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UNFICYP STRENGTH GROWS

FORCE NEARS COMPLETION

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE DANISH CONTINGENT AND THE AUSTRALIAN AND DANISH POLICE THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS HAS REACHED IT'S 7,000 PERSONNEL TARGET.

The strength of UNFICYP to-day is 7,010. This figure is made up from the military contingents, the hospital unit, the civilian police and the civilian staff.

Since the Security Council resolution of 4th March, which recommended the creation of a United Nations peace-keeping force for Cyprus, it has taken 79 days for all contingents to arrive in Cyprus and for the force to near completion.

The resolution of 4th March also recommended "that the stationing of the force shall be for a period of three months". With the force becoming operational on 27th March two thirds of that period will have been completed by 27th May. To authorize a further period the Security Council must meet again.

On 27th March at 0500 hours UNFICYP became operational and Lt Gen Gyani assumed command of the force. At this time many of the British troops, who had been in the island since Christmas, put on blue berets and scarfs and became United Nations Troops. This is the first time that British troops have taken part in a United Nations mission of this nature and it is also the first time that troops have been supplied to a United Nations force by a permanent member of the Security Council.

Troops of the Canadian Contingent had arrived prior to 27th March and were able to take over positions from the British troops in the Kyrenia and Nicosia areas.

The main body of the Swedish Contingent arrived between 10 and 13 April and are now fully deployed in the Paphos area.

The Irish Contingent, which arrived on 19th and 20th April, are camped near Salamis and are responsible for the Fama-

In Memoriam

We regret to announce that Pte Juhani Matikainen of the Finnish Contingent of UNFICYP was killed whilst on duty near Yerolakkos, west of Nicosia on Wednesday 20th May.

He was born on the 27th Feb. 1942, at Tuusula in Finland. Pte Matikainen, who was not married, was a volunteer and served as a radio operator in the supply unit. His father is a Colonel in the Finnish Army.

Pte Matikainen is the first United Nations soldier to be killed in Cyprus since the force became operational and he joins the already long list of United Nations military and civilian persons who have given their lives for the cause of peace; a list headed by Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden who was assassinated in Jerusalem in 1948 when he was the United Nations Mediator for Palestine.

A short funeral service on the edge of the RAF Nicosia airfield was held on Friday 22nd May at which all contingents of UNFICYP were represented and wreaths were laid. After the ceremony the body was flown to Finland.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his colleagues in UNFICYP and his relatives in Finland.

gusta area. After the unfortunate events of 11 May in the old city of Famagusta men of the Irish Contingent have taken over various positions in the city and they fully patrol the area.

Besides British and Canadian troops the Finnish Contingent are also deployed in the Nicosia area. The Finns arrived between 25 and 30 April and two companies moved from Dhekelia camp to Nicosia by bicycle. The Finnish Contingent has suffered the first fatal casualty in UNFICYP.

The Danish Contingent arrived between 20 and 22 May. At present they are in Dhekelia camp and will later take up positions in the Nicosia area.

The UNFICYP Civilian Police comes from five countries and numbers 174. This includes the 38 Australian and 41 Danish police who arrived to-day.

The remainder of UNFICYP strength is made up from the Austrian Hospital unit and the Civilian Staff.

More troops will arrive within the next few weeks — 298 Danish and about 300 Irish — so that more British troops can be replaced.

On 27 March when the force became operational it's commander, Lt Gen. Gyani, explained that the aim of UNFICYP was specified in the Security Council resolution of 4 March which stated that it's function would be "in the interest of preserving peace and security, to use it's best efforts to prevent a recurrence of fighting and, as necessary, to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and a return to normal conditions."

UN MEDIATOR



Ambassador Tuomioja - UN Photo

Mr. Sakari S. Tuomioja of Finland is the United Nations Mediator in Cyprus and, since 1961, Finland's Ambassador to Sweden. From 1955 to 1957 he was Ambassador of Finland to the United Kingdom, Mr. Tuomioja served as special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Laos in 1959 and 1961. He was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe from 1957 to 1960. He has also served as governor for Finland both in the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Tuomioja is an avid reader and enjoys walking, fishing and gardening.

In 1939 he married Vappu Wuolijoki. Her father, Sulo Wuolijoki, was a Social Democratic legislator and her mother, Hella Wuolijoki, was a noted playwright.

The Tuomiojas have a daughter, Tuuli, 23 years old, who is married and is a physiotherapist; and a son, Erkki, 17, who has a monthly programme of commentary on a special afternoon television series for students.



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CYPRUSCOPE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Reference your paragraph in the "Blue Beret" No 4 of 11th regarding the arrival of the Danish Contingent. I quote:-

"The main body of the contingent consisting of 591 Officers and men will be blown over on 20th May..."

Either these Danes have changed physically since I met them in the Congo, or else you must be expecting super-gale force winds on 20th May!

Best wishes to the Danes, and to the "Blue Beret".

Sergeant T Hackett,
B Company
40th Irish Battalion.

More letters please.

THAT'S LIFE

by JACK



Strength of United Nations Force in Cyprus as at 25 May 1964:

Military Contingents		
Canada	1,022	
Denmark	677	
Finland	1,003	
Ireland	636	
Sweden	955	
United Kingdom	2,422	6,715
Hospital Unit	68	68
Austria	40	
Civilian Police	33	
Australia	20	
New Zealand	40	
Denmark	41	174
Civilian Staff	53	53
TOTAL		7,010

LOCAL NEWS IN SWEDISH

Sorg i FN-familjen

Den stora FN-familjen här på Cypern har sorg och detta berör oss svenska på ett särskilt sätt, då det är en av våra finska bröder som fått ge sitt liv.

Den stupade är Juhani Mattikainen från Tuusula, en ort c:a 30 km från Helsingfors. Han var vid sin bortgång 22 år gammal. Den officiella kommuniken berättar följande om händelsen. En Volvo-bil tillhörande den finska bataljonen på skördeeskort fick motorfel i trakten av byn Photta och en "Valp" med reparationsutrustning sändes ut för att leta efter den. Denna bil blev då utsatt för beskjutning vid framkomsten och hjälpt begärdes per radio hos den finska bataljonen. Chefen för den finska bataljonen, överstelöjtnant Uolevi Kettinen, tog med sig en pluton och åkte ut till platsen men blev också omgående beskjutna vid framkomsten. Finnarna var tvungna att avge en del eldskurar i nödvärn. Skottväxling ägde sedan rum vid fyra olika tidpunkter, kl. 20.30, 21.50, 21.58 och 22.08. Det var nu också klarlagt att eldgivningen kom från de turkypriotiska värnen i området. Vid den sista

eldgivningen kl. 22.08 träffades Juhani Mattikainen av tre skott, avfyrade på ett avstånd av omkring 60 meter och sårades så allvarligt, att han strax därefter avled. När han träffades av skotten satt han i framsätet på en vittmålad Volvo. Det kan även tilläggas att under skottlossningen hade finnarna uppdraget gänga röpat till turkarna, att de var FN-trupp och uppmanat dem att uppdroga med skottlossningen.

Mr. Suleiman, representant för den turkiske vicepresidenten på Cypern, kom strax efter dödskotten till platsen och han har till FN och den finska kontingenget framfört sitt djupa beklagande av händelsen.

Överste Waern har från den svenska FN-styrkan framfört vårt åke till platsen men blev också omgående beskjutna vid framkomsten. Finnarna var tvungna att avge en del eldskurar i nödvärn.

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UN NEWS

The Security Council began consideration on 19th May of a Cambodian complaint of "repeated acts of aggression" by forces of the United States and of the Republic of Viet-nam against its territory.

Voeunsa Sonn of Cambodia asked the council to condemn the "aggressors" and call on them to cease their aggression; insist on equitable retrIBUTions; and call for a peaceful settlement with the participation of all interested parties.

Pham-Khac-Rau of the republic of Viet-nam stated his government had never committed any acts of aggression against Cambodia and wanted to live in peace with her. He regretted that there had been inadvertent crossings of the undefined border and stated that Viet-nam had repeatedly offered to engage in bilateral discussions with Cambodia to try and remove the root causes of all the border incidents.

Adlai E Stevenson of the United States said that United States troops were in Viet-nam by the request of that government to help defend it against armed attack and that the policy of his government was the restoration of peace so that the peoples of that area could go about their own independent business in whatever associations they freely chose for themselves without interference from the outside. "If

LOCAL NEWS IN DANISH

THE BLUE BERET BYDER

DANSKERNE VELKOMMEN.

"Den Blaa Baret" - eller som den også hedder på engelsk. THE BLUE BERET (UNFICYP Edition) er vors avis på Cypern. Den udgives af FN og kommer en gang om ugen. THE BLUE BERET indeholder nyheder og smånotiser specielt om vores forhold her på øen, og den er således et fortrinligt supplement til de danske aviser, der naturligvis ikke kan gå helt i enkelheder vedrørende mindre begivenheder her nede hos os.

Hovedparten af THE BLUE BERET er på engelsk, men herudover stilles i hvert nummer et sted til rådighed for kontingengets presseofficer. Her kan denne, for vores vedkommende naturligvis på dansk, bringe såkaldt petitstof, d.v.s. småhændelser og sjove episoder fra den daglige tilværelse herhende.

THE BLUE BERET byder danskerne velkommen til Cypern.

P.S. THE BLUE BERET har allerede for nogen tid siden udskrevet en fotokonkurrence. Motivet skal på en eller anden måde berøre Cypern og/eller styrkerne forhold her. Deltagende fotos skal være redaktion i hånden senest mandag d. 8 juni (evt. via den lokale presseofficer). Med fotos indsendes oplysninger om nummer, navn, grad, kontingent, adresse, hjemby samt en helt kort levetes beskrivelse.

Danske soldater kan saaledes netop nå at deltagte!

anyone had the illusion that the United States would abandon the people of Viet-nam, it could only be due to ignorance of the determination and stamina of the American people," stated Mr. Stevenson.

Nikolai T Federenko of the USSR accused the United States of "interference" with the integrity of Cambodia and held her responsible for the situation in South Viet-nam, stating she had violated the 1954 Geneva Convention by launching an aggressive war against the people. Mr. Federenko said the people of South East Asia were victims of imperialist aggression and the argument of using "anti-communism" to justify a policy was outdated.

HELLIFANT

Q. How would an elephant get out of a tree?

A. Stand on a leaf and wait for autumn.

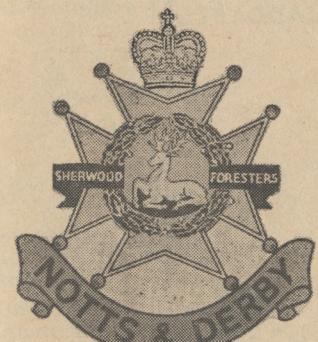
LE COIN DU 22e.

Le service postal est peut-être un des plus silencieux des forces canadiennes mais aussi un dont nul ici ne saurait se passer. Même à plusieurs milliers de milles du Canada le personnel du Corps Postal Royal Canadien donne exactement le même service que les plus grands bureaux de poste du Canada.

Le Bureau de Poste de l'Armée canadienne 5001 est limité dans son Personnel. Les deux seuls membres sont le Sgt R. A. Stepharnoff et le Caporal Rapp dont la permutation ici lui a valu son présent rang. On trouve aussi à Chypre deux bureaux de poste de campagne, le No. 28 pour le 1er Bataillon, Royal 22e Régiment et le No. 27 pour le QG de la Zone de Nicosie.

Tous les matins le maître de poste se rend à l'aéroport civil de Nicosie et y ramène la poste par avion en provenance de Montréal via Londres et Athènes. Certains jours on y trouve plus de 2000 lettres qui doivent être triées et distribuées soit au Caporal Landteigne pour le 1er Royal, 22e Régiment ou au Caporal Rasmussen qui devront de nouveau séparer ces lettres pour qu'elles arrivent au Canada.

Il suffit de quatre jours pour qu'une lettre déposée au bureau de poste de l'unité soit rendue à son destinataire au Canada. Bien que des lettres soient arrivées du Canada en trois jours, on peut raisonnablement compter quatre jours avant qu'une lettre nous arrive du Canada.

1st Bn The Sherwood Foresters
(Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire)

Allied Regiments of the Canadian Army — The Grey and Simcoe Foresters, The Manitoba Rangers.

In 1881, the 45th Regiment (The Nottinghamshire Regiment formed in 1741) and the 95th Regiment (The Derbyshire Regiment formed in 1823) were amalgamated to form the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment. They were renamed The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire), or, for short, The Foresters.

Their very numerous battle honours include Louisburg, Talafera, Pyrenees, South Africa 1846-47, Sevastopol, Aisne 1914-1918, Somme 1916-18, Ypres, Gallipoli, Norway 1940, El Alamein, Anzio, Singapore Island.

The Colonel of the Regiment is Major General C. B. Fairbanks CB, CBE, and the Commanding Officer of the Battalion is Lt Col Peter Litton.

The Regimental mascot is a ram named Derby which is the twentieth in line since the first one was acquired in India in 1858.

HISTORY OF CYPRUS

The Bronze Age — Egyptian influence and control.

The mining of copper in Cyprus led to strong trade links with countries to the East and the West and the island became well known throughout the Mediterranean. The first use of bronze in about 2300 BC affected Cyprus even more and led to many foreign influences in the island.

During the Bronze Age the round houses were replaced with rectangular ones, some of which had several rooms and relations were developed with Syria and Palestine and probably with Minoan Crete.

By about 1600 BC Cyprus was firmly established as an important centre for commercial and cultural exchanges between the countries of the East and West.

Egyptian and Hittite records of the 15th century BC and after contain many references to Cyprus copper and call the island and its capital Asy or Alashiya. The then capital was at Enkomi-Alasia not far from Salamis near Famagusta.

The start of the 15th century BC saw a great Egyptian influence in the island and Cyprus came under the rule of the Egyptian Pharaoh Thutmose III to whom tribute, mostly in copper, was paid. This period — lasting for about 100 years — was one of security and peace during which time the island became very prosperous.

services in this way regularly, so that a valuable contact can be kept on a serious and neutral basis with the inhabitants of the villages around the Swedish Contingent camps.

OLYMPIC RUNNER IN UNFICYP

The tense crowd waited. The starter prepared his gun and the runners crouched. "To your marks" "Get set" The runners strained eagerly. The gun fired and the runners sprang forward into the 1,500 metres.

The crowd at the Olympic Games breathed again and watched the race with eagerness, for Johansson the Finnish Champion was running.

Although Johansson did not win that race he had broken the Finnish record 8 times previously and had run the mile in 4.04 mins. Amongst those against whom he competed were Zatopek, Bannister, Chattaway, Pirie and Landy and many of the world's athletes to-day are amongst his closest friends.

Denis S. Johansson, 36, is now a Lieutenant with the Finnish Contingent in UNFICYP. But he first arrived in Cyprus at the beginning of March this year as a reporter for Finland's largest magazine — APU. During his work as a newsman he came into contact with the horror and suffering of fellow humanity. He was

much moved by the fear and nervousness of women and children and the senseless killing of men.

When Finland agreed to send troops to Cyprus to form part of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force, Denis Johansson immediately offered his services. "Many people in Finland feel the same way as I do but they do not have the opportunity to do anything about it.

I was here in Cyprus and wanted to help in anyway I could to bring peace to the people" he said.

Lt Johansson, who comes from Finland's one-time capital Turku in the south-west, is a six month volunteer. On his return to his own country he will begin a new job as information officer in a large firm.

He has represented his country twice in the Olympic Games 1500 metres at London 1948, and Helsinki, 1952 and in many European championships. He feels that people should be taught athletics and has expressed his willingness to coach those in Cyprus who would like to learn.

KNOW YOUR GREEK AND TURKISH

GREEK	ENGLISH	TURKISH
Ena	One	Bir
Dheeo	Two	Ikee
Treea	Three	Uch
Tessera	Four	Dört
Penday	Five	Besh
Exi	Six	Alte
Efta	Seven	Yedi
Okhto	Eight	Sekiz
Enia	Nine	Dokuz
Dheka	Ten	On

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SAUNAT NICOSIASSA

Vain pari päivää sen jälkeen kun suomalaiset olivat asettuneet Nicossiaan oli 1. JK:n alueella höyrymässä suomalaispataljoonan ensimmäinen sauna. Ei se ollut suuren suuri, vain sellainen kylpyhuoneeseen rakennettu korkeintaan neljän mielen sauna, mutta siitä huolimatta siinä saa makoisat löylyt. Tästä saunasta tuli heti alkuvuonna varsin suosittu ja useiden mitä erilaisempien sanomalehtien ja uutistoimistojen kirjeenvaihtajat ovat tutustuneet tähän "ihmeeseen". Järjestyksessä toinen sauna valmistui 2 JK:n toiseen joukkueeseen. Tämä sauna on tilavuudeltaan sellainen ryhmän sauna. 1. JK:ssa on toiminnaa toinenkin sauna. Jokin aika sitten näet pystytettiin komppanian komento-paikalle telttasauna, johon mm. erään suurehkon uutistoimiston kirjeenvaihtaja on tutustunut. Telttasaunassa, joka lienee uutta myös monelle suomalaiselle mahtuu noin kymmenkunta suomalaista. Kaikki mainitut saurat ovat olleet lämpimässä kaiket päivää ja saunoja on piisannut. Suomalaisille on valmistumassa pari isompaa sauna huoletokeskukseen Kykkoon ja "THE BLUE BERET" odottaa jännittyneenä niiden valmistumista

SUOMALAISTA OHJELMAA

Kyproksen televisio on osoittanut kiinnostustaan Suomen YK-pataljoonaa kohtaan ottamalla ohjelmaansa suomalaisille tarkoitetta ohjelmaa sekä Suomea koskevaa ohjelmaa kreikkakielellä. Televisiossa esitettiin 22.5 min. ohjelma Suomesta. Pataljoonan kuoro lauloi ja hanuristi esitti kyproslaisille mm. Säkkijärven polkan. Musiikkiohjelman ohessa näkyi kuvaruudussa mm. Suomen luontoa kuvavia kuvia. Kuoron esitys päättyi sävähdyttävään Finlandiaan. Lopuksi esitettiin kuuluisuutta saavuttanut Bertiinissä palkittu lyhytfilmi "Tori" joka voitti puolelleen mm. Mr. G. Mitsidekseen, Kyproksen TV:n johtajan varauksettomian ihastukseen. Myöhemmin kunhan orkesterimme on loppuuntrimmattu, on ehkä tilaisuus saada toinenkin Suomea koskeva ohjelma televisioon.

LORD MOUNTBATTEN

TO VISIT SWEDISH ARMED FORCES

The Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, paid an official visit to the Swedish Armed Forces from May 20 to 22, and stayed at the Royal Palace at Ulriksdal just outside Stockholm as the guest of the Royal Family. As Lord Mountbatten had previously visited the Royal Swedish Navy, he was primarily concerned with the Swedish Army and Air Force on this trip.

MBE FOR CONGO WORK

Major Bob Beart (36), officer commanding 'B' Squadron of the 14th/20th King's Hussars in Tripoli, Libya, has been awarded the M.B.E. for his work with the United Nations Force in the Congo, while on secondment to the Nigerian Army. He was presented with the award by Mr. Sarell, the British Ambassador to Libya, at a ceremony at the ambassador's residence. During his service with the Nigerian Army from December 1960 to September 1963, Major Beart was in command of the Independent Reconnaissance Squadron at Kaduna, Northern Nigeria. His squadron went to the Congo in September 1962 and operated in Kasai province and Northern Katanga until April 1963.

HONG-KONG AGAIN

Five hundred officers and men of 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery commanded by Lt Col John Douglas-Withers, have recently returned to Britain after service with the British Army of the Rhine.

Its stay will be short lived for in August it flies to Hong-Kong, where it was stationed before going to Germany.

Sek-Kong, in the new Territories, will be 49's new home and the regiment is due to move into new barracks now nearing completion.

FOR YOUR LISTENING

RADIO BROADCASTS

All times are local

SHORT WAVE

Canadian Broadcasting Corp

19 Metre Band	2201 (French)
25 & 31 Metre Band	2245 (English)

Radio Sweden

19 Metre Band	1645
25 Metre Band	2145 (English)
31 Metre Band	1815
19 Metre Band	1715
31 Metre Band	1845 (Swedish)
25 Metre Band	2015

Finnish Broadcasting Corp

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

Austrian Radio

16 Metre Band	0800 — 1100 German, French and
19 Metre Band	1300 — 1600 English
25 Metre Band	1900 — 2200 Monday, Sat. & Sun.

British Broadcasting Corp.

19 Metre Band	0700 — 1000, 1130 — 2330
25 Metre Band	0500 — 1000, 1800 — 2330
31 Metre Band	0500 — 1000, 2000 — 2330
41 Metre Band	0500 — 0630, 0745 — 1000
49 Metre Band	0500 — 1000

MEDIUM WAVE

British Broadcasting Corp.

428 Metres	0500 — 0545, 0745 — 1000
417/470 Metres	0500 — 1145, 0745 — 1000

British Forces Broadcasting Service

208 Metres	0530 — 2315
213 Metres	0530 — 2315

VHF

British Forces Broadcasting Service

92.1 Mc/s	0530 — 2315
99.6 Mc/s	0530 — 2315

United Nations half-hour is broadcast each evening from 2030 to 2100 by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation on the medium wave 495 metres (606 Kc/s).

BRITISH TROOPS TO CANADA

The 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, stationed at Chelsea Barracks, London, will train in Canada this summer. The battalion - about 600 all ranks in strength - will be flown there by the Royal Air Force and will be at Camp Wainwright, Alberta, from June 29 to August 5. With the Guards will be 12 tank crews who will train with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) at Camp Wainwright. The crews will include a proportion from the 17th/21st Lancers, who are allied to the Lord Strathcona's Horse.

In addition, the 60th Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, will train at Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick, from August 4 to September 22. The squadron will carry out a minor engineering construction task.

This will be the fourth consecutive summer that British Army units have trained with Canadian Army formations in Canada.

UNFICYP ROMANCE

We would like to offer our congratulations to Sgt Leif Ahlden, 23, of the Swedish Contingent and Maria Pavlou, 17, a hairdresser from Morphou, on their recent engagement.

Sgt Ahlden, who comes from Malmo in southern Sweden, is a three-month volunteer and will return to Sweden to work in a garage which he and his father are building. The wedding is expected to take place in June.

REMINDER

DON'T FORGET THE BLUE BERET PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION. Entries to be in by Monday 8 June.

For members of UNFICYP only, photos should be on themes of UNFICYP or CYPRUS.

Please include with your photo details of No, Rank, Name, Contingent, Address, Home town, and a brief description of your career so far.

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