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## SPEECH BY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL A.E. MARTOLA ON UN DAY

It is a great pleasure for me to see you mustered before me in your splendid, aligned military ranks, and I am sure all of you, soldiers of different nations composing the United Nations Force in Cyprus, feel happy to be gathered together at last. It is indeed the first time since the United Nations Force came into being in March 1964, that is, more than four and half years ago, that we have been able to hold a parade of this kind on United Nations Day. This has been made possible by the success of the Force in contributing to an end of fighting in the Island. Soldiers of the United Nations:

The Force is, as we all know, composed of military and police detachments from eight nations, and the collaboration between them is perfect. This good understanding among us, which enables us, despite our national differences, to co-ordinate our wills

and its friendly people and nobody could be more pleased than we members of UNFICYP to see peace firmly returned here.  
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**United  
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## UNFICYP COMMANDERS



Pictured above, on United Nations Day Parade, are the commanders of all UNFICYP Contingents. They are left to right: B. Gen E.M.D. Leslie DSO, CD. (Chief of Staff and Commander Canadian Contingent), Lt Col L. Effenberger, MD (Commander of Austrian Contingent and CO Austrian Field Hospital), Lt Col Jean. B. Riffou (CO 3rd Bn, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Regt, Cancon), Lt Col O.M. Achon, (Commander Danish Contingent and Co Dancon IX), Col A. Purhonen (Commander Finnish Contingent and CO YKSP'9), Lt Col D. O'Brien (Commander Irish Contingent and Co II Inf Group), Col L. Laven (Commander Swedish Contingent and CO 40 Swedish Bn), representing Col D.B. Riddell-Webster, OBE (Commander British Contingent) was Lt Col S.H. Clark (Chief Logistics Officer) and Chief Supt G. Davidson (Police Adviser).

## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE, 1968

We come to the observance of this United Nations Day, the twentythird anniversary of the establishment of the world Organization, in the sombre realization that the ideals and goals set out in the Charter are not being realized as we expected; nor have some of our fondest hopes and aspirations come to fruition.

Despite our determination "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war", we continue to live under the threat of a possible nuclear annihilation.

In Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and elsewhere, policies are pursued and courses of action set in motion which seem to go completely contrary to the Charter principle that we should "practice tolerance and live together with one another as good neighbours".

In this International Year for Human Rights, commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal declaration, millions of our fellow human beings still suffer from want, from discrimination and from the lack of opportunity to guide their own destinies.

Despite two decades of technological progress — years



B. Gen. Leslie reads U Thant's message to the parade.

which have seen the beginning of the conquest of space — there are vast areas of our planet where the war against poverty, ignorance and disease is still far from being won.

It is, therefore, hardly surprising that people may sometime question whether the aims and purposes of the United Nations can ever be realized, whether the machinery for international co-operation can ever be made fully effective.

My message to you this United Nations Day is simply this. The goals established by the founding fathers of the World Organization are as valid today as they were in 1945.

We must continue to strive "to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security". We must continue to "reaffirm our faith in fundamental human rights"

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into a vigorous and successful effort, is a wonderful and uplifting experience, which we will cherish in the future as a dear memory of our stay in Cyprus.

We are all conscious of the importance of our peace-keeping mission and proud of the confidence shown us by the United Nations and our Governments in sending us to fulfil it. I am happy in the knowledge that all members of the Force have conscientiously done and will continue to do their humanitarian duty here in the Island.

The situation in the Island has taken a turn for the better and we in the United Nations Force can feel very satisfied that we have, by our presence here, been able to help in the achievement of the present happy situation. The talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders are continuing and there is hope that a solution will be found.

During our stay here we have grown to like this beautiful island





General Martola inspicerer det danske æreskompagni. Til venstre ses major P. E. Hüffeldt, i midten den finske adjutant og yderst til højre premierløjtnant C.F. Richard.

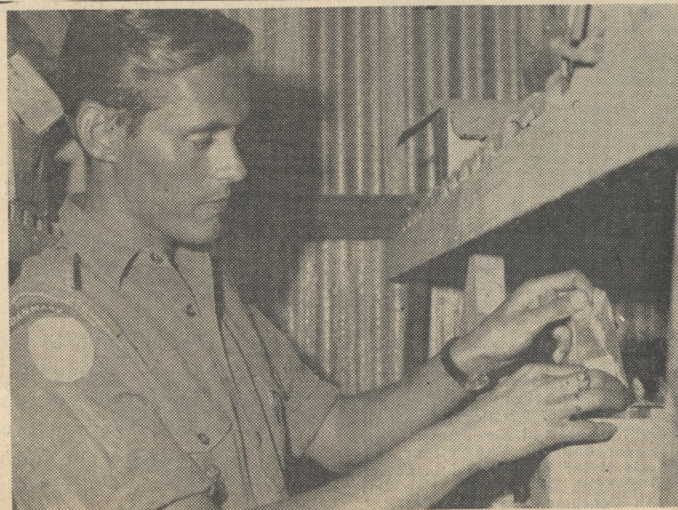
## FN-PARADE

I overværelse af general A.E. Martola markerede FN-styrkerne paa Cypern i torsdags FN-dagen med en parade paa HQ Unficyp.

Fra Dancon deltog et udvalgt mandskab under kommando af major P. E. Hüffeldt.

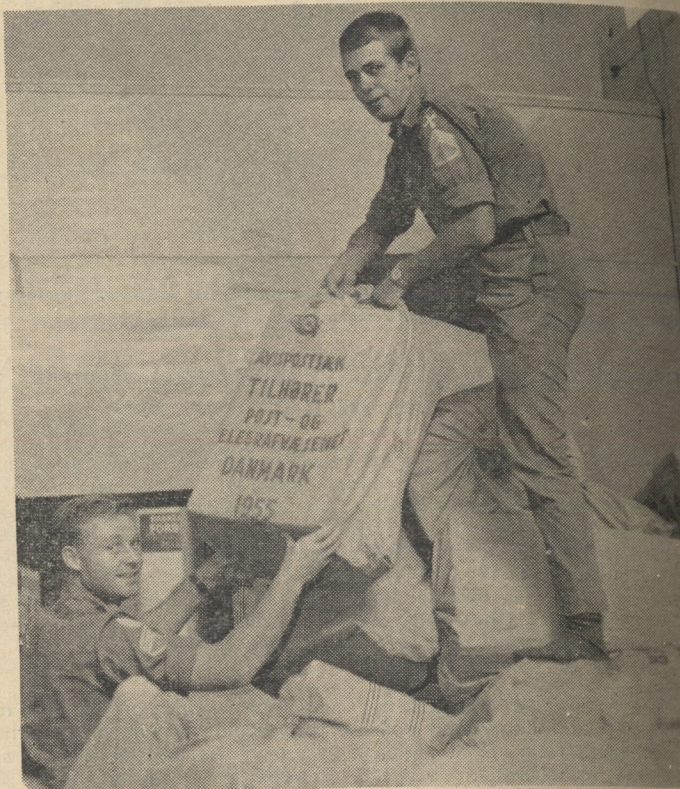
## NY PIO

Med Scacy'p'en i torsdags ankom den første Dancon X-mand, og det var - vi fristes til at sig - naturligvis - presse-officeren. Major K. Jepsen kommer fra Sønderjyske Artilleri-regiment i Varde og vil overtage jobbet som presse-officer ved Dancon og Ampio ved Unficyp den 6. november.



Konstabel F.H.E. Pedersen paa motorværkstedet.

## 900 KG BLEV TILBAGE



Postmesteren, sergent Erik Andersen, havde nogle travle dage, da Scacy'p'en kom og gik. Her faar han en hjælpende haand af sergent Vagner Hansen. - 188 postsække kom med flyet, mens 35 sække, svarende til ca 900 kg, blev tilbage til næste fly.



Det danske mandskab marcherer ind til paraden.

## FYLDTE AAR PAA FN-DAGEN

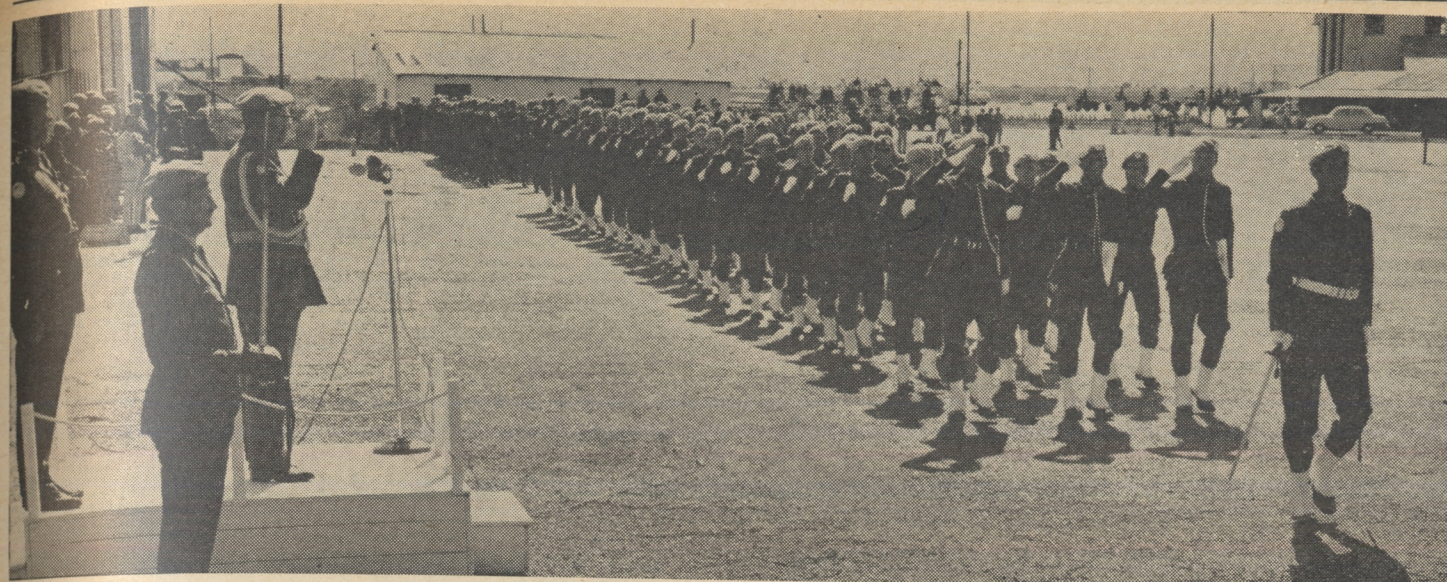
I sidste uge oplevede to soldater ved Dancon den sjældne begivenhed at fejre fødselsdag paa FN-dagen, mens de gjorde tjeneste under FN.

De to fødselarer fik ikke helt samme opmærksomhed som FN, hvis 23 aars dag den 24. oktober blev markeret med en storstilet parade paa Headquarters Unficyp, men vi synes de to Dancon-folk fortjener omtale.

Og de to er konstabel Flemming Pedersen paa motorværkstedet ved Nicosia Club. Han fyldte et aar mere end FN, nemlig 24, mens delingsfører for Støttedelingen i Alfa, premierløjtnant R.K.E. Petersen, blev 28 aar.



Premierløjtnant R.K.E. Petersen.



Höger se! Svenska cypernbataljonens paradavdelning saluterar Force Commander, gen. Martola, vid FN-jubileet i Nicosia.

## Fyra medaljer -- svenskt OS - facit

Ja, fyra medaljengar blev den svenska OS-skörden sommaren 1968 - två guld, en silver och en brons. Plus några poäng för femte- och sjätteplaceringar. Kanske hade vi lite till mans väntat oss en bättre utdelning, men vi får väl på något sätt vara nöjda den här gången, konstatera att den internationella konkurrensen är minst sagt OS-hård, beundra de svenskar som trots detta lyckades erövra medalj och för övrigt se fram mot nästa gång det gäller - i München 1972.

För en vecka sedan anade vi, att seglarbröderna Sundelin skulle knipa en förstaplats i 5.5:ornas segling. Mycket riktigt! Segern firades sedan med traditionell dopning och med personligt grattis från norske kronprinsen Harald.



Därigenom fick Sverige sin andra brödramedalj i den här olympiaden. Den första bestod av cykelbröderna Fäglums silver i lagtempo. Det skall tydligen vara bröder i år.

En av Fäglumarna, Gösta - äldst i brödraskaran, visade senare verkliga proffstakter genom att i hård kamp lägga beslag på bronsmedaljen i linjeloppet.

Den första guldmedaljen fick Sverige genom Björn Ferm i modern femkamp. I den tävlingen erövrade det svenska laget Ferm-Liljenwall-Jacobsson följande brons, en medalj som Olympiska kommittén sedan ville ta tillbaka, därför att en i det svenska laget druckit några klunkar öl för mycket före ett tävlingsmoment. Snöpligt, är Blue Berets enda kommentar.

Av simmarnas ambitioner blev det i stort sett ingenting, kanotisterna reser hem besvikna liksom brottare, boxare, friidrottare och andra. Luften på Mexikos höjder tog luften ur många, dock inte ur dem som vann.

München 1972 väntar!

## Här kommer de svenske...

### FN-DAGEN 1968

M/59, blå basker, vita vanter och damasker, kpist och svettpärlor under den blonda luggen, sextio man och åtta kp-bilar under befäl av mj Carl Magnus Hedenstierna - sabel i hand och svunna sektion 3-bekymmer i blick. Omgivna av säckpipor, ferret-vagnar, marschstamp, kiltar, allsköns kommandospråk, ordnar och medaljer från andra kontingenter i UNFICYP. De olika nationsflaggorna smattade i vinden ovanför gäster och honoratiorens på HQ-campen, Ky-

reniabergen gjorde tavlans fond, solen sken kostligt. Torsdagen den 24 oktober, Förenta Nationernas tjugotredje årsdag.

Det var faktiskt första gången, som UNFICYP högtidlighöll FN-dagen med en gemensam militärparad. På något sätt skulle vi väl "ta skadan igen" och gjorde det hela till ett ganska omfattande evenemang. Det vet nog de som övade och repeterade både en och två och flera gånger. Men så sken ju sedan alla gäster och åskå-

dare ikapp med solen, representanter för den cypriotiska administrationen, olika länders diplomater militärattachéer, "senior officers" från UNFICYP-högkvarteret och de olika FN-kontingenterna på ön, och så alla övriga intresserade - med eller utan kamera.

Force Commander, gen. Martola, inspekterade och talade, och stabschefen vid HQ, brigadgen. Leslie, läste U Thants hälsning, kontingentsavdelningarna paraderade och FN-helikoptrar svepte förbi, innan vi alla tyckte att det smakade ganska gott med en kall öl.

## SWEDCON NEWS

## SISTA FLIGHTEN TÖMD

When the saints go marching in ..... Åja, riktigt så hög stämning var det nu inte, när bataljon 41 C anlände i fyra rotationsfligheter till Cypern. Något himmelrike är det ju följande inte på den här medelhavssön, även om man började undra en smula, när man såg alla de änglavitade anleten, som dök fram ur Transairs Sunjet och lyste upp i flygplåtsmörkret i Nicosia. Nu är i alla fall ännu en svensk FN-bataljon på plats, nämligen på kompanicamp, OP:n och andra detachement runtom i Famagusta Zone på Cypern.

De som kom i förtruppen redan den 3 oktober - 41:ans veteraner, alltså - hade väl hunnit få några veckors cypersol om nosen, när den första huvudfligheten anlände den 18. Och i tisdags kom det sista rotationsplanet med bl a stf bataljonschefen, överstelöjtnant Allan Sjöberg.

På plats, alltså, för att bidra till lugn och ordning på en vacker medelhavssö som härjats av osämja och våld. Blue Beret hälsar 41:an välkommen till Cypern och önskar lycka till i ansvarsfulla uppgifter. Glöm nu inte bara bort, att vi på den fritid vi kan få befinner oss på en gammal kulturmåttad historisk ö. Det finns mycket både snyggt och intressant och kul att se och uppleva på Cypern. Som ett tips, i all korthet!

Bleka om nosen men sugna på ett intressant jobb i FN:s tjänst på Cypern. 41:orna debarkerar på Nicosia Airport.







Three Sioux helicopters of AAC Fit HQ drawn up outside their hangar.



Sgt Blackburn: "I reckon there's something missing!"  
Lt Turner: "She seemed to be handling lightly on the return journey. I wonder where it dropped off?"

## GENERAL MARTOLA . . .

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Our honoured guests:  
I am very pleased to see at our parade today so many distinguished friends, representing the people of Cyprus and the Diplomatic Corps. I welcome you and thank you for the support you have given us.

To all members of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, I wish to thank you for the co-operation and effort that you all have shown in the fulfilment of the United Nations peace-keeping mission in Cyprus. I now recommend that we make certain that we will do all we can, in what is left for us to do, in order to further the favourable conditions that now exist.

## U THANT

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and to promote the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

The alternatives to these goals are unthinkable. They are injustice, suffering and mass destruction.

Nor is the structure of our World Organization, although admittedly imperfect, incapable of performing the tasks assigned to it. Indeed the machinery for international co-operation is as yet largely untested and untried.

What is lacking at this critical hour in human history in our efforts to build the world envisaged by the Charter is the moral strength which will be required to overcome our short-sighted self interests, the moral strength needed to enable us to combine our efforts towards the common goal.

A renewed will to peace on peoples and Governments, a renewed dedication to the ideals of the Charter — these alone can enable us to face the coming months and years with hope and confidence.

Snapped! A Sioux helicopter in the fly-past on United Nations Day. The United Nations flag, which is under-slung, passes the static flag.

## UP, UP, AND AWAY

When time can mean the difference between life and death, when seconds are precious and your destination is far afield, then it's quite likely that you will contact Air 'Ops', where Flt Lt Peter Chadwick co-ordinates the helicopter plot, of the UN Flight AAC and 230 RAF.

With a flying time of up to two and a half hours and two twenty-four gallon fuel tanks, a return trip to anywhere on the Island is within the scope of the four Sioux in the Flight, commanded by Major David Craig.

To the uninitiated it seems rather strange that the rotation of the blades is capable of lifting such a heavy machine off the ground. The blades when they rotate must be able to lift the weight of the helicopter, some 2,950 lbs. For the technically minded, the six cylinder engine is a super-charged 'Lycoming'.

Communications are vitally important in the air, and the Sioux has three sets. One is for contact with the soldiers on the ground, a second with the Air Traffic Control Civilian and the third with ATC, Military. If that's not enough for a pilot to manage, consider what he has to co-ordinate. His right hand is on the Cyclic Stick which will change his attitude, thus altitude, and direction. His left hand is alongside his seat on the collective lever, which

will lift or lower the helicopter by altering blade pitch. Finally, feet are on the rudder pedals, and they act directly onto the tail rotor. Their operation is particularly important in the hover; if they were not operated the helicopter would spin round with the rotors, making the 'switch-back' at Battersea funfair look like a bath-chair!

To the pilots of the Flight, it is all automatic with their training and experience. Their attention is always about them, eyes on the control panel, and watching the skies, horizon and ground.

Night flying is only undertaken if the horizon and ground is in vision. The helicopter can certainly fly on basic navigational aids, but it is not too difficult to become dis-orientated in inclement weather, and flying in cloud is definitely 'out'. As

the regular regards to weather, hence the excellent record of the Flight, the occasional dissent of the hopeful pilot when there is a low base on his route, and "sorry, no dice".

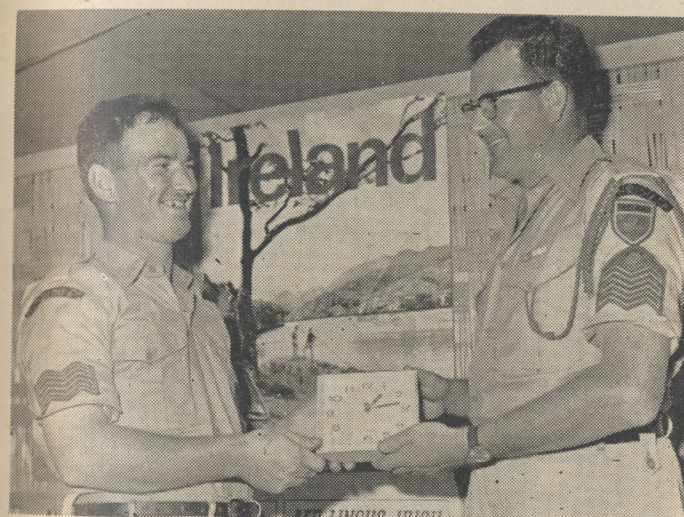
There is that if you are rather a navigator then take and duck aboard. Then when asked why, found it difficult to do. There is a belief that rats upside down then flying upside down, the heck is a duck on board?

BRICON  
NEWS



Whenever a helicopter leaves the pad and is welcomed by the crew to get it prepared and welcome it home. Cpl Tony Clegg, Dvr Richard Brown and Cpl John Latham.

## IRCON NEWS



Cpl "Buddy" Weston makes a presentation of a clock which was donated by his mother, Mrs Eileen Weston, Clonmel, Co. Hipperary, to the NCOs of "B" Coy 11 Inf Group. Receiving the gift on behalf of the NCOs Mess Limnitis, is Coy Sgt Eddie Carroll, the Mess President.



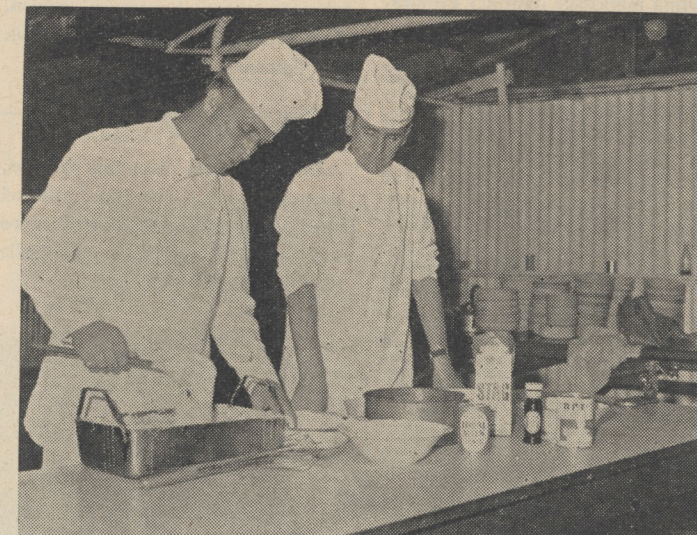
Newly promoted NCOs of 11 Inf Group on parade at Xeros. Picture includes Sgt J. Morrissey, J. Perry, J. Brannigan, T. Irwin, J. Hayes, and P. McCarthy, Cpls C. McManus, J. Courtney, M. Donoghue, J. Kelly, J. Comerford, J. Lambe, and M. Dawson.

## BLOOD DONORS

When a recent appeal for blood was received at Xeros from the CMC Hospital, Pendayia, members of HQ Coy. 11 Inf Group quickly answer the call. There has never been any dearth of volunteers for this very worthy cause when the occasional SOS for blood is received.

(Above): Picture shows blood donors Sgmn M1 Quinn (Sligo) and Pte John Hanway (Dublin) with Nurse Angela Coughlan and Turkish Boy Ertash Hassan. Nurse Coughlan is from Doneraile, Co. Cork, and is the only Irish Girl on the staff of the CMC Hospital. The little Turkish boy suffers from a rare blood disease and has received regular transfusions of Irish Blood over the past two years.

(Right): Sgmn M1 Quinn, who is shown here in the process of giving blood, has in fact donated blood on twelve previous occasions. A very praise worthy achievement indeed.



Making barm bracks for Halloween and thereby maintaining the good old Irish tradition is Cook Cpl Patrick Lynch under the critical eye of Cook Sgt P. McKenzie.

## Irish Officer dies at XEROS

Lieut. Ronnie Byrne, Assistant Quartermaster of the 11 Irish Infantry Group serving with UNFICYP, died on Monday morning at XEROS from natural causes.

Lieut. Byrne had been serving with Ircon in Cyprus since 20th September last.

His body will be flown back to Ireland for burial.







## MILITÄÄRIT

Kirjainlyhennös MP tarkoittaa kotimaassa Mikkelin Palloilijoita, kuten urheilukansan hyvin tietää. Täällä Kyproksessa samainen yhdistelmä merkitsee Military Policea, mikä on kokonaan toinen asia.

Tumman vihreä Land Rover, suurikokoinen mies, jolla on pistooli vyöllä ja valkoinen kypärä päässä, ovat yhdessä sellainen yhdistelmä, joka saa meidät nostamaan jalan kaasulta jarrulle, pistämään baretin suoraan ja oikaisemaan solmiota ynnä olemaan mahdollisimman viattoman näköinen. Jo pelkä MP:n läsnäolo liikenteessä ja eri tilaisuuksissa juhannusjuhlien liikenteen ohjauksesta tarkastuskäynteihin kabaretoissa vaikuttaa meihin kumman rauhoittavasti. Sotapoliisit ovat miehiä paikallaan, joiden läsnäolo rauhanturvaajien keskuudessa on vähintään yhtä välttämätöntä kuin rauhanturvaajien läsnäolo Kyproksen saarella.

Suomalaisia poliiseja on Wolselyleyn kansainvälisessä MP-keskuksessa yhteensä kaksitoista. Tämän aukeamamme kuvat antavat pienen aavistuksen siitä työstä, jota MP tekee.

## FINCON NEWS

Kuva on eräästä paikallisesta yökerhosta. Kahdelta syystä tai toisesta epäilyttävän näköiseltä rauhanturvaajalta kysytään iltalomatodistusta ja ID-korttia. Mukana olivat. Tarkastusta suorittamassa alik K Suoniemi (oik) yhdessä tanskalaisen virkaveljensä kanssa.

Yläkuvassa on joukko etulekossa kotiin lähteneitä rauhanturvaajia, joiden käsikassit tarkastetaan MP:n toimesta ennen koneeseen menoa. Tarkastusta suorittamassa alik Laukkanen.

Liikennepartio valmiina lähtöön, taustalla tärkein työväline, mikäpä muu kuin lantikka. Patrullivuoro on sattunut alik O Martikaiselle (vas) ja alik M Laukkaselle.



## UN DAY PARADE

Representing Canada on the United Nations Day Parade at UNFICYP were sixty members of B Company 3rd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment. The Royal 22e Regiment is a French Canadian Regiment and is normally stationed at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier in Quebec Canada.

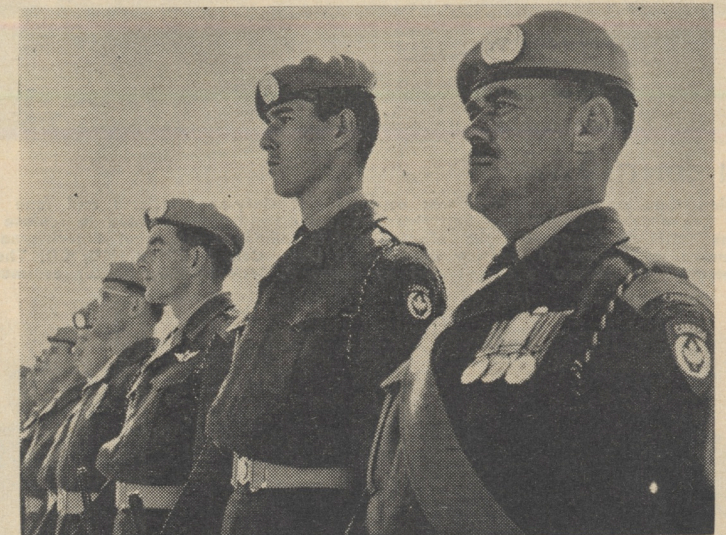
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## DON'T FENCE ME IN



On the northern slope of the Kyrenia Mountains overlooking the Mediterranean Sea is the Canadian OP Pacqui's Hill, and standing guard behind the barbed wire enclosure is Pte J.R. Godin of the Royal 22 Regiment.



## LEARNING THE JOB



Looking after the Battalion's interests in the warehouse in Camp Maple Leaf is Sgt Gaston Denis, looking over his shoulder is Sgt Pete Bes and Col Joe McNamara.

## Road Safety Corner

An important part of road safety is the correct use of a vehicle's lighting system.

A. Here are five good rules to follow at night.

1. Always drive well within the limit of your lights.
2. Use dipped headlights in built-up areas.
3. On unlighted roads always use your headlights. When meeting other vehicles and cyclists dip your headlights. If you are dazzled, slow down or stop.

4. When driving behind another vehicle dip your headlights.

5. If you break down or stop in an unlighted road, make sure your vehicle is clearly illuminated. If you cannot use your lights, inform the police so that they can take action to avoid an accident.

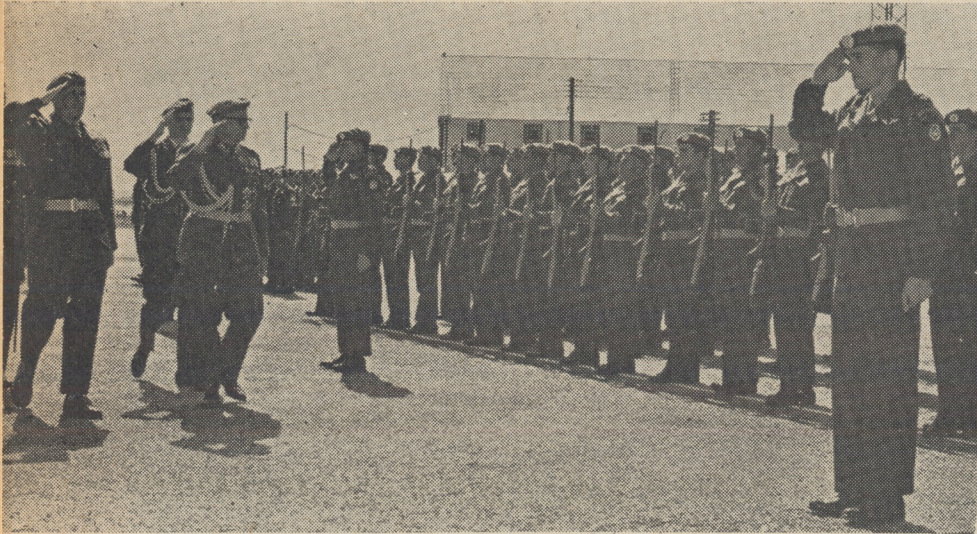
B. In daytime when ever visibility is poor switch on your lights to enable other road users to see you more easily. **USE YOUR VEHICLE'S LIGHTING SYSTEM CORRECTLY!**

## CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



# UN DAY PARADE



## CANADIAN CONTINGENT;

The Canadian Detachment on parade was composed of sixty-one Officers and men from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment. This Infantry Battalion has just arrived from Canada to replace the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and is composed mostly of French-speaking personnel. The Commanding Officer of the new Battalion is Lieut. Col. J. Riffou, MC, CD. The Detachment of his Battalion on parade is commanded by Major P. Senecal, CD, Officer commanding 'B' Company.



**BRITISH CONTINGENT:** Commanded by Major C.H.U. Foster, of three officers and fifty-seven NCO's and men, all from 42<sup>nd</sup> who normally provide HQ UNFICYP with their transport.

They are pictured here marching past the saluting dais.



The UNCIYPOL detachment consisted of Swedish, Danish and Australian police.



## FINNISH CONTINGENT

Under the command of Major P. Jarvio, Company Commander of the 2nd Company of FINCON. The Detachment consists of three Officers, four NCO's and fifty-two Other Ranks and the men are from different companies within FINCON. They are all serving as volunteers with UNFICYP. Pictured here is the contingent being inspected by Gen Martola.



Armoured Personnel Carriers of the Swedish Contingent together with Scoutcar's of the Irish Contingent, roll past the saluting dais.



Comdt. John Long "hands over" his Irish Detachment to General Martola during UN Day parade.