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1969

Secretary General Views Middle East

In a special report on the situation in the Middle East to the Security Council, the Secretary General recalled that on 21st April last he reported that the Security Council cease fire had become almost totally ineffective in the Suez Canal sector and that a virtual state of active war existed there.

Since the war of June 1967, the level of violence in the Middle East has never been higher than it is at present.

UN Military Observers

Referring to UN military observers he declared "although carrying out their duties with a devotion worthy of the highest praise, they now do so under continuous danger. In the month of June alone, there were twenty one reported incidents of firing by UAR forces and five by Israel forces on UN personnel and installations. "It is unreasonable", he said, to ask men however well trained, disciplined and courageous they may be, to continue their duties under physical and mental conditions induced by recurrent firing upon them. These are unarmed men doing their best, who cannot be expected to serve as what amounts to "defenceless targets in a shooting gallery." He went on to mention the possibility of the withdrawal of the observers.



Capt Lars-Åke Karlsson

Egyptian Response to U Thant

Dr Zayyat, the official spokesman in Cairo, is quoted as saying "he (Secretary General) has every right to be worried, he should worry not just about the situation in the Middle East, but about the future of the United Nations". Dr Zayyat also is quoted as saying that "we consider ourselves at war."

ADC'S ROTATION

■ Capt Lars-Åke Karlsson (25) who, since his arrival in September 1968 at HQ UNFICYP has been ADC to the Force Commander, is leaving the HQ late this month, at the end of his tour.

Capt Karlsson who is a regu-

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SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE RETURNS TO CYPRUS



On Saturday last 12th July Mr. Bibiano Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, returned to Nicosia from the Security Council meeting in New York on the Cyprus question and his annual leave.

Amongst those present at the airport to welcome Mr. Osorio-Tafall (on the right) back to the island were (pictured from L. to R.): Mr. R. Gorgé, Senior Political and Legal Advisor, Lieut Gen A.E. Martola, Force Commander, and Mr. R. Hausner, Chief Administrative Officer.

UN Seminar on Human Rights Closed

The UN Seminar on Human Rights was formally declared closed on Wednesday 9th July at 1025 p.m. after delegates approved of a one hundred page

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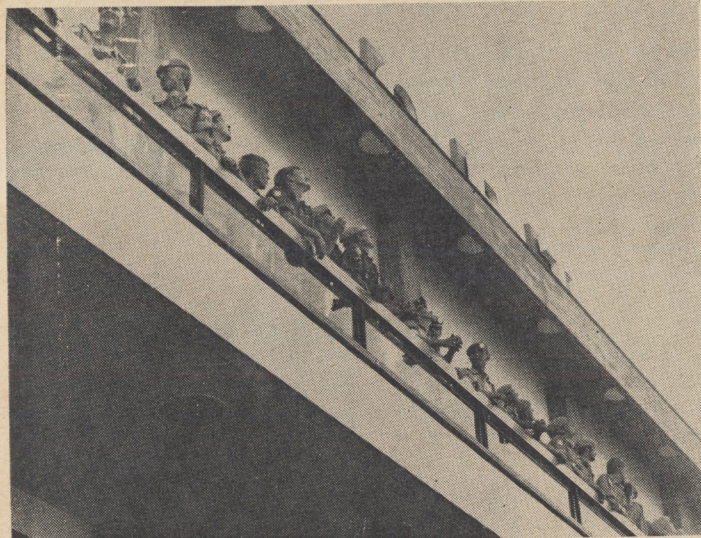
• The head of the UN seminar in session at Ledra Palace. (Right).

U THANT HOSPITALISED

U Thant was admitted to hospital in New York on 8th July with an attack of acute rectal inflammation. He will be operated upon and was expected to be out of hospital in about ten days.



Nu ska vi ud og se paa damer . . .



.... og damerne kom med en times forsinkelse. Maskinen havde paa grund af vindforholdene foretaget mellemlanding i Istanbul. Modvind havde tæret saa haardt paa brændstoffet, at piloten maatte ned og tanke.

DANCON NYT



KOMPAGNIFEST

Sergent K. Andreasen, velfærdskontoret havde forsamlingen med sig da han sang en del af vort hjemlands vemodige sange - som notabene ikke alle befinder sig i højskolesangbogen.



Dancon-Skriveren PRLT P. Gersskjold indtog scenen, foretog sin frelsersang, og satte den udmærkede stemning endnu en tak i vejret.



Pludselig dukkede maskinen ud af taagedisen. Et øjeblik efter var landgangen slaaet ned, og nu er de her - og nogle af dem er rødskindede og nogle har glemt at spise salt og no' en kan ikke sove om natten.



Og bag kulisserne arbejdede konstablerne P. Christiansen, B. Petersen, B. Madsen og H. Bæk med bøfferne.

Side Sidst



Fire, om ikke vejrmænd saa flodmænd fra Alfa KS A.B. Nielsen, KP Winter KS J. Fogh og KS J. Nielsen igang med at rense op ved Irish Bridge. Broen hører med til "Den grønne linie".



DRIVERS CORNER

Drivers Corner holder en pause og giver plads for et nødraab. Kompagnierne paastaar nemlig at de ikke har færdselsproblemer. Drivers Corner ønsker tillykke og haaber det holder. Men andre har problemer og Alfes æsel spørger: Kan nogen hjælpe mig med mit færdselsproblem?

Swedcon framför kameran FILMTEAM PÅ BESÖK

Svenska FN-kontingenten på Cypern befann sig i förra veckan under en dag i fokus för en surrande filmkamera. Det var bara att agera och följa regissörens anvisningar.

Och regissör, ja, det var f. FN-pressofficeren redaktör Finn Rideland, som återkommit för att ta kompletteringsscener för en utlandsfilm om väpnade svenska FN-insatser. Rideland började filmarbetet redan förra sommaren, men några filmsekvenser saknades, bl a hos Civpol och i Famagusta. I sällskap hade Finn Rideland fotografen Sten Aaroe och ljudteknikern Hans Andersson från Sveriges Radio, som producerar filmen för distribution genom Svenska Institutet så småningom. I ett flertal språkversioner.



■ CIVPOL I NÄRBILD. Det svenska filmteamets besök avsåg bl a kompletteringsfilmning hos svenska civila polisen i Famagusta. Poliskommissarie Torsten Lindberg, chef för Swedcivpol, följer t.v. uppmärksamst kameraarbetet. (Ovan).

RADIOPROGRAM

Och så kommer Du väl ihåg att lyssna på det svenska radioprogrammet över CBC på söndag (20/7). Våglängden är 498 m och sändningstiden 1330 - 1357. Och innehållet? Ja, du får väl höra själv..... På tisdag kväll kl. 2000 sänds Swedcons "firarprogram" som vanligt.

■ DANS KRING KAMERAN. Filmteamet i aktion vid Vakten på Carl Gustaf Camp. Fr. v. Finn Rideland, Sten Aaroe och Hans Andersson. (Bilden t.h.).

SWEDCON NEWS



■ FN-arbete och FN-personal kostar pengar. Det är inget speciellt med det. Prasslande sedlar hör definitivt hemma också i den svenska FN-miljön utomlands. Det vet man bl a på fältpostkontoret på Carl Gustaf Camp, där postkontrollören, fv Lars Göran Andersson t.v. sköter utbetalningarna. Fv Eskil Andersson hämtar ut lite "fickpengar". (Ovan).

PENGAR, PENGAR...

■ Det där med pengar känner kanske allra bäst svenska kontingentens kassachef, fv Holger Wibeck och hans biträde, serg Tage Staxe till. På bilden t. h. "gör de upp affärer" med PX-föreståndaren, fv Karl-Erik Bergström, t.v.



NICOSIA på Ledras murar

Du som kanske bara passerat genom Nicosia, Cyperns huvudstad, känner du också till.....

att Nicosia är Cyperns största stad med ungefär etthundratusen invånare,

att staden är säte för regering, administration och diplomatisk aktivitet och centrum för handel och näringsliv, press och radio, tv, nöjesliv, mm,

att Nicosia är stadens engelska namn, medan den på grekiska kallas Lefkosia och på turkiska Lefkosha,

att Nicosia inte alltid varit Cyperns huvudstad - Salamis var det t.ex. ett par gånger för nu länge sedan,

att de äldsta bevarade byggnadslämnarna i Nicosia stammar från den

lusignanska perioden, dvs tiden 1200 - 1500 e.Kr.,

att Nicosias innerstad är kringgårdad av en mycket välbevarad stadsmur från slutet av 1500-talet,

att stadsmuren i Nicosia, som har elva bastioner, från början bara hade tre portar: Famagusta, Kyrenia och Paphos Gates,

att en av de största affärsgatorna, Ledra Street, fått sitt namn efter ett forntida litet kungarike just där Nicosia idag är beläget,

att i det inre Nicosia finner man öns högsta byggnad, ett arton våningar högt kontorshus,

att Nicosia, beläget mitt på ön, har Cyperns högsta temperaturer - framför allt på sommaren (!)?

Visste du detta om Cypern?

FN-svensk på Afrodites ö, vet du egentligen

att Cypern är nummer tre i storleksordning bland Medelhavets öar,

att två bergskedjor - Troodos i väster och Kyrenia i norr - ramar in ett stort bördigt slättområde, Messaoria,

att cyprioter är 620.000, drygt tre fjärdedelar är grekiska, persiska, ptolemeiska, romerska, bysantinska, frankiska, venetianska, turkiska och engelska "herrar",

att bland städerna är Nicosia störst (med förorter ca 100.000 inv) med Limassol på andra,

och Famagusta - öns största hamnstad - på tredje plats,

att öns främsta exportvaror nu är frukt och vinvaror,

att Cypern, som spelat en betydande politisk och kulturell roll i östra Medelhavsområdets historia, i årtusenden haft ett vittgående anseende för sina kopparrikedomar och skogar,

att ön därför haft bl a grekiska, persiska, ptolemeiska, romerska, bysantinska, frankiska, venetianska, turkiska och engelska "herrar",

att Cypern blev en självständig republik i augusti 1960?

1st Bn The Worcestershire Regiment Triumph Again

MAJOR UNITS CHAMPIONS FOR THE SECOND YEAR

It was a fitting farewell that in their last appearance at Bisley, England, before their amalgamation, the Worcestershire Regiment should win the KRRC Cup, the Major Unit Championship. The Regiment were the defending champions having also won the title last year.

This win is the third in the Regiment's history having first won it in 1955 when the present Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel RGA Leman was the team captain. This year's win is a tremendous achievement in the face of very strong opposition and reflects great credit on the team captain, Captain (QM) FVH Lynch, a stalwart of many years experience and a very hard taskmaster where training is concerned. It is the one hundred percent effort from the team as a team that he won the Silver Jewel award.

Regiment a force to be reckoned with at Bisley over the past four years and it does them great credit.

Best individual performances this year is that of Major John Bryant who narrowly missed the premier award, The Queen's Medal by only seven points, having been twelve points behind at the final stage. Being runner-up he won the Silver Jewel award.

Cpls Cleaver and Sherriff were the best Class 'A' shots in the Worcestershire and Lindley Cup.

Sgt Leighton won the Old Contemptibles Cup and WO II Rafalowski REME, won the Kinniard Cup.

At the time of going to press, Major Bryant is still in "with a chance" in the SMG Army Eight.

Battalion's team start well at soccer

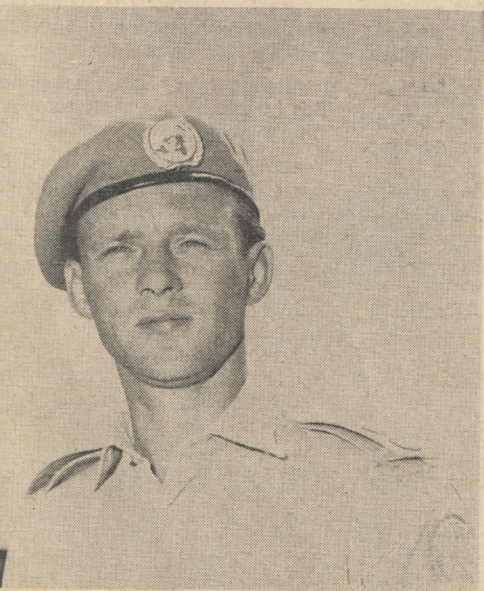
The 1 Worcestershire Battalion team has started off well in the Unficyp Football Competition having won three of its first four games. The games against Swedcon being a real thriller with the score going either way until the Battalion clinched it with the winning goal in the dying minutes of the game.

UNFICYP SOCCER RESULTS

Bn	v	FINCON	won	3—0
Bn	v	DANCON	lost	2—3
Bn	v	QOH	won	5—0
Bn	v	SWEDCON	won	5—4

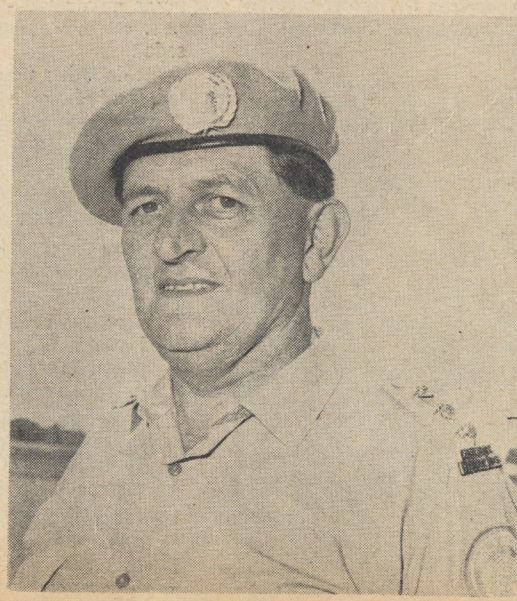
1 WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT FOOTBALL TEAM: Back Row (L to R)—Pte Baynes, Pte Black, Pte Shepherd, Pte Smith, L cpl Dobbins, Pte Powell and L cpl Deeley. Front Row (L to R) — Pte Korpalski, L cpl Gregory, Pte Benton (Captain), Sgt Johnson and Cpl Whitehouse.

BRITCON NEWS



NEW FACES

Major Peter Steveny is the commander of the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Queens Own Hussars which provides the Unficyp Force Reserve.



The new Quartermaster at Camp HQ Unficyp is Captain Leslie Bools of the Green Howards. He came to Unficyp from Britain where he was the Quartermaster with the 1st Battalion Yorks and Lancaster Regiment which have now been disbanded.

ARRIVAL IN UNICYP of 18 Amph Sq RCT

Almost 100 men of 18 Amphibian Squadron arrived in Cyprus, from Fremington in North Devon last Sunday morning to relieve 7 Squadron RCT, the UNICYP transport Squadron, which is due to return to UK on 14th July on completing a six-month operational tour.

Band Success at Curium Concert

The Regimental Band combined with members of the Band of the Kings Own Royal Border Regiment played at an evening concert at the ancient Greek Amphitheatre at Curium on Friday 4th July 1969.

The concert was a tremendous success, thanks to a magnificent performance by the Band. The Bandmaster, WO I Ted Boynton, won the hearts of the audience with his brilliant conducting of both bands. Bandsmen Harry Stayt and Keith Abbott gave very polished solos on the Cornet and Tuba respectively.

18 Amphibian Squadron is the only of its kind in the British Army. It is a semi-independent Squadron of 17 Port Royal, based near Rampton, over 160 miles from its home role is to provide logistic support to the strategic reserve of a Port Force.

The amphibious operations they operated are the kind of thing that were remembered by the DUKWs of World War II. In their age, they still have excellent exercises, training and service during their time in UK. Only three days before leaving.

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An Beile Deireannach

Ullmhaíonn foireann Chocús Champa LIMNITIS ceann de na béilí deiridh a friotháladh do Chomplacht "A" sar a thugadar aghaidh ar LEFKA, ar imchasadh na gComplachtaí.



MORE SNAPS OF 'A' COY

In last week's edition of the Blue Beret were published some photographs taken by the Ircon photographer showing personnel of 'A' Coy before they moved to Lefka on rotation of the companies.

Here we show some more snaps taken on this visit to the company. A bird's eye view of Limnitis Camp itself taken from a nearby hill. (Below).

The transport section here lined up in the Camp as Cpl Laurence O'Neill reads out the details for the days work. (Right).



Farewell Party in Lefka

Before leaving their camp in LEFKA and going to LIMNITIS 'B' Coy held a very successful farewell party in the local school. To provide the entertainment the Pipe Band and the Ballad Group were present and members of 'B' Coy also presented several amusing sketches. Here we see Cpl Joseph Merrigan (left and Cpl Eamonn Carr in one of these sketches. (Right).



Personnel serving on OP JULIET pose for the photographer with their Company Commander. (from left) Comdt Kevin O'Donovan, Cpl Michael McCarthy, Pte John McMahon, Pte John McMarlow, Pte Michael Carroll. (Above).



IRCON NEWS





The start of a busy day. Sergeant Georges (Les) Lessard, the soldier responsible for the operation of the warehouse.

Source of the "Goodies"

Among the highly regarded elements of the Canadian Contingent is the Camp Maple Leaf warehouse — supplier of the "goodies". Under the supervision of Sergeant Georges (Les) Lessard, his "mighty four" are responsible for catering to the requirements of all Canadians serving on the Island of Cyprus.

The warehouse stock has a vast range of products from cigarettes, peanuts and beverages to specialty items. Most of the supplies come to the island from Canada. After flying the Atlantic they are stored at the Central Warehouse at Lahr, Germany. One Yukon flight a month carries the needs of the Canadians to

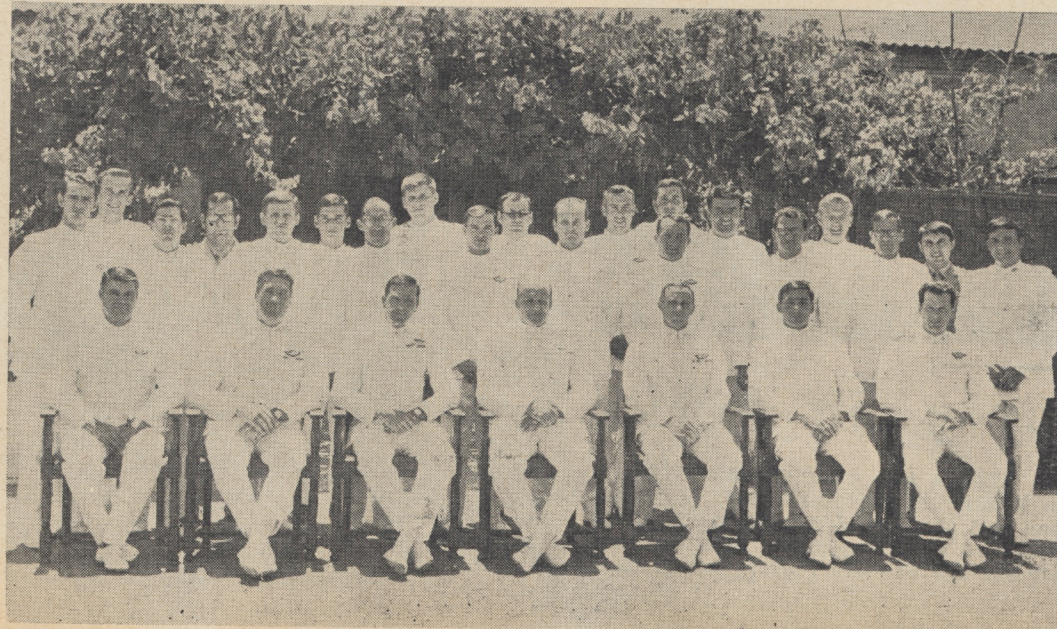
Camp Maple Leaf.

Business booms. In a recent three-day period a total of nearly 19 thousand dollars worth of items were sold to the various Canadian messes in Cyprus.

"One of the greatest morale builders on the island", Sergeant Lessard claims, "we are small, but we're mighty".

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



Unpacking the "goodies", a weekly chore for attendant, Corporal Gaetan Simoneau.

MID-WAY MARK OF CYPRUS TOUR

Officers of the 2e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, at Camp Maple Leaf.

Commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel C.H. Belzile, the French-speaking battalion has passed the mid-way mark of its United Nations tour in Cyprus. The Canadian Contingent major rotation is scheduled for September.



Stock-taking time. (L. to R.) Sergeant Almanzor (Cacarrisse) Langlois, second-in-command of the warehouse; and Corporal André Langevin, attendant.



Re-arranging displays a part-time job for the driver, Corporal Jean C. Desforges.



FINCON NEWS

SUBAKEIKKA

Kuinka moni meistä on nähnyt Kyproksen ilmasta?

Ei varmaankaan kovin moni:

Saari näyttää erikoisen kau- niilta autereisessa auringon- paisteessa sinisen Välimeren ympäröidessä sitä joka taholta.

Cessna koneella suoritettavan lennon reitti on seuraava:

NICOSIA - St Hilario - Kyrenia - Bellapais - Kantara - Salamis - Famagusta - Nicosia

Lennon hinta 4 hengen ryhmässä on £ 3 1/2 hengeltä.

Aika ja paikkavaraukset lomapurseille.



Romanttinen Kypros IX Selimin moskeija

Kukkojen kilpalaullannan yli kuuluu Nikosian yössä kutsu rukoilemaan voimakkaasta koväänisestä. Vaikka öinen kutsu ei kovinkaan suurta vastakaikua ilmeisesti saavuta, kannattaa moskeijaan tutustua. Selimin moskeija on saaren päänähtävyyksiä.

Roomalaiskatolinen kirkko rakensi 1200-1300 -luvulla valtavan katedraalin Nikosian keskelle. Kirkko oli Lähi-Idän komeimpia, sitä käytettiin kuninkaiden kruunauspaikkana. Tyyliltään kirkko rakennettiin goottilaiseksi, samantyyliisiä kirkkoja on vieläkin paljon Ranskassa. Katon holvaus oli aikanaan arkkitehtuurin suuria ihmeitä, korkeus ja valoisuus hätkähdyttävää sen ajan oloissa. Ristiseluna oli runsaasti lasi- ja seinä-maalauksia.

Turkkilaisvallan alkaessa 1571 kirkko riisuttiin perusteellisesti, valtavat tornit kaadettiin ja toisen tilalle rakennettiin kapea minareetti rukoushuutoja varten. Naisväelle rakennettiin oma aitauksensa, heille ei uskonto varsinaisesti kuulu. Kun maksaa 100 milsiä pääsee

sisälle, voi kuljeskella komeilla matoilla sukkasillaan, valokuvata, nähdä jatkuvasti jonkun toisen muslimin olevan rukoilemassa kumartaen Mekkaan päin.

Moskeija sijaitsee Nikosian vanhassa osassa turkkilaisella puolella, kreikkalaiselle puolelle mentäessä käännytään Saray-hotellin kohdalta vasemmalle ja kuljetaan parisataa metriä.



Kuvassa jääk. KROOK kuljettamassa 3JK:n päivystävää upseeria Dirty Hill'in maastossa.

Jääk KROOK on palvellut saarella täyden ajan eli yhden vuoden ja on siis niiden onnellisten joukossa, jotka vielä ehtivät Suomen kauniiseen kesään.



1JK:n voittanut joukkue matkalla kuntomarssin käänträpaikalle, joka oli ulkovartiopaikka 310.

Kuntomarssin tulokset: 1. 1JK 1.21.31 2. 2JK 1.24.04 3. 3JK 1.24.59 4. EK 1.36.40 5. HK 1.43.31



His six months UNFICYP tour ended, Major Roger Spencer (right) 7 Sqn RCT shakes hands on handing over his duties to Major Jim Hyde of 18 (Amph) Sqn RCT. Major Spencer returns with his Squadron to Tidworth, Hampshire.

RCT Sqn Changeover at HQ Unficyp

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ing UK, many of the men were on a Port Task Force exercise in Holland where, once again, the DUKW proved its great value. Their high daily availability is very largely due to the efficiency of the Squadron's own REME Workshop, six men of which have accompanied the Unit to Cyprus.

In latter years the Squadron has had detachments in Singapore and earlier in Christmas Island. A large rear party, which includes one complete troop of 16 DUKWs, has been left behind to cope with exercise and possible flood relief commitments. In the summer of 1968, over 5,000 visitors from regular, volunteer and OTC units came

to North Devon to train with the Squadron in beach assault landings and to familiarise themselves with amphibian techniques generally.

The tortuous roads in Devon combined with a wide variety of sea and beach conditions have provided a means of training RCT Amphibian Specialist drivers up to a high standard of proficiency. The Squadron very recently won the Regular Army UK final RCT Safe and Skilled Driving competition. L cpl Brook won the best individual award for both Regular and Volunteer RCT units in UK.

Although their role with UNFICYP is a new one, they are looking forward very much to the challenge it presents.

UNFICYP SOCCER LEAGUE

(Results as by 11th July 1969)

	SCORE						
1 WORCESTERSHIRE REGT — FINCON	3	—	0				
QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS — HQ UNFICYP	7	—	1				
IRCON — SWEDCON	2	—	3				
SWEDCON — FINCON	4	—	3				
DANCON — QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS	9	—	0				
QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS — 1 WORCESTERSHIRE REGT	0	—	5				
1 WORCESTERSHIRE REGT — DANCON	2	—	3				
SWEDCON — 1 WORCESTERSHIRE REGT	4	—	5				

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. WORCESTERSHIRE REGT	4	3	—	1	15	—	7
2. DANCON	2	2	—	0	12	—	2
3. SWEDCON	3	2	—	1	11	—	10
4. QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS	3	1	—	2	7	—	15
5. IRCON	1	—	—	1	2	—	3
6. FINCON	2	—	—	2	3	—	7
7. HQ UNFICYP	1	—	—	1	1	—	7

ADC'S ROTATION

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lar officer in the Finnish Infantry, said that he enjoys meeting people from all over the world. His choice at HQ UNFICYP extends to 23 nationalities.

He speaks excellent English and is studying English Literature at present.

During his tour in Cyprus he has been fortunate in having his attractive wife, Marita, with him. They both come from Tammsaari in Southern Finland.

■ The Force Commander's new ADC Captain R.K. Ahonen is fortunate in not being a new comer to Cyprus. He has already served as the Finnish AMPIO and also as the Personal assistant to the Fincon Commander. He starts his new appointment with a useful knowledge of Unficyp activities on the Island.

Captain R.K. Ahonen was born in Helsinki, Finland on



Capt Ray Ahonen

1st November 1931. He did his National Military Service in 1952 - 53 and his Reserve Training in 1955.

From 1956 - 57 he served in the United Nations Emergency Force in Gaza (UNEF) as Company Adjutant. He was also given a special civilian task in January 1957 with the Suez Canal Clearance Group under the command of General Wheeler.

In 1958 - 64 he lived in Canada and the U.S.A. where he attended the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) and also postgraduated from the National Technical School in automotive and diesel engineering.

In 1964 he served in the Finnish Battalion in Cyprus for six months as Ops Officer and in January 1969 he returned to become AMPIO (Fincon) at Unficyp Headquarters. In May this year he was transferred to Fincon Headquarters where he was appointed adjutant to the Finnish Contingent Commander and, at the same time, Fincon Press Officer.



"The Army could only accept anyone in your condition if there were a war on".

100 page report follows UN Seminar in Nicosia



Pictured above are some of the delegates at the United Nations International Seminar on Human Rights, recently held in Nicosia.

UN SEMINAR . . .

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report covering their deliberations on "human rights in developing countries". It avoided reference to any specific world problem of any particular country.

Mr Triantafyllides, the Chairman, summed up by saying that the purpose of the seminar was "the exchange of ideas and experience, the challenge of one mind to another amongst a group of people deeply concerned with implementation of human rights".