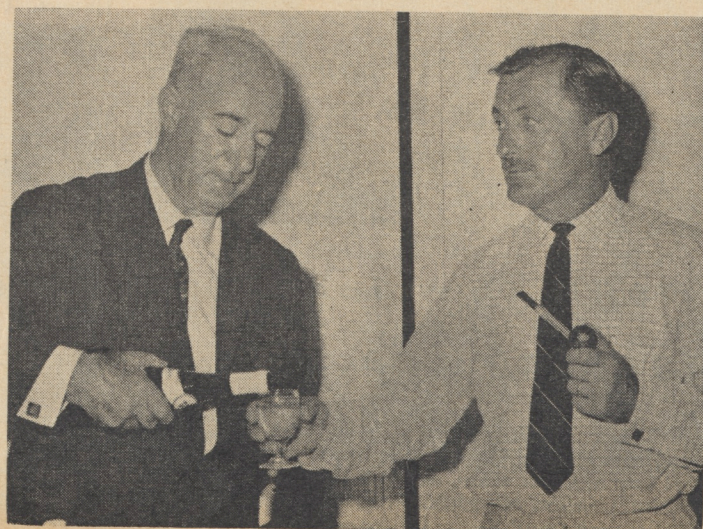
## BRITCON NEWS

TOP LEFT: 1 Worc R 88 Stone team, Going, Going...

RIGHT: Dmr Seymour, 1 Worc R receives his Tug of War medal from Lt Col R.E.A. Leman.



# Wine Tasting Evening at HQ Unficyp Sergeants Club



On Thursday 31 July a wine tasting session was held in the HQ Unficyp Sergeants Club. The wines were provided by a local wine merchant whose representative, Mr. Miconides, first gave a lesson in Cypriot wines. The club was given the opportunity to express their opinions of the different types of wine which were available.

Mr. Seymour, seen serving the first glass to the Mess President, RCM, Watoski, for his expert opinion.

# Ircon Win Unficyp Falling Plate

At Polemedhia, 29th July 1969 Ircon's Rifle Team, pictured above, won the Inter Contingent Rifle Shooting competition by defeating Dancon in the first round, gaining a narrow but well deserved win over Fincon in the Semi-Final and beating 1st Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment (British Army Major Unit Champions for the last two years) in the Final. Ircon had the two fastest times in the competition, 26.9 seconds in the first round and 27.9 seconds in the Final.

Commandant Ted Russell who trained the Ircon team has been associated with shooting teams for the past 28 years. When asked to comment, he stated "This was the competition we wanted to win, the competition of the Soldier—SHOOTING".

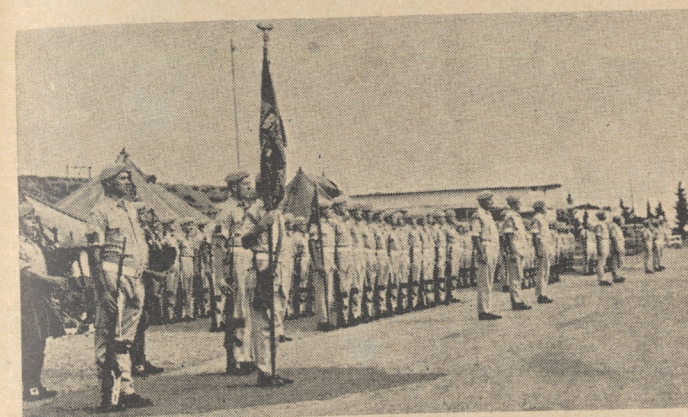
Congratulations to the Groups' Rifle Team, Winners of the "Falling Plate" Competition!



Front Row: Capt M.J. Walsh, Capt S. Nicholson, Comdt E. Russel (Trainer), Sgt J. Foley, Cpl M. Richards. Back Row: Cpl P. O'Boyle, Pte M. Salmon, Pte P. Harty, Lieut J.F. Brennan.

# MEDAL PRESENTATION TO 12 INF GROUP

A Ceremonial Parade was held recently in Xeros at which UN Service Medals were presented to members of Ircon who had completed the required three months service on the Island. Approximately 45% of the members of 12 Inf Group were eligible for medals, the remainder having already had at least one previous tour of duty in Cyprus.



The parade is formed up to await the arrival of the Force Commander Lieut Gen A.E. Martola.



Accompanied by the parade Commander Comdt D. Quinn, Gen Martola inspects the troops on parade. During this inspection the Pipe Band played a selection of Irish music.



Having arrived by helicopter the Force Commander is escorted to the parade by OC 12 Inf Group, Lieut Col M. D. Hassey, and (left) Unficyp Chief of Staff Brig Gen. E. M. D. Leslie.



After the inspection of the parade came the actual ceremony of presenting the medals. Seen here receiving his medal from the Force Commander is Lieut J. Campbell.



The parade concluded with a march past in which all the troops led by the Pipe Band passed in review before the Force Commander. This photograph shows members of "A" Coy about to pass the reviewing stand.



PREPARING FOR A BRIEFING. (L to R) Captain Geoff Meyer, Warrant Officer Normande Lacoste and Captain Chris Conliffe. Verbal reports are supported by a detailed map and cloth model of Kyrenia District.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. (Left to right) Corporal J.N.J. Charest, Sergeant J.R. Bradley and Corporal P. St. Louis.

## Clean Sweep at Polemedhia

The light and heavy tug-of-war teams of the 2e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment captured first places in two competitions held at Polemedhia July 29.

The light team defeated the British Contingent to establish their win, while the battalion's heavy team out-pulled the British and Headquarters UNFICYP.



Light team coached by Sergeant "Sam" Saumier (back row, 4th from the left).

Right: Heavy team coached by Corporal J.L. Fiset (front row, 4th from the left).

## "THE OPS EMPIRE"

The United Nations mission in the Kyrenia District of Cyprus is the responsibility of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles H. Belzile, and his 2e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment of the Citadel in Quebec City. The patrol and observation activities of the French-speaking unit are controlled from the Command Post, located at Camp Maple Leaf.

Operated on a 24-hour schedule, the CP staff co-ordinates and records the movements of the battalion's Observation Company, the Reconnaissance Platoon, Reserve Company and the operational function of the Austrian Civil Police organization.

The Command Post provides regular briefings for staff officers of the Canadian Contingent, and special ones for new arrivals from Canada and military and civilian visitors. It's staff also prepares written reports for Unficyp Headquarters.

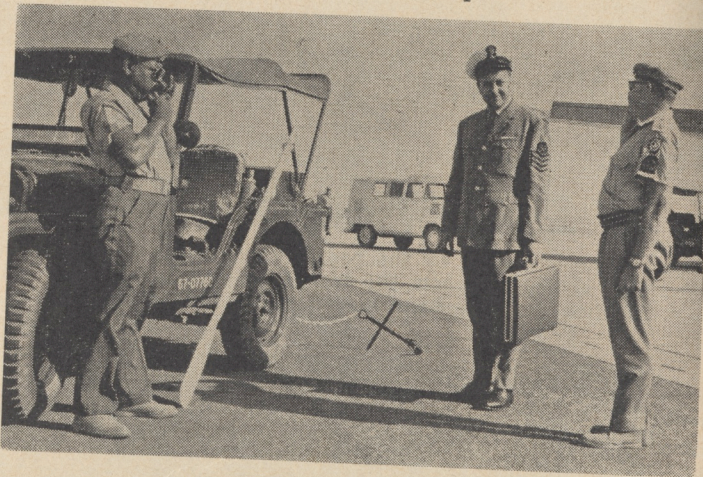
"It can be regarded as the nerve-centre of the Canadian Contingent", Colonel Belzile commented, "and it's staffed by experts in the field of Infantry operations and planning".



CP DUTY OFFICERS. (Left) Lieutenant Ronald Gagnon and Captain Claude Arnaud.

## WELCOME ABOARD

WELCOME ABOARD. Sergeant Ed Kochanuk, naval photographer from Canada's West Coast, arrives in Cyprus as a replacement for Sergeant Rollie Maheux (right), who has been the Canadian Contingent Photographer for the past six months. The piper (his first experience at such things) is Sergeant Clarence Estes of the Canadian Postal Corps.



Näkemiin sotilaat -eikö niin?

## ...MENNEET HE KAI, OVAT MAAHAN PAREMPAAN...

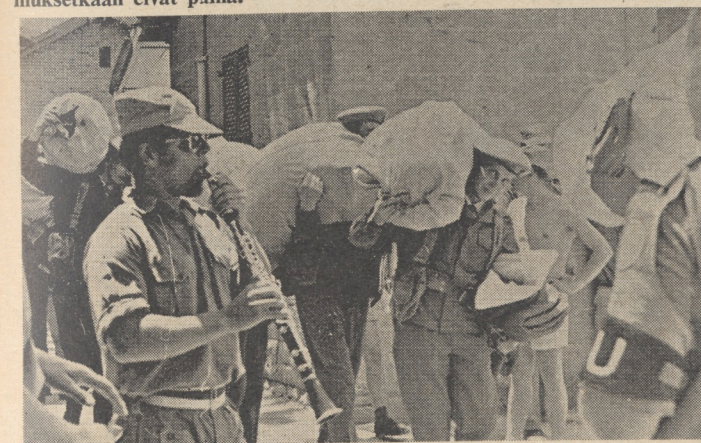
— katkelma lauiusta "Vanha musta (varvas) Joe" —



Viimeistä kertaa YK:n "siivellä". Mieli lienee iloinen ja kanta-muksetkaan eivät paina.



.... eivätkä painaneet vielä uusilla tulokkaillakaan,.... VIELÄ!



Mutta pian tarvittiin vereksiä voimia. 2 JK:n perinteet jatkuivat. Täytyihän poikien saada aluksi jotain päälle pantavaa. 2 JK:n sotilas-toittokunta vasemmalla.

## MISSÄ ON PALLO?

Jalkapallo-ottelu Irlanti - Suomi käytiin Ledran kentällä 2.8.1969. Pahoin potkittu palloparaka löytyi suomalaisten maalista kolme kertaa ja IRCON' in maalista kerran vähemmän. Kuvassa vanha hassu "Pannaan-paspallopiilonjalka pallotemppu."

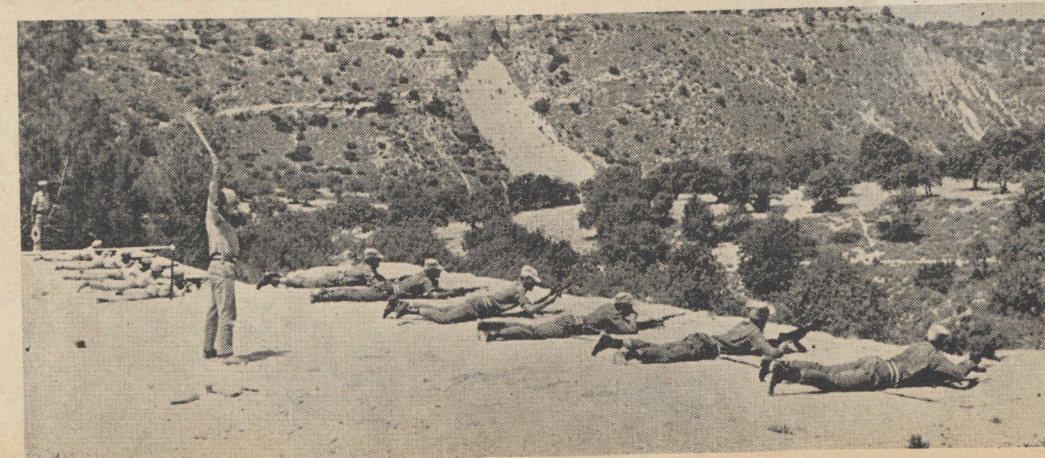


## FALLING PLATE

...käytiin aseet tarkoin valiten Polemidhiassa 29.7.1969. Suomalaiset olivat taitavia ja onnekkaita selvitin kolmen parhaan joukkoon osanottajia ollessa kahdeksan. Kuvassa olevan erän voitti Suomi ajalla 34,6.

Kilpailun kolme parasta:

- 1) IRCON
- 2) BRITCON
- 3) FINCON



UNFICYP SPORTS

# Cancon Tug of War Winners

## POLEMEDHIA EVENTS

### Summary of Results:

- FALLING PLATE  
 1. IRCON 27.9 Secs  
 2. 1 WORC R 28.1 Secs  
 3. FINCON
- 1ST ROUND LOSERS  
 1. CANCON
- TUG OF WAR  
 100 Stone Match  
 1. CANCON  
 2. HQ UNFICYP  
 3. 1 WORC R
- 88 Stone Match  
 1. CANCON  
 2. 1 WORC R

● A GOOD PULL, BUT NO! The 1 Worc R 100 stone team made a good match in the Tug of War competition but still finished third after Cancon and HQ Unficyp. (Below).

## Historic Irish Hurling Meet

On Wednesday 30 July a hurling team from Ircon met a team from 1 Battalion Irish Guards in a historic match at Dhekelia. This was in fact, the very first time that The Irish Guards met a team from the Irish Army in a sports event!

The 1 Bn Irish Guards, who come from Northern Ireland, are presently on a training tour to Dhekelia.

● Our picture (right) shows a situation from the historic match, which the Irish Guards (striped shirts) lost to Ircon. Results were: Ircon 3 goals and 8 pts; Irish Guards 1 goal and 3 pts. — Photo by Georges der Partogh, UPI.



Mrs Sylvette Fissentzides, picture below has recently joined the Unficyp Office of Public Information at Wolseley Barracks in Nicosia. Mrs Fissentzides was born in Paris and has now her home in Cyprus.

## Unficyp Football Final Follows This Week

The Unficyp Football League is coming close to its end. Most contingent teams have only one more match to play. And Dancon is still in the lead! The latest soccer results (see below) give a hint that the Danish Contingent players may be the "Champs" again.

The Unficyp final, between Dancon and Swedcon, will occur on Saturday 9 August in the Old City of Famagusta. Let's go and cheer!

● First goal for Queen's Own Hussars in their latest match versus Swedcon on Friday last. However, Swedcon won the football match with 7 goals to 3. (Below).



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## UNFICYP SOCCER LEAGUE

(Results as at 4th August 1969)

	SCORE
SWEDCON — QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS	7 — 3
DANCON — HQ UNFICYP	9 — 1
IRCON — FINCON	3 — 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. DANCON	5	5	0	0	34	— 5	10
2. SWEDCON	5	4	0	1	25	— 14	8
3. WORCESTERSHIRE REGT	4	3	0	1	15	— 7	6
4. HQ UNFICYP	5	2	0	3	8	— 24	4
5. IRCON	4	1	0	3	7	— 13	2
6. QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS	4	1	0	3	10	— 21	2
7. FINCON	5	0	0	5	6	— 20	0

