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FINCON MEDAL PARADE



The medal parade of the Finnish Contingent took place on 14 April, 1968 in Kykko Camp. The simple but solemn occasion was favoured by sunny weather. At 1400 hours Lt Gen A.E. Martola, accompanied by the Contingent Commander Col J.A. Tyrhama, inspected the parade and after a short speech presented medals to the 150 officers and men present. Pictured are Lt Gen Martola and Col Jyrhama inspecting the parade.

Council Backs Mauritius UN Admission

THE UN Security Council last week unanimously approved the application of Mauritius to become the 124th Member of the United Nations. The request now goes to the UN General Assembly scheduled to meet in New York later this month.

The small island — some 700 square miles with a population of three quarters of a million — is situated in the Indian Ocean about 500 miles east of Madagascar.

Prior to her recent accession to independence, she was a British Crown Colony.

Green Jackets Win Walkabout Team Trophy

Last Saturday, the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets' successful Walkabout team was presented with its awards by the GOC NEARELF, Maj-Gen D.L. Lloyd-Owen. Awards were also presented to teams from 4/7 DG and UNFICYP Workshops, REME.

The picture shows (left to right) Lance-Corporal John (Paddy) Sands, Rifleman Colin Gray and Captain Tim Taylor, all from 1 RGJ.

After returning to UK, Captain Taylor will assemble in June with a party of six others to spend two months climbing peaks above the Kristian Glacier in the Ice-lands north of the Arctic Circle. The expedition is to carry out a survey to correct existing maps as well as a scientific programme including medical research, geology and glaciology. The going is expected to be tough over difficult glacial territory, ice falls and heavily crevassed areas. They hope to attempt a new route to conquer Mount Forel, about 12,000 feet, the second highest mountain in Greenland.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

U Thant Urges Special Effort To End Racial Discrimination

UN Secretary-General, U Thant, this week called for a special effort to end colonialism and racial discrimination and to secure all fundamental freedoms proclaimed by the United Nations during the present generation.

U Thant spoke in Teheran at Monday's opening of the first world-wide conference on human rights held by the United Nations. The 80-nation gathering highlights the observance of 1968 as International Year for Human Rights, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the UN General Assembly's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Secretary-General spoke of the impact of the Declaration on national constitutions, on legislation and, in some instances, on court decisions. He also pointed to the further elaboration of world-wide standards and legal rules through the subsequent adoption of various declarations, covenants and conventions dealing with human rights.

On the other hand, U Thant said, "it is clear that, in spite of the greater awareness and demand for the respect of the individual, serious violations of human rights, including the resort to violence and terror, continue to occur in a number of places..."

"Practices of discrimination prevail in many territories," the Secretary-General added, "and, in large parts of the world, economic imbalances prevent in fact the enjoyment of economic and social rights."

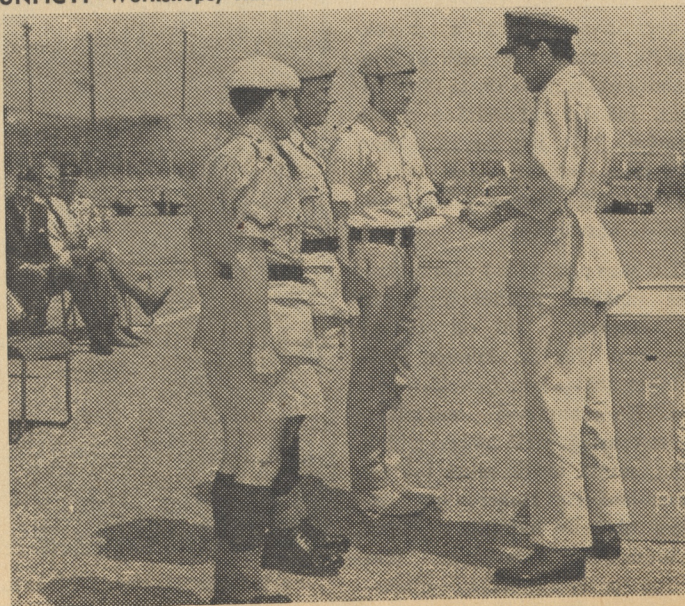
Emphasizing the links between peace and freedom and justice, U Thant expressed alarm at the persistence — even the increase — of violence and brutality in today's world, and he called for urgent efforts to turn science and technology from the destruction to the enhancement of life.

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THE 15-nation UN Security Council was scheduled to meet at UN Headquarters in New York yesterday morning on the question of Rhodesia. Great Britain was the only State so far listed to speak.

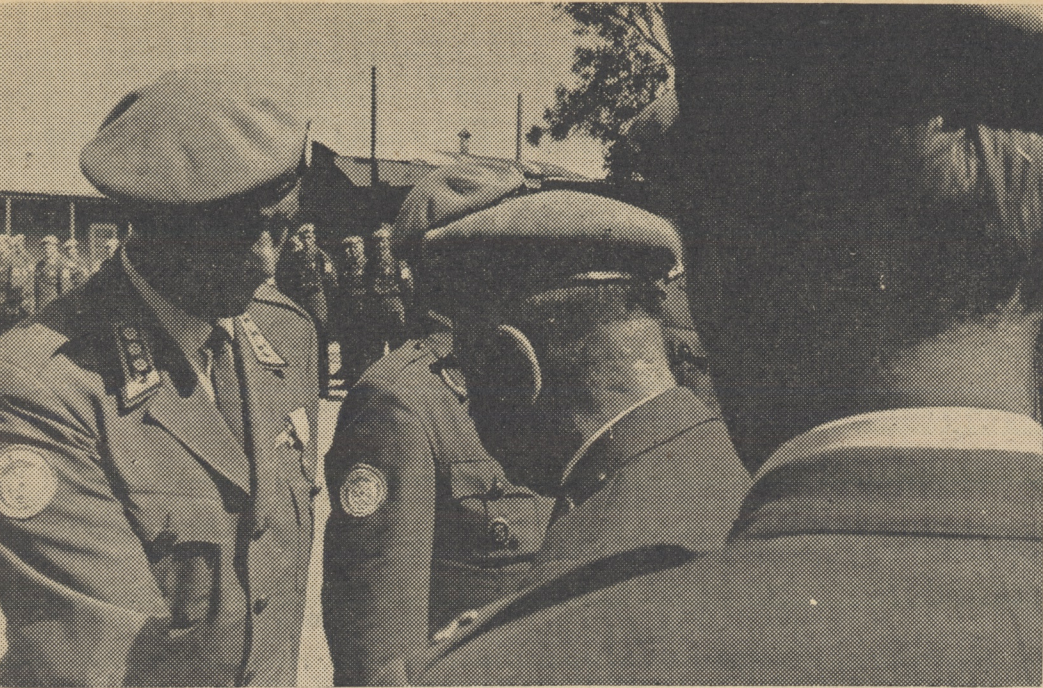
The Council met last week after three weeks of private consultations. At that meeting, Ethiopia formally introduced an African-Asian draft resolution calling for the total economic boycott of the white minority regime in Rhodesia and asking Britain — who is still the formally administering Power — to use all measures including force to bring down the rebel authorities headed by Mr. Ian Smith. It also asked Britain to take immediate steps to prevent the execution of prisoners in Rhodesia.



Road Safety Corner

RULES FOR NIGHT DRIVING

- 1) Keep the windscreen clean.
- 2) Keep the entire lighting system in good condition.
- 3) Avoid tinted glasses or other devices which reduce the light reaching your eyes.
- 4) Avoid lighting matches or bright lights of any kind inside the vehicle.
- 5) Avoid excessive smoking.



Pataljoonan komentaja, eversti Jussi Jyrhämä on saanut mitalinsa. Kenraaliluutnantti Martola onnittelee.

RAUHAN PALVELUKSESSA

In The Service of Peace, rauhan palveluksessa. Nämä sanat ovat luettavissa siinä mitalissa, jonka kolme kuukautta Kyproksen saarella rauhanturvaamistehtävissä toimineet YK-sotilaat saavat palveluksestaan.

Suomalaisten mitalienjakotilaisuus oli tällä kertaa Kykkossa, viime viikon tiistaina klo 14.00. Kaunis, melkein pä helteinen sää suosi tilaisuutta, joka oli lyhyt, mutta koruttoman juhlallinen ja mieleenjäävä.

Vuoden vaihteessa saarelle tulleilla oli nyt vuorostaan kolmen kuukauden jakso tullut täyteen. Mitalinsaajat ryhmittivät ensiksi yksiköittäin Kykkon kentälle, minä jälkeen heidät ilmoitettiin pataljoonan komentajalle. Mitalien jako suoritettiin yksiköittäin komppanianpäälliköiden toimesta. Force Commander, kenraaliluutnantti A E Martola jakoi mitalit tämän jälkeen komppanianpäälliköille sekä esikunnan ja esikuntaryhmän jäsenille. Onnittelupuheessaan kenraaliluutnantti Martola korosti rauhanturvaamistehtävän arvokkuutta sanoen mm. että se suomalaisjoukko, jolla on tähän tilaisuus, jää lukumäärältään varsin pieneksi, joten nyt jaetun mitalin arvo tulee olemaan varsin suuri ja sen arvo tulee vuosien mittaan jatkuvasti kasvamaan.

Tilaisuus päättyi kahvitarjoiluun, joka tapahtui huoltokomppanian eri messeissä. HK oli pistänyt parastaan. Saatiin kunnon suomalaista kahvia kera tuoreiden pullien. Kielenkantimet laukesivat, ilmeet pysyivät vielä hetken juhlallisina, mutta tarina alkoi luistaa. Monet laukoivat kameroitaan. Arvokas tilaisuus haluttiin tallettaa mahdollisimman tarkkaan, niin muistilokeroihin kuin filminauhallekin.

FINCON NEWS



Esikuntakomppanian päällikkö, majuri Skogström kiinnittää mitalin jääk P Lepistön rintaan.

ZONMSTARE



Speciellt värt att veta för de nyanlända är att det kanske vara, att deras företrädare tisdagen den 16 april tog hem zonmästerskapsmatchen mot Civilpolisens slutade med 3 -1, och här ser vi det jublande segerlaget. Vem blinda gång.....?



SVERIGES RADIO

Ni vet väl att Sveriges Radios Utlandsprogram dagligen har rikade sändningar på kortvåg mot utlandet. Det kan ibland vara lite si och så med mottagningsförhållandena på Cypern, och från Utlandsprogrammet har det därför kommit önskemål om lyssnarrapporter. Kl 12 till 12,30 Cyperntid kan vi bli lyssna till nyheter och ett aktualitetsprogram på våglängden 49,46 m (6,065 kHz), eller på kvällen kl 22,30 till 23,00 på våglängden 25,63 m (11,705 kHz). Varje måndag sänds en fyllig idrottsjournal.

Utlandsprogrammet är tacksamt för en rad om hur sändningarna hörs. Skriv till: Sveriges Radio, Utlandsprogrammet, Box 955, 101 33 Stockholm.



SWEN NEWS

NYT FRA DANCON's RADIO



PIO MAJ N.B. Juul indtaler lørdagsudsendelsen.

Presstjenesten har modtaget nye grammofoonplader fra Danmark til brug ved DANCON-radioen. Iblant de nye plader er der tre, som i øjeblikket ligger på ugens "Top-tyve" derhjemme. Vi har nu over 200 plader til rådighed for ønskeprogrammet, der herved har mulighed for at blive mere afvekslende. Vi bringer her en fortegnelse over de sidst ankomne plader:
Bjørn Tidemand: Hold dig på måtten, Jensen
Bjørn Tidemand: Giv mig din hånd
Grethe Sønck, Gitte Hænnig og Ulla Pia: Klara og Carla og Trine
Grethe Sønck, Gitte Hænnig og Ulla Pia: Nullergris
Gitte Hænnig: Regnen er dejlig
Gitte Hænnig: Kærlighed er ingen leg
Dorthe: Er De greven fra Luxemburg?
Dorthe: Jeg har forelsket mig vildt
Sys Gregers: Langt, langt herfra
Sys Gregers: Barndommens gade
Eva: Kom tag min hånd
Eva: To i natten
Anette: Hold dig til Helle
Anette: Et helt nyt land
Grethe Sønck og Sir Henry: Jeg havde engang en båd
Grethe Sønck og Sir Henry: Jeg tror på sommeren
Peter Belli & Four Roses: Hvis jeg var arbejdsløs
Peter Belli & Four Roses: Kom med mig
Poul Rudi: Jeg kommer hjem
Poul Rudi: Tag med i skoven

DANCON - NYT



Selv om tandlæge-klinikken er primitivt indrettet, kan vi få bragt vore tænder i orden, hvis der skulle opstå en skade. For at forebygge dette, bør man gå til eftersyn mindst to gange om året. Reparationerne her udføres med sikker hånd af tandlæge J.J. Fredslund.

Speedbådsulykke

2. påskedag skete der en kollision mellem to speedbåde ud for kysten ved Famagusta, der kostede den 21-årige konstabel Ole Busk Sørensen, STKMP, livet.

KS Sørensen var sammen med fire kammerater sejlet ud i to lejede speedbåde. Under sejladserne kolliderede de to speedbåde med voldsom kraft, hvorved KS Sørensen blev så hårdt kvæstet, at han døde kort tid efter indlæggelsen på et hospital i Famagusta.

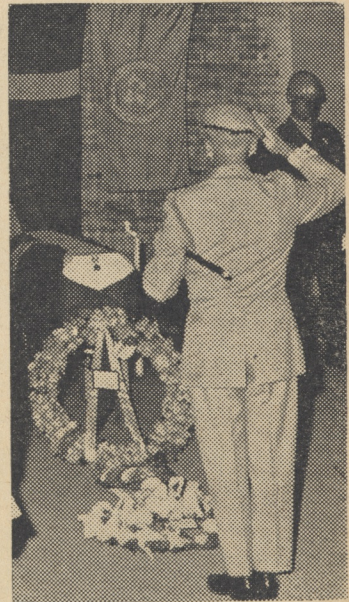
KS J. Lassen, STKMP, er indlagt på A.F.H. med hjernerystelse og snitsår. De øvrige implicerede i ulykken slap uskadede.

Torsdag aften afholdtes en mindehøjtidelighed over den dræbte i Nicosia Club. Mindehøjtideligheden, der var henlagt til tennisbanen, var meget gribende. Aldrig har der været så stille. Feltpræst S.G. Nordentoft holdt afskedstalen ved baren over ordene: meningsløshed og tomhed. "Befal du dine veje" blev sunget, hvorefter CH/DANCON OL C.J.K. Severinsen meget bevæget tog afsked med KS Sørensen, idet han sagde: "Ole Busk Sørensen, æret være dit minde".

Kl.0215 natten mellem torsdag og fredag afgik KS Sørensens båd med rutefly til Danmark.



KS Ole Busk Sørensen.

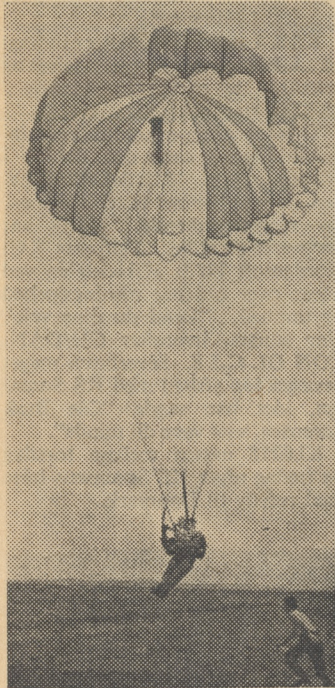


Chefen tager afsked.

Vi beklager, at vi kun har fået 3 spalter til rådighed denne gang. red.

FREE FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the Easter Free Fall Championships organised by the Cyprus Combined Services Parachute Club, Trooper Granville Leach from Bradford, Yorkshire, of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, won the Novices Section, in which twelve competitors entered. Driver Len Finn of 8 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, was second to add to his skiing success of a few weeks ago. Private Rod Cheyne from West Moors, Dorset, who works for Britcon, HQ UNFICYP, was second in the intermediate class.



Captain Mike Forge at the end of one of his numerous descents to earth at Nicosia.

Trooper Leach started parachuting only three months ago and is now more than ever determined to continue with this novel sport for his remaining two months in Cyprus, and also when he returns to UK.

A demonstration jump from 10,000 feet was given by Sergeant Ron Griffiths 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets; this was his 700th jump. He has represented Great Britain in World Championships.

More participants in this thrilling sport are wanted. Operating from RAF Nicosia, the club enjoys full sporting and social facilities. After one decides to join there is an initial outlay of £8, comprising £5 for Club membership and £3 for the mandatory membership of the British Parachute Association (which includes the premium for third party insurance cover and an excellent magazine every three months). Thereafter static jumps cost about £1 each and the average cost of free-falling thereafter is about the same — dependent on numbers, altitude etc.

Here is the routine for prospective members. After a student has completed a minimum of eight hours ground training with



Private Rod Cheyne (left) in the parachute preparation room at RAF Nicosia. With him is Sergeant Bill Elliott from the SBA.

a registered instructor, he completes six static-line jumps, the last three of which includes the use of a dummy ripcord. In this way, the student proves to himself and the instructor that he possesses the necessary confidence and skill to graduate to his first true free-fall descent. (The jump aircraft, a Piper Tripacer, is hired to the Club by the Cyprus Aeronautical Society who also own two Piper Colt aircraft).

One additional man on the ground is a vital operator; he arranges the dropping marker on the target to indicate the ground windspeed, once he has checked

this with his wind-gauge. When the marker is arranged in a plus sign, the wind-speed is below ten knots — which is the limit for student jumpers. When the marker is arranged in the form of a letter 'T', the wind is too high for safe jumping and the Tripacer will either circle the DZ or land.

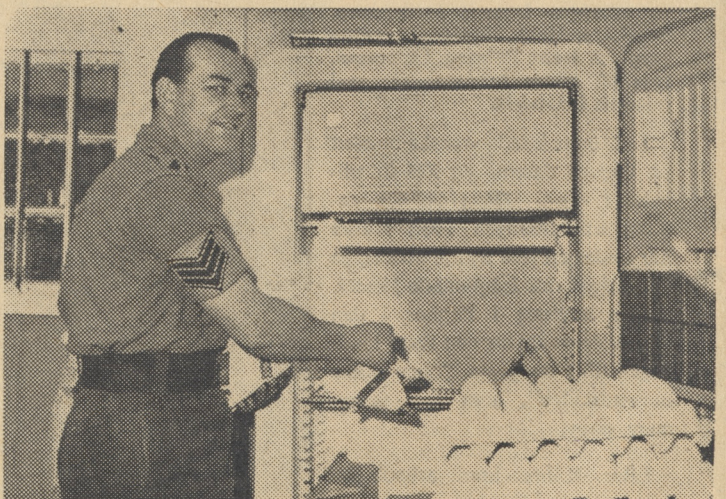
The Club already has members from 1 RGJ, 4/7 DG, HQ UNFICYP, DANCON and FINCON in addition to the long-term members from the SBAs. Any prospective member should contact Captain M. L. Forge, 644 Signal Troop, HQ UNFICYP, who will be happy to supply further details.

NOVICES WINNER



Trooper Granville Leach holding aloft his trophy as the winner of the Novices competition.

BRITCON NEWS



REDUCING STOCKS

Sergeant Eric Bedford from High Wycombe, Bucks, is the key man on rations for the 1st Battalion of The Royal Green Jackets. Based at Polemidia Camp, he has been responsible for supplying the 750 men in the battalion who are spread over the British Zone. Previously Sgt Bedford has served with the RAF for five years and was a London policeman before enlisting into the Army in which he has been employed as a 'special recruiter' for the battalion, amongst his other jobs.