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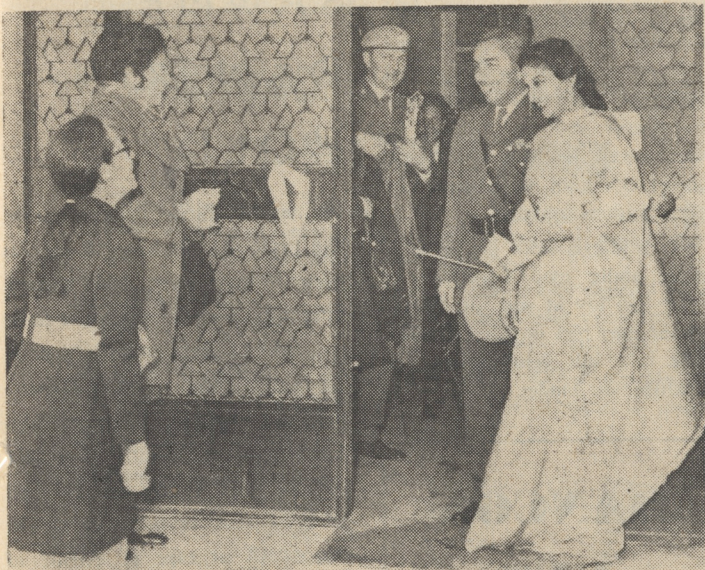
On Saturday, 21st March, the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, was married to Mrs Lota Sen, of Calcutta, by the Nicosia District Officer.

The ceremony was attended by U. Thant's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr B. F.

Osorio-Tafall, Chief of Staff Brigadier-General E.M.D. Leslie CD and the Principal Information Officer, Mr Jean Back.

A small reception was held later in the Ledra Palace attended by civil and military dignitaries.

● Our picture below shows Mrs M. Golaz, daughter of the Principal Information Officer Jean Back, Mrs Osorio-Tafall, the ADC, Captain B. B. Isaksen, the Force Commander and Mrs Prem Chand after the ceremony.



SHAMROCK FOR THE FORCE COMMANDER

The Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand, was presented with the traditional Shamrock by Lieutenant Colonel M.A. Shanahan on the occasion of Saint Patrick's Day 17th March.



Visit of HRH The Duke of Kent

Major H. R. H. The Duke of Kent visited Headquarters on Wednesday, 18th March 1970, during a reconnaissance visit to Cyprus.

His Royal Highness is Squa-

aron Leader of 'C' Squadron, The Royal Scots Greys.

They are due for a six month tour with the United Nations Force in Cyprus as Force Reserve in June 1970.

● Our photograph below shows Prince Edward (left) being met at the Headquarters by Colonel D.B. Ridell-Webster, Commander British Contingent. Major Cox centre is Squadron Leader of 'B' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys, currently the Force Reserve.



DANISH DEFENCE MINISTER VISITS HEADQUARTERS UNFICYP

Mr E. Ninn Hansen, Danish Minister of Defence, paid a short visit to Headquarters UNFICYP on Monday last.

He was welcomed by a Danish Guard of Honour and later on the Minister met the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand. The visit finished with a lunch at the Officer's Mess, Headquarters UNFICYP.

On Tuesday Mr Ninn Hansen

visited the Danish units in the Lefka District.

Our photograph below shows the Danish Minister of Defence inspecting the Guard of Honour provided by the Danish Contingent.



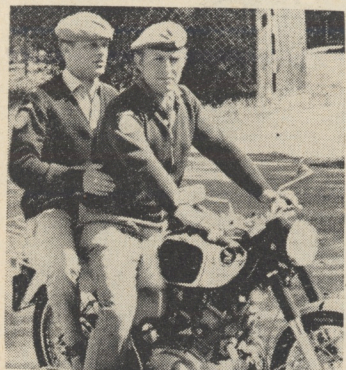
NOTICE

We apologize for the late publication of Blue Beret this week due to Greek and United Nations holidays.

It is also announced that next week's edition will again be late due to the Easter break and Turkish Rotation.

Sidste hånd på værket . . .

Efter en hektisk slutspurt, hvor det gjaldt om at få fyldt de sidste huller is toffet ud, kan redaktionen af Danconbogen endelig begynde at puste lidt ud. Stoffet er indsamlet, og afleveret til trykkeri. Tilbage står det meget tidsrøvende og ikke særlig spændende arbejde med korrekturlæsningen.



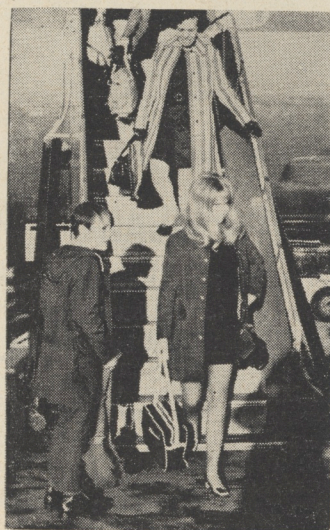
■ Lokalredaktionen for Charlie lægger sidste hånd på værket. Det MÅ blive en god bog efter alt det slid.



Miss Alfa kom

Under ledsagelse af sin mor, Fru MAJ. Sørensen betræder Miss Alfa her atter Cyperns jord, og gør dermed alle hendes utallige beundreres ængstelige bekymringer til skamme. Vilde rygter havde jo svirret om, at den skønne vilde skuffe alles forventninger ved at ubeblive fra påskebesøget hernede, men heldigvis: HUN kom, og dermed blev Alfas drømme opfyldt.

Nå, heldigvis kom der jo også mange andre med koneflyet, så vi har vist lov at sige, at ALLEs forhåbninger blev opfyldt. Der var i alle fald stor gensynsglæde, da maskinen var landet.



DANCON PÅ PLADS



■ OPeren i Gaziveran, KS S.E. Petersen, står som et tegn på, at nu er flytningen overstået, og Dancon i fuld gang med at gøre opgaverne i det nye distrikt til ny hverdag, som vi håber, vi må skille os ligeså godt fra, som dem vi forlod i Nicosia.

DANCON NYT



FAR OG SØN PÅ SAMME DANCON- HOLD

Det er vist første gang, Dancon kan prale med at have to generationer af samme familie til tjeneste samtidig. Men for tiden gør faderen, Erik Døcker Sørensen tjeneste som sec. in command ved Danciv-pol, samtidig med at sønnen Sven Erik er KS ved Charlie Coy Selv. følgelig ville F-præsten ikke stå tilbage, men skyndte sig at få Bagger til at tage et billede af sig og sønnen Holger, der pt også "gør tjeneste" hernede.

LÄKAR - ROTATION



Så har det varit läkarrotation igen på bat 43 C. Förra bataljonsläkaren kn Fredrik von Feilitzen reste hem med Scacypen i förra veckan och ersattes av mj Göran Lagerholm, Halmstad. Mj Lagerholm har några FN-bataljoner bakom sig, senast 40:an. Till slutet av april varar tjänstgöringen den här gången. Välkommen!

BATALJONS - MÄSTERSKAPEN I FÄLTSKJUTNING

Den gånga veckan har bjudit på åtskilliga sportevenemang, och om 2. komp avgick som segrare i patrullfälttävlingen, så förlorade de i stället i fotboll mot 3. komp i lördags. 0-1 blev siffrorna.

Den skadan togs dock igen i och med bat-mästerskapen i fältskjutning. Då visade 2. komp på nytt sina framfötter i och med att segern i lagtävlingen både med kpist och ak tillföll guldskarna.

Individuellt segrade STR-komp:s Ekwall med kpist (28 poäng) och 2. komp:s Bäckeryd med ak (17 poäng) STR-komp tog också hem bat-mästerskapet i fotboll.

Resultatlista kpistskjutning

Placering	Namn	Komp	Poäng
1	Ekwall	STR	28
2	Ståling	2	27
3	Pettersson	3	25
4	Stadig	2	25
5	Andersson	3	24
6	Schmitterblad	2	23
7	Flodin	2	23
8	Larsson	3	23
9	Åslund	STR	23
10	Scellin	STR	20

Resultatlista AK-skjutning

Placering	Namn	Komp	Poäng
1	Bäckeryd	2	17
2	Norman	3	16
3	Gustavsson	3	15
4	Hansson	2	14
5	Karlsson	3	13
6	Norberg	2	12
7	Marakatt	2	10
8	Ignell	2	10
9	Lestander	2	8
10	Larsson	2	8

Resultat lagtävling

Kpist		
1	2 komp	118 poäng
2	STR-komp	106
3	3 komp	100
AK		
1	2 komp	63 poäng
2	3 komp	50



SEGERHERRAR

I distriktsmästerskapet i patrullfälttävlan i förra veckan gjorde 2. kompaniet bäst ifrån sig. Dess ptr nr 2 och nr 9 hamnade på första resp tredje plats. Ptr nr 6 ur 3. komp. kom som god tvåa.

De glada här ovan är fr v fu Mattson, fu Isacsson, krp Arosson samt men Samuelsson och Engström. The Blue Beret gratulerar till segern.



SCACYP- RESENÄR

Mikael Gummerus t.v. heter en av hjärnorna bakom organiserandet av Scacypflygningarna där hemma. Han har arbetat med denna vår länk med moderlandet sedan mitten av förra året och har nu fått göra sin första Scacypresa.

Mikael Gummerus kom hit och reste hem med 149:an och kunde "on the spot" följa en hel sådan här expedition från början till slut.

MOT NYA HÖJDER...



I lördags invigningsmarscherade 3. komp sträckan till Stavros i bergen bortom Komi Kebir. Den är drygt fyra km lång och skall nu få ersätta den förr så traditionella Stavrovouni-marschen. I vimlet syntes batpastorn, Gunter Niemeier och så initiativtagaren till marschen, förstås, mj Torkel Olsson, här i bakgrunden.

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

ST PATRICK'S DAY TRADITION OF THE POMPADOURS

During the Napoleonic Wars in the early Nineteenth Century, a large number of Irishmen joined the Pompadoours.

To commemorate these and the many Irishmen who have subsequently served with the Regiment the custom of beating "Reveille" by the Band and Corps of Drums playing traditional Irish Airs on St Patrick's Day is a regimental tradition.

On the 17th March 1970 this tradition was observed again, this time in Polemidhia Camp. Our photograph right shows the Band and Corps of Drums marching through the lines.



PRESS VISIT THE POMPADOURS

On Tuesday 17th March Mr Ian Barron, of the "Aldershot News", arrived in Cyprus to visit 3rd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment. The Battalion was stationed in Aldershot before their arrival in Cyprus and will return there at the end of April.

During his stay Mr Barron toured Paphos and Limassol Districts and met soldiers of the Regiment both on and off duty.

Our picture below shows him being conducted around Ktima by Corporal Nat Adey, centre, and Lance Corporal Bill Blythe.



MT CORPORAL

Corporal Billy Wills 65 Squadron, The Royal Corps of Transport, is Details NCO of the Squadron and handles all the hire car requirements for UNFICYP.

This is Bill's second tour with the UN Forces in Cyprus. His wife and daughter are presently living at Wavertree in Liverpool.

BRITCON NEWS

Urgent Work Being Completed

'B' Squadron The Royal Scots Greys in order that they may move into their new locations within Camp Maple Leaf with the minimum delay "SELF HELP" has become the order of the day. Their new camp is to be named Glen-eagles.

Photograph right shows Corporal Brian Ferrier putting the finishing touches to a wire fence.

Photograph below shows left to right Trooper George Reid, Corporal Brian Ferrier and Trooper Tom Cunningham preparing to unravel a coil of wire to be used for the perimeter of the new camp.



PAY QUERIES ANSWERED

Sergeant Jeffrey Bennett, of the staff of Camp Headquarters UNFICYP answers one of the many queries that have cropped up since the announcement of the new pay scheme for the British Army.



ST PATRICK'S DAY

The Irish Contingent at present serving in Cyprus celebrated their National Festival in honour of St Patrick on Tuesday last 17th March.

The day began with open air Mass celebrated by Reverend Father C. Swan. Lieutenant Colonel M. Shanahan presented the Force Commander Major General D. Prem Chand with a sprig of Shamrock to mark the occasion.

Ircon Officers on Headquarters UNFICYP staff organised a special Irish Coffee morning for all members of the Headquarters Mess and their friends.

The afternoon was devoted to games and the hurling match between Headquarters Company Armoured Car Group and A and B Company was the highlight of the celebrations.

On St Patrick's night a most enjoyable function was held in the Ircon Officers Mess at Zyyi at which there were 267 guests.

St Patrick's Day celebrations in fact began in advance this year on the island for on Sunday 15th March Royal Air Force Akrotiri, held a most successful "Irish Day".

The Station Commander, Air Commodore Stacey, threw in the ball to start the hurling and Gaelic football games and the pipe bands of the Black Watch, Cancon, and 13th Infantry Group, Ircon combined to entertain the large number of spectators present.

A general view of the function held at Headquarters, Ircon, Zyyi on St Patrick's night.



DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Distinguished guests at Ircon's St Patrick's Day celebration at Zyyi. From left to right, The Reverend Father Mooney, OFM, Apostolic Delegate, Mrs Osorio Tafall and the Force Commander, Major General D. Prem Chand.

CYPRUS HOLIDAY

Commandant J.P. Coyle, Officer Commanding 'A' Company with his charming wife, Peg who was on holiday here in Cyprus recently.



Good Friends Of IRCON

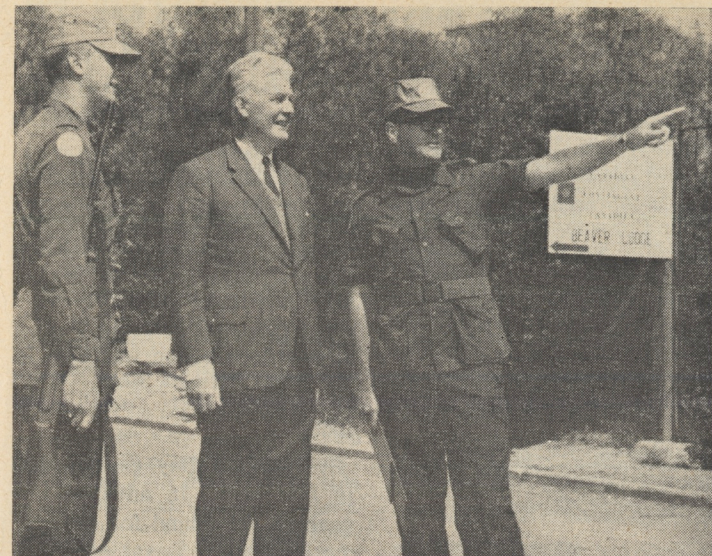
Professor and Mrs C. Moskos who were amongst the 267 guests present at the function held in Headquarters Officers Mess Zyyi on St Patrick's night.

IRCON NEWS



COMBINED BANDS

The combined Pipe bands of the Black Watch and 13th Infantry Group at Akrotiri on Sunday, March 15th.



Ambassador Visits Green Line

Green Line Visit by His Excellency, Thomas Carter, Canadian Ambassador to the United Arab Republic, Cairo. (Left to right) Private George E. Stewart, 2RHC; Mr Carter; and Major J.S. MacAulay, commander of "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. (Picture left).

Briefing At OP

Observation Post Visit by Major, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent, Commander of "C" Squadron, Royal Scots Greys. He is briefed by Private Rudolph Brideau, "A" Company, the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. The Duke of Kent, who has been associated with the Royal Scots Greys for the past 15 years, arrived at Camp Maple Leaf last week to visit "B" Squadron in preparation for rotation with the unit next June. It will be his first United Nations posting. (Picture right).



CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos



Promotion to Master Warrant Officer for Fred W. Shute, book supervisor for the Canadian Contingent. Master Warrant Officer Shute has been in

the Canadian Armed Forces for the past 23 years, the past four of which have been with the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch.

Love Those Oranges

Sergeant D.L. (Red) Kerr recently joined the Canadian

Contingent's dental staff. He enrolled in the Royal Canadian Artillery in 1954 and has been with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps for the past six years. (Picture right).



Advance Party of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, of London, Ontario, which is currently replacing the Black Watch as the Canadian Contingent of UNFICYP. Canada has sent its soldiers to Cyprus twice yearly since the first UN mandate here in 1964. First arrivals at Nicosia airport were Major P.A.E. Harrison, Deputy Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, RCR, (bottom); Major E.C. Quinn, Operations Officer; and Master Warrant Officer G. W. MacLeod (top).



Kuntomarsilla paahavassa ilmassa Kyproksen tasangolla 1.JK:n voittoisa joukkue.

Kanna kunto korkealla

Viime päivinä on ankarasti koeteltu miesten ruumiillista kuntoa. Ensin oli maastajuoksukilpailut, sitten kuntoratakilpailu ja nyt viime keskiviikkona kuntomarsikkilpailu. Tässä ilmanalassa nämä kilpailut läpikäyneillä uskoisi olevan hyvä tuntuma henkilökohtaisen ruumiillisen suorituskykynsä arvioimiseksi. Joukkuekohtaisista tuloksista voimme me muut päätellä, että 1.JK ja 3.JK ovat olleet hyvin

tasaväkisiä. Hienoksestaan 1.JK veti kuitenkin itsensä ensimmäiseksi katsottaessa kuntokomppania-kilpailua kokonaispisteiden perusteella.

Kuntomarsin tulokset		
1.	1.JK	1.07.22
2.	3.JK	1.10.44
3.	2.JK	1.16.47
4.	HK	1.20.15
5.	EK	1.25.57



TV 2:n kuvausryhmä (vas.) Heikki Kujala, Seppo Vihtonen, Juhani Heikkinen ja Antti Wälikangas.

Tampereen TV Kyproksella

Pataljoonan alueella ja muualakin Kyproksella sekä naapurimaissa Egyptissä ja Libanonissa on liikkunut viime aikoina pari televisiotoimittajaa, jotka ovat tiivistä osallistuneet YK-sotilaiden elämään aina paraateista karnevaaleihin. Kuntomarssi, helikopterikoulutus, saraseenikoulutus, kamelilla ratsastus Kairossa, moskeijat, St Hilarion linna, piispan tarkastukset ovat erittäin tapahtumia ja paikkoja, jotka tulevat esiintymään siinä ohjelmassa, johon tähän mennessä on kuvattu filmiä 1200 m eli noin 1 tunti. Kaiken kaikkiaan aikomuksena on kuvata noin nelinkertainen materiaalmäärä, josta myöhemmässä vaiheessa kootaan 30-40 min tele-

visio-ohjelma. Tämän toistaiseksi vielä epävirallisella työnimellä esiintyvän ohjelman teettäjänä on Oy Yleisradio Ab TV-ohjelma 2. Työryhmään kuuluvat tuottajina ja ohjaajina toimittajat Antti Wälikangas ja Seppo Vihtonen sekä hiljattain mukaan tulleet kuvaaja Juhani Heikkinen ja äänittäjä Heikki Kujala. Ryhmä viipyy Kyproksella 3.4. saakka.

Ohjelma ei tule sisältämään uutis- eikä ajankohtaisaineistoa vaan tavoitteena on tehdä viihteellinen reportaasi suomalaispataljoonan jokapäiväisestä elämästä. Ohjelma lähetetään television 2- verkossa joskus syys-lokakuussa.

FINCON NEWS



Kuntomarsin lepotauolla jäseniään vetäytyä jalkarit Rantanen ja Turunen



Kenttäpiispa Massa tervehtimässä esikuntakomppanian miehiä; vuorossa jääk Hienonen

PIISPAN VIERAILU

Kylmä ja tuulinen sää sattui valitsemaan Kyproksella kenttäpiispa Yrjö Massan vierailun alkajaisiksi. Kenttäpiispa saapui 17.3. Nikosiaan ja aloitti tiiviin vierailuohjelman pataljoonassa. Torstaina piispa vieraili vuorikompaniassa ja kävi monilla Kyrenia vartiopaikoilla tervehtimässä vartiopääkäreitä. Kotimaan kirkon tervehdyksen hän on tervetulleena vieraana tuonut joka komppaniaan. Kenttäpiispa jatkaa Israelin käyntinsä jälkeen vierailuaan pataljoonassa pääsiäisen pyhinä. Pitkänperjantaina hän pitää ehtoolliskirkon ja pääsiäisenä esitelmöi upseereille ja aliupseereille. UNFICYP in sotilaspiispan kokous järjestetään hänen vierailunsa merkeissä FINCONissa.

Kuon vaihteessa tapahtuvan Suezilla ja Egyptissä käyntinsä jälkeen piispa palaa jälleen Kyprokselle, josta hän lähtee takaisin Suomeen 3 p:nä huhtikuuta.



OMAISTENLENTO toi sunnuntaina saarelle joukon kauniinman sukupuolen sulottaria. Kyproksen sää ei tahtonut aluksi hy-

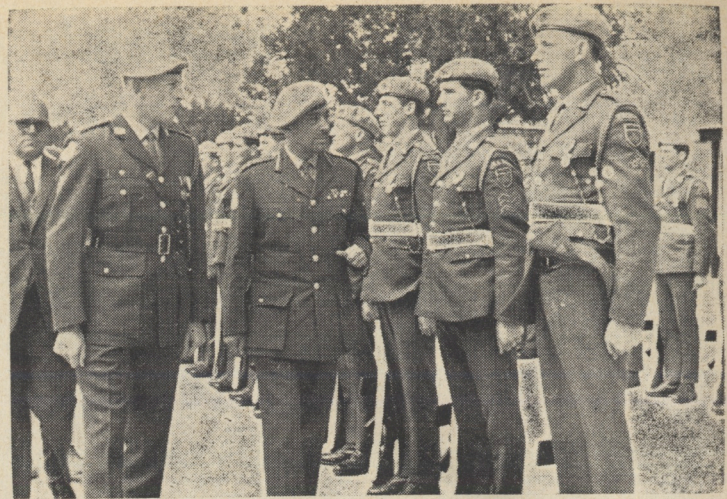
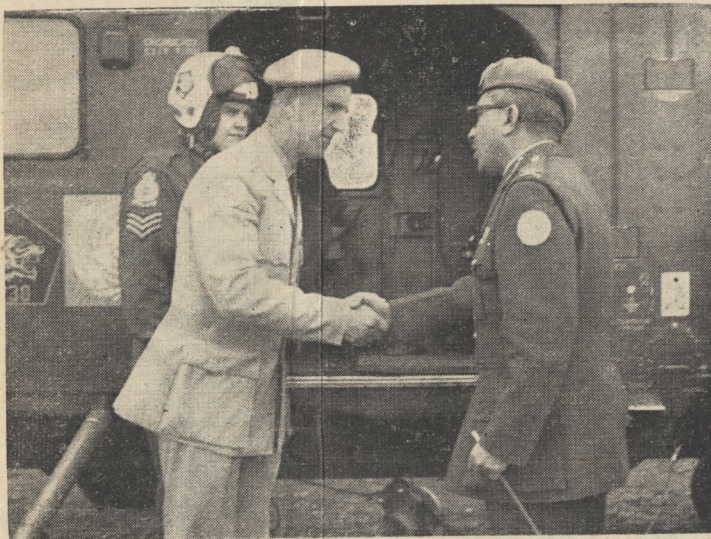
myillä tulijoille yhtä antaumuksellisesti kuin kuvassa yllä Talvia morsiamelleen vaan sääesteiden vuoksi kone lensi ensin Damaskokseen ja vasta seuraavana päivänä Nikosiaan.

FORCE COMMANDER VISITS CONTINGENTS

Recently, flying with the RAF, Major General Prem Chand, the Force Commander, Mr B.F. Osorio-Tafall, Special Representative and Mr Jean Back, Principal Information Officer paid a flying visit to the Swedish Contingent at Famagusta and the Irish Contingent at Zygi.

Our photograph right shows the Force Commander and Mr Osorio-Tafall inspecting the Guard of Honour accompanied by the Officer in charge Lieutenant Ken Kelly.

The photograph below shows Major Prem Chand saying goodbye to Colonel L.M. Laven the Swedish Contingent Commander.



BELGIUM CONTRIBUTES 2,500,000 B. FR. TO UNFICYP

In a recent letter the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General, U. Thant, that Belgium has contributed the sum of 2,500,000 Belgian Francs towards the cost of United Nations Force in Cyprus for the period 16 June to 15 December 1969.

MP NOTEBOOK

Accidents - Unficyp

Week ending 21 Mar 70. — 5

Same period last year. — 7

Total this year. —109

Same period last year. — 79

Main Cause of Accidents this week:

Collision at intersections.

HOW TO AVOID AN INTERSECTION COLLISION

Wherever you go, others cross your path, and you are in danger. One fourth of all traffic accidents happen at intersections.

Whenever you approach an intersection, take the following steps to avoid driving mistakes — yours, and those of other drivers:

1. Know your route and plan ahead,
2. Slow for intersections and expect the unexpected,
3. Show your intention by position and signals, and
4. Take care.

If two vehicles approach an intersection about the same time the one on the right has the right of way, but, do not risk your neck. Some drivers are careless and nobody wins a tie!



Our picture shows some guests surrounding the cold dish table. Left to right: Mrs Rye, Major Rye, Major Harry Brown, Lieutenant Jack Fiskel, Lieutenant Colonel Shanahan, Mrs Joplin, Major N. Joplin, Flight Lieutenant Les Rigby, Captain Jeff Doyle and Major Don Mockford.

DANISH NIGHT

Friday 20th March last saw a brilliant gathering at the Headquarters Officer's Mess Danish members of the Staff had organised a magnificent "Danish Night" for some 150 members and their guests.

A buffet supper was served

that brought cries of delight and astonishment at the variety and quality of traditional Danish food.

Danish wives and army cooks had prepared a lot of dishes each more tasty than the last.

Dancing went on to the early hours.

It was voted one of, if not the best, parties held at the Headquarters for a long time.