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SECURITY COUNCIL

UNFIGYP MANDATE EXTENDED A FURTHER SIX MONTHS

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MANDATE IN CYPRUS FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS, UNTIL JUNE 15, 1969.

A resolution passed by the Council hailed current efforts by the Greek and Turkish Cypriots to solve their problems by negotiations, and expressed the hope that at the end of the new term, the U.N. Force might be withdrawn or substantially reduced.

Secretary-General, U Thant, has already said the improved situation in the island has made it possible to cut the size of the Force by 25 per cent (or by some 900 men) in the past six months.

The resolution noted U Thant's report on the current talks in Nicosia, and urged the parties concerned to avail themselves "in a constructive manner of the present auspicious climate and opportunities." Today's resolution was the 18th on the Cyprus dispute since the Council established the Force in March 1964.

Following is the text of the resolution adopted unanimously by the Security Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, 10 December 1968:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General of 4 December 1968 (S/8914) that in the present circumstances the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus is still needed if peace is to be maintained in the island,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 15 December 1968,

Noting from the Observations in the report, the encouraging recent developments in the island.

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 186 (1964) of 4 March, 187 (1964) of 13 March, 192 (1964) of 20 June, 193 (1964) of 9 August, 194 (1964) of 25 September and 198 (1964) of 18 December 1964, 201 (1965) of 19 March, 206 (1965) of 15 June, 207 (1965) of 10 August and 219 (1965) of 17 December 1965, 220 (1966) of 16 March, 222 (1966) of 16 June and 231 (1966) of 15 December 1966, 238 (1967) of 19 June and 244 (1967) of 22 December 1967 and 247 (1968) of 18 March 1968 and 254 (1968) of 18 June, and the consensus expressed by the President at the 1143rd meeting on 11 August 1964 and at the 1383rd meeting on 24/25 November 1967;

2. Urges the parties concerned to act with the utmost restraint and to continue determined co-operative efforts to achieve the objectives of the Security Council by availing themselves in a constructive manner of the present auspicious climate and opportunities;

3. Extends once more the stationing in Cyprus of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force, established under Security Council resolution 186 (1964), for a further period ending 15 June 1969, in the expectation

that by then sufficient progress towards a final solution will make possible a withdrawal or substantial reduction of the Force.

Before the meeting adjourned, the Secretary-General made the following statement:

"The representatives of the United Kingdom and Canada have suggested in their statements that the Secretary-General submit an interim report to the Security Council three months from now, should the circumstances of the situation concerning Cyprus warrant such a step.

"I understand the motivation behind these suggestions, and I just want to assure members of the Security Council that I shall submit reports to the Council at any time that this may prove necessary or advisable as I have always done in the past."

UNITED KINGDOM & SWEDEN CONTRIBUTE TO UNFIGYP

The Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations, Lord Caradon, has informed the Secretary-General, U Thant, that the United Kingdom Government will contribute voluntarily towards the expenses of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus at the rate of £354,100 for the second three-month period of the present mandate, ending 15 December 1968.

The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, Sverker C. Astron, has also informed the Secretary-General that the Swedish Government has decided to make a contribution of 180,000 US dollars towards meeting the costs of the six-month period 27 June — 15 December, 1968.

A KISS FROM LUCIA ON A WINTER'S MORNING



Dressed in white, candles in her hair, a song on her lips and bringing a very welcome cup of morning coffee, many a sweet girl could be seen entering Swedcon's camps and OP's last Friday, 13th December, as "Santa Lucias".

Sweden has upheld for centuries this traditional theme of "a tender light in winter's cold and darkness", and so do the Swedish UN troops in Cyprus.

Miss Jean Rigby from Dhekelia, "Lucia" for Swedcon's Larnaca company, gives the best of a hearty greeting to Pte Bert-Owe Anderson on guard at the chilly and windy Artemis Road OP. — Swedcon's photographer Jan Erlandsson was close by.

SECURITY COUNCIL CHANGES

In accordance with the principle of alphabetical rotation, new chairmen have taken office in United Nations security bodies on 1 December.

SECURITY COUNCIL

Endalkachew Makonnen (Ethiopia) will succeed Otto R. Borch (Denmark) as Presi-

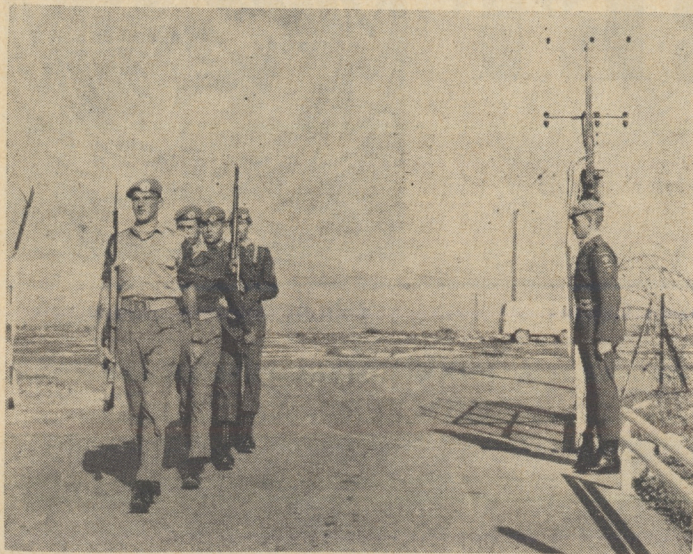
dent of the Security Council.

MILITARY

STAFF COMMITTEE

Colonel Mikhail Ivanovich Stolnik of the Soviet Army will replace Brigadier General Rene Joseph Pessey of the French Army as Chairman of the Military Staff committee.

DANCON PÅ VAGT VED HQ



Mandag d. 9 december overtog DANCON for første gang vagten ved HQ UNFICYP. Som den første vagt ses her KS J.S. Rørstrøm fra A-KMP.

MEDICAL CONVENTION



Tirsdag d.10 december afholdtes et "MEDICAL CONVENTION" ved DANCON, deltagerne var, stående fra venstre: LT. G. Moser, AFH, LT. N.C. Dorph, DANCON, Capt. S. Dion, CANCON, Capt. J.G. Pelletier, CANCON, LT. N.K. Larsen, DANCON, LT. G. Stiegler, AFH, Comdt. H.P.J. O'Shea, IRCON, Major S.S. Joss, Cancon, Capt. A. Gullander, SWEDCON, Capt. W. Koch-Langentreu, AFH, og siddende fra venstre: LT. Col. W. Umfaher, AFH, LT.Col. D. von-Flittner, Col. T.A. Pase, HQ UNFICYP og LT. J.M. Nielsen, DANCON.

DRIVER'S CORNER

Terrændæk og glatte veje.

Loven foreskriver 1 mm dækmønster. Baggrunden for dette er, at man vil sikre sig mod udskridninger i vådt og fedtet føre. Et dæk har mønster i slidbanen for, at det kan dræne vand og mudder væk under kørselen og derved nå ned og rulle på den faste grund. Ønsker man ekstra gode regnvejrsegenskaber fremstilles slidbanen af specialgummi, der til gengæld ikke giver den bedste friktion i tørt føre.

Ser vi på militære krav til dæk, som de, der sidder på terrængående køretøjer, stilles der igen helt andre krav. Her er man interesseret i stor robusthed over for sten og skarpe kanter, samt om muligt tandhjulsvirkning på blød undergrund. Dette kan kun opnås med hårdt gummi og groft dækmønster som ikke dræner hensigtsmæssigt.

De dæk som sidder på vore terrængående køretøjer er derfor kompromisser mellem flere forskellige krav, men med megen vægt på terrængenskaber.

Som motorfører må man derfor være klar over, at med den berømte ene millimeter mønster tilbage eller selv med nye dæk, kan man komme ud for at køre "oven på vandet" eller komme i udskridning på fedtet vej under omstændigheder, hvor man med "civile" dæk intet ville mærke. Mange steder på Cypern er brugt en asfaltbelægning, der bliver glat i regnvej; især på disse steder vil køretøjer med terrændæk let kunne komme i udskridning. En god måde at lade sig advare mod dette på, er at have sin opmærksomhed henvendt på styringen, idet denne altid vil føles løs, hvor underlaget er glat.

DANCON FODBOLDHOLD



Det fodboldhold, som skal repræsentere DANCON i fodboldturneringer mellem kontingenterne er, stående fra venstre: SG H.T. Thygesen, STKMP, SG H.J. Åbling A-KMP, SG K. Andreasen, A-KMP, KS P.K. Sørensen, STKMP, KS E. Hansen, C-KMP, KS L. Nielsen, STKMP, og siddende fra venstre: KS P. Christiansen, STKMP, KS P.A.S. Thomsen, A-KMP, KS N. Jensen, C-KMP, KS J.A. Seiger, A-KMP og SG V. Jacobsen, C-KMP.

UDBEDRING AF IRISH BRIGDE



Irish Bridge ved Souvenirkantinen gøres her klar af A-kompagniet, således at den kan tage vinterens vandmasser. På billedet ses fra venstre: KS A.M. Rasmussen, KS J. Vejgaard, KS H.P. Hansen, KS H.C. Iversen, KS J.P.C. Christensen, KS M. Nielsen, KS H.L. Jessen og KS K.J. Olsen.

MORTER UDDANNELSE



A-kompagniets støttedeling har startet specialuddannelse, på billedet ses en motergruppe som fra venstre består af: KS H. Rasmussen, KS K. Pedersen, KS I. Jensen og KS C.E. Hansen.

DANCON NYT

LUSSEFIRANDE
— med skönheter i vitt och "Farbror Sven"

■ "Farbror Sven" Jerring, alltid lika välkommen bland FN-svenskar, gästade bat med radioinspelningar för Sv. Radios jul- och nyårsprogram och passade på att smycka 3.komp lucia Jean Rigby. Kn Tore Hall bistår.

■ STR-lucian hette Mary Murray och sjöng med stabskören för bl a fv:a Bror Gustafsson och Bengt Persson.

■ Chatos-posten Sven Jönsson uppvaktades av "lucian" fu Lennart Jonsson och "tärnan" serg Ulf Yxhammar. Vackert!!!

SWEDCON NEWS

Swedish Forces Photos

Fotboll-
seger

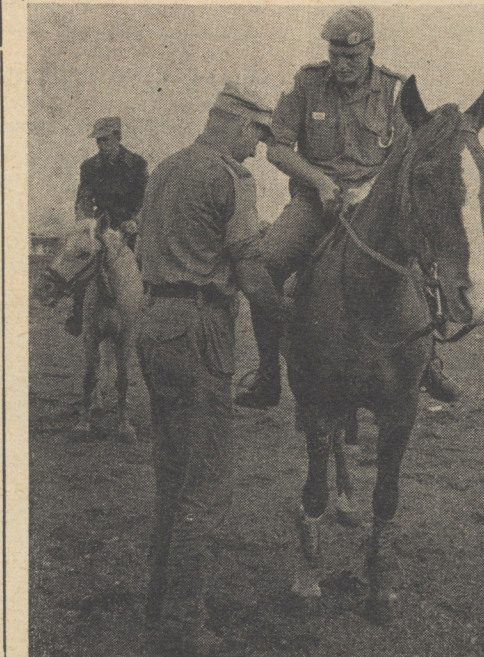
■ Balans eller överbalans? STR-kompanisten Kent Eriksson braverar i batlagets match mot Ircon i Famagusta Old City. Swedcon vann med 3-0, Kent svarade för två. Applåder!

■ Trötta men stolta och glada! Segrande batlaget omgivet av Lt Mats Kristoffersson (t.v.) och kn Thure Andersson.



SWEDCON SADDLE CLUB

Oppsittning! Mj Torkel Olsson instruerar i bat nystartade ridkurs. I sadeln: MP-rustn Ingemar Wiltén.



Hej, pappa!

"Välkomna, kära ni" sa batass mj Roy Alnebeck, när första anhörighetsfligten kom med fru Lillemor och sönerna Krister och Magnus.

Vad vet Du
om UNFICYP?

Känner Du t.ex. till.....

att UNFICYP upprättades våren 1964, sedan lokala strider blossat upp,

att FN-styrkans uppdrag var och alltjämt är "att förebygga att strider på nytt blossar upp, att bidra till att lag och ordning återinföres och att samverka till att normala förhållanden upprättas igen",

att UNFICYP haft framgång såtillvida som att FN-styrkan underhand kunnat reduceras till nu ca 3.700 man, varav 175 civilpoliser,

att UNFICYP-kontingenterna är åtta: (i storleksordning) Storbritannien, Kanada, Danmark, Finland, Sverige, Irland, Österrike och Australien,

att befälhavaren för hela UNFICYP är finske gen.lt. A.E. Martola,

att den nationellt blandade staben vid högkvarteret i Nicosia leds av kanadensiske brigadgen. Edward Leslie,

att det vid UNFICYP HQ också finns ett civilt sekretariat,

att gen. sekr. U Thant har en speciell representant på Cypern, mexikanaren dr Bibiano Osorio-Tafall?

FIRING THE 84's

3rd ROYAL TANK REGIMENT ARRIVES AT ZYI



With the object of testing weapons, ammunition and gun teams the support platoon of 'B' Company visited Pyla Range, Dhekelia, recently and had a very successful days shooting. Our camera man was there too and got some interesting photographs.

Sgt Paddy Watters, No 3 Garr Ordnance Coy, Collins Bks, Cork, checks the gun thoroughly prior to firing watched closely by the two members of the gun team, Ptes Michael O'Dea and Gerard Thompson both of 12 Inf Battalion, Limerick.



The Group Ordnance Officer, Comdt E. Walshe (Right) assisted by Sgt John Morrissey examines the ammunition for possible defects which may cause "prematures" or "blinds".

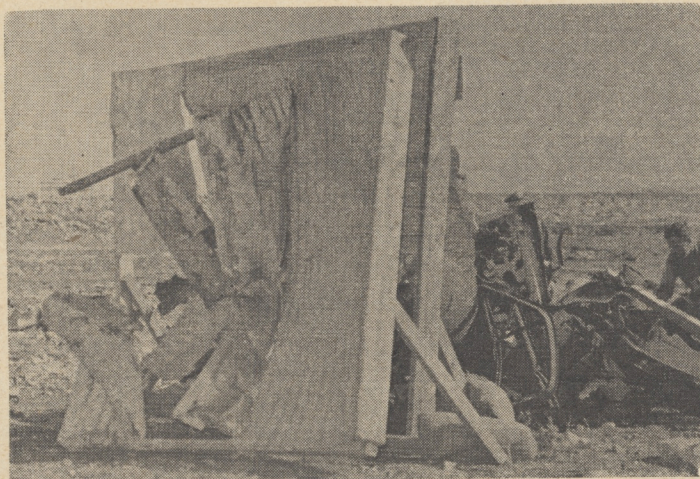


Trooper Taffy Davies now known as the Birdman of Zyyi, since he found a couple of them in his store.



Passion Flowers, outside the officers mess only — so far. The Squadron commander receiving botanical instruction from Lieutenant John Longman.

Good Shooting!! That the standard of shooting was high is evident from the battered state of the targets.



(Airportable) Squadron of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment has now taken over from 4/7 Royal Dragon Guards at Zyyi. The 130 men of the Squadron, commanded by Major Nicholas Hamilton-Fletcher, are now busily getting to know their way round Cyprus and meeting units of the other contingents.

The 3rd Tanks are a widely spread and widely travelled regiment. Apart from the Squadron at Zyyi, A Squadron is doing a nine month tour in Sharja and the remainder of the Regiment are at Tidworth. The Squadron left Germany eleven months ago to settle with their families at Tidworth and since then have done two months desert training in Libya. On completion of their tour in Cyprus they hope to take part in an exercise in Southern France, culminating in a march to Antwerp celebrating their entry into the City twenty five years ago.

The Squadron has been specially trained in the airportable role and is equipped with Ferret Scout Cars, whereas the rest of the Regiment has Saladins. Airportability extends into the off duty activities as well, for they are keen exponents of the art of Parachute Ascending. The sport consists of a man wearing a parachute, and hanging onto a line towed behind a landrover; in due course the parachute rises to about 800 feet, he then carries out an ordinary parachute descent. Coming down to more usual sports, nearly all the Regimental football team is in the Squadron so they hope to sort out their larger neighbours in the near future.

The Squadron's task is to act as Force reserve for the whole of Cyprus and to support any contingent anywhere at any time. As one member of the Squadron put it "It's great to be here and to have a real job at last".

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S VISIT TO OP



The Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Colonel Riddell-Webster OBE, visited some of the OPs in the Lefka district during the week. Studying the surrounding countryside from OP 2 are (L to R) Cpl Murphy, Comdt J. Long, Lt Col D. O'Broin, and Col Riddell-Webster.

BRITCON NEWS

OUR ORDNANCE DETACHMENT

IN the remotest corner of the HQ UNFICYP Camp can be found the Ordnance Detachment RAOC. There are only sixteen of them but the small unit plays a vital part in keeping UNFICYP going. In general the British Contingent has its own supply system but the Ordnance detachment supplies almost everything to almost everyone else.

They deliver 8,000 gallons of petrol a week, they give brown bread to FINCON and SWEDCON, they give white bread rolls to CANCON, they give blue berets to BRITCON. The smallest item they keep in stock is a button and the largest a tent, but they can get almost anything else.

If something wants cleaning they stock a ton of soap, half a ton of washing soda and four hundredweight of floor polish. And when UN owned material can't be used any more by us they make arrangements for it to be sold to someone who can.



Sergeant Cowley and Trooper Snell pause by the Squadron office before going out to find their way around Cyprus.

SIGNAL CONVENTION

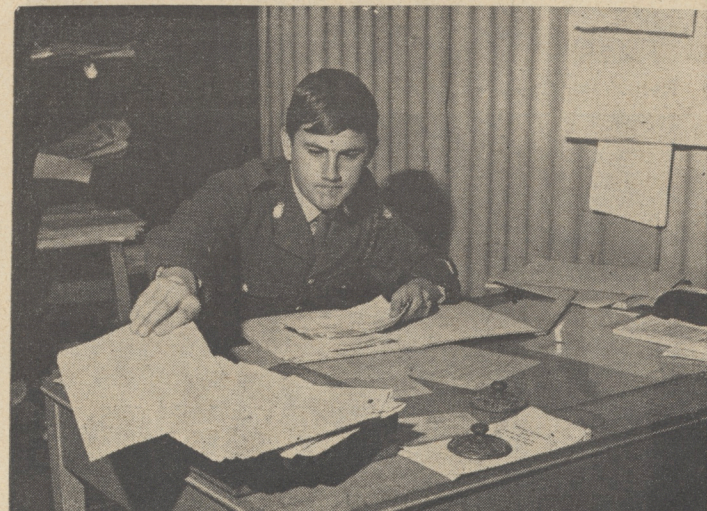
Signal NCOs from various contingents in UNFICYP who attended the recent convention at Xeros.



The round explodes with a resounding boom sending a cloud of debris and smoke into the air.



"That one's for Lot 4" says Staff Sergeant Bob Handridge to Lance Corporal Pete Furgusen preparing for a sale of old bicycles.



Where there's stores there's bumbf, Private Toney. Murray, the POL clerk, looks as though he could do with a bit less of it. Did you notice all the 'bumbf' is in his 'OUT' tray?

IRCON NEWS

CANADIAN SHOW SPARKS CONTINGENTS

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporations' show for the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus arrived on the Island last Monday and was kept very busy throughout their stay. Frantic last minute rehearsals, rigging indoor and outdoor theatres for proper sound and lighting kept everyone hopping. Five performances plus a visit to the sick childrens hospital in Kyrenia did not allow the cast too much free time.



Arrival at Nicosia. Led by Danielle Jourdain the cast leave the Canadian Armed Forces aircraft.



Gifts. The cast and troops from the Observation Company present Christmas stockings to the children at the Kyrenia hospital.



Rehearsal. Sgt Jean Lauzier is the lucky jeep driver.



Welcome. Cheered on by the troops of the Observation Company at Tjikolos, the girls run to their dressing rooms.

CANCON NEWS

Canadian Forces Photos

Staging. The pioneers of 3 R22eR erect the staging in the Nicosia theatre.



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Viimeiset metrit jäljellä, "kalkkiviivat" lähestyvät. 3JK:n voittajajoukkue saapumassa maaliin takanaan 12.5 km kuraista tietä.

MARSSIA JA KUNTORATAA

Pataljoonan kuntokomppaniaa etsittiin - monenmukana kerran - menneellä viikolla, tarkemmin sanottuna etsiminen aloitettiin jo tiistaina 3.12. ja lopetettiin viikkoa myöhemmin eli 10.12. Kuntokomppania löytyikin, ja se oli tavan mukaan ykkönen - monenmukana kerran. Olosuhteet eivät olleet parhaat mahdolliset kumpanakaan kilpailupäivänä pilvisen sään ja ajoittaisen sateen vuoksi.

Kolmantena päivänä joulukuuta ratkottiin paremmuus marssimisessa välillä 3JK-310-3JK. Kyseinen komppania osoittautui kotitahuvillaan tällä kertaa parhaimmaksi ja vei osan kunniaa itselleen. 1JK ei kuitenkaan antanut yllättää itseään viikkoa myöhemmin kuntoradalla, vaan voitti toiseksi tulleen 3JK:n yli kahdella minuutilla. Kuntoratakilpailu siis ratkaisi voiton niukasti 1JK:lle. Henkilökohtaisen kilpailun voittajaksi kuntoradalla selviytyi jääk Airaksinen esikuntakomppaniasta.

Kuntomarssin tulokset:

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|------------------|---------|
| 1. 3JK loppuaika | 1.13.57 |
| 2. 1JK | 1.17.58 |
| 3. 2JK | 1.22.43 |
| 4. EK | 1.30.14 |
| 5. HK | 1.32.25 |

Joukkuekilpailu kuntoradalla:

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|------------------|---------|
| 1. 1JK loppuaika | 1.23.27 |
| 2. 3JK | 1.25.40 |
| 3. 2JK | 1.27.04 |
| 4. HK | 1.44.34 |
| 5. EK | 1.49.24 |

Kuusi parasta kuntoradalla:

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|----------------------|-----|------|
| 1. jääk Airaksinen | EK | 3.16 |
| 2. ylik Ahomäki | 1JK | 3.18 |
| 3. jääk Kallio-Könnö | 2JK | 3.24 |
| 4. kers Juntunen | 1JK | 3.35 |
| 5. jääk Lappalainen | 3JK | 3.38 |
| 6. jääk Kirssi | EK | 3.39 |

Yhteistulokset:

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|----------------|---|
| 1. 1JK pisteet | 3 |
| 2. 3JK | 3 |
| 3. 2JK | 6 |
| 4. HK | 9 |
| 5. EK | 9 |

Onnittelemme voittajia!



FINCON NEWS



Aution talon ikkunasta sisään ja katon kautta köydelle....



....alas, esteitä, puomi ja "miinakenttä"....



....jonka jälkeen onkin tämän esteen vuoro....



ja taas katolle ja alas, esteitä, potiron kaivaminen ja maaliin.

HQ UNFICYP CHRISTMAS CABARET



A Galaxy of Talent was revealed in the Workshops hanger on last Thursday night. Out of the many excellent acts and bars entered in the competitions we only have space to reveal a few.

RIGHT

Sgt Joe Crimes the Singing Cook.

LEFT

Winner of the Talent Contest L/Cpl Mick Russell as a Chelsea Pensioner.



The Best Bar provided by the REME Workshops.

TABLE TENNIS:

AUSTRIAN CIVILIAN POLICE — 42nd Sqn.
9:2 was the result of the first game played at Wolseley Barracks in November. Landauer 3, Moser 3, Wallaschek 3 and Koegler for the Austrian Civilian Police, Capt Tughes and Robson for R.C.T.

On the 7th of December 1968 the Austrian Civilian Police Team were guests at the RCT's HQ. After some interesting and hard games the Austrian Team won 7:2.

SINGLES:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Landauer (Aust) — Turnbull | 21: 7, 21:13 |
| Wallaschek — Aldcroft | 21: 0, 21:12 |
| Moser — Robson | 21:14, 16:21, 12:21 |
| Gerzabek — Capt Hughes | 21: 8, 21: 8 |
| Eder — Hunter | 21:17, 8:21, 11:21 |
| Koegler — Capt Lees | 21: 5, 21:10 |

DOUBLES:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Laudauer/Wallaschek — Turnbull/Cooper | 21:16, 21:3 |
| Moser/Gerzabek — Hughes/Robson | 21:10, 16:21, 22:20 |
| Eder/Koegler — Lees/Hunter | 21:16, 21:16. |

**PROGRAMME CHANGES
CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

As from 29 December 1968 times of transmission of English programmes from CBC on 498 metres Kilocycles will be as follows:-

- 0800 — 0900 hrs
(News at 0830 hrs)
- 1330 — 1430 hrs
(News 1400 — 1500 hrs on Wednesdays and Sundays)
- 1930 — 2100 hrs
(News at 1945 hrs)
- Special Programmes for UN Forces will be broadcast as follows:-
- Monday 1330 — 1400 hrs
News from CANADA and records.
- Tuesday 2000 — 2030 hrs
SWEDISH radio production
- Wednesday 1415 — 1445 hrs
Radio EIREAN production
- Thursday 2000 — 2030 hrs
Radio HELSINKI production
- Friday 2000 — 2030 hrs
UN REQUEST TIME — local request programme for all contingents.
- Saturday 2000 — 2030 hrs
DANISH Local requests
- Sunday 1330 — 1400 hrs
SCANDINAVIAN local productions from each of the Scandinavian Contingents in turn

UN SOLIDERS PLAY CYPRUS NATIONAL TEAM



A combined team consisting of members of the Austrian and Swedish police contingents and the Austrian Field Hospital, was beaten 7-0 by the Cyprus National team on 5 December. For practice purposes the Cyprus Goalkeeper was playing on the UN side.

The Game took place in the Nicosia Stadium and 300 spectators including the Austrian and German Ambassadors were present.

There was no score until the 15th minute but then the goals came fast. Unfortunately the excellent game had to be called off in the second half due to heavy rain.

The UN Team consisted of:-
Filotas (Cyprus) Edlinger (AuPol), Pumm (AFH), Herbertson (SwedPol), Newmann (AFH), Joansson (SwedPol), Bear (AFH), Wiedrich (AuPol), Iggstroem (SwedPol), Hirschboeck (AuPol), Mayer (AuPol), Andersson (Swed-Pol).

RESERVE PLAYERS (SECOND HALF)
Eder, Webernigg, Koegler (AuPol), Dr. Funovic, Soehn (AFH), Wrxler (SwedPol).

Road Safety Corner

DO YOU DRIVE IN CYPRUS?

If so, you know what it is like to meet another vehicle coming toward you on a narrow road.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

What you should do is to pull over to your side of the road. This probably means that you have two tyres running on a hard shoulder rather than on the tarmac.

Have you ever thought about the effect on your tyres?

If not, think now.

The tread may get cut by a sharp stone. More likely, the side wall of the tyre will be damaged.

This damage may not be easily seen.

Check your tyres regularly and carefully, pressure AND condition.

A blow out can be nasty at high speed.

Think about it.