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LIAISON OFFICER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL VISITS UNFICYP



The Military Liaison Officer to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Major General L. Koho visited UNFICYP last week. He was given an updating briefing on the Island. Later he had discussions with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General Ambassador J. Perez de Cuelar and Brigadier General C.E. Beattie, CMM, CD before being taken out to see various parts of Sectors 2, 3 and 4. He is seen left with General Beattie.

General Koho left UNFICYP to visit the other Near Eastern United Nations Forces.

FIRE PRACTICE IN FINCON

New Force Engineer



Now that summer is with us and the grass is dry all Contingents are becoming more "fire conscious". The new members of the Finnish Contingent are seen above being shown how to use the fire-equipment very soon after their arrival.



Last week Major D A Grice CD the Force Engineer completed his tour in Cyprus and handed over to Major J A Hackaray. They were pictured in the Force Engineers Office going over the costings of future engineer projects.

SECTOR COMMANDERS VISIT DANCON



On Friday, 7 May, the Sector Commanders visited DANCON.

The visit started with a short briefing on the operational situation in Sector 1, and after that the Commanders went to see the sensitive areas of the Sector.

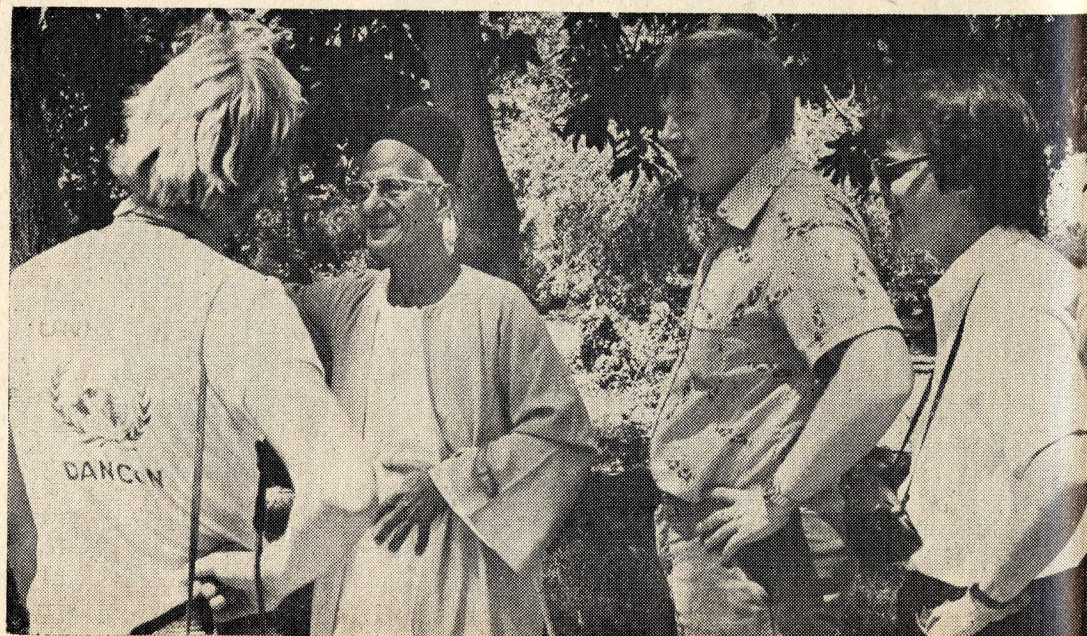
In the picture, from the left, Lt Col A. O. Lopmeri, Lt Col R. I. Stewart, Maj J. Bedells, Lt Col W. Fritz, Lt Col T. B. Pilgaard — who will be leaving UNFICYP at the end of this month — and Lt Col B. Linden.

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VELFÆRDESTUR TIL ÆGYPTEN

Normalt er Israel det foretrukne rejsemål for DANCON, men et hold på 6 mand besøgte i slutningen af april Ægypten. Holdet startede i Cairo, hvor man så det enorme Ægyptiske museum og de tre pyramider, i Giza. Derefter gik turen ca. 700 km sydpå til Luxor, hvor man bl. a. så Kongernes Dal. Fra Luxor tog man til Aswan ca. 1000 km syd for Cairo. Her så man den store dæmning og, som billedet viser, den botaniske have. Fra Aswan gik turen til Cairo, og derefter tilbage til Cypern.



En lille sildehaj blev foreleden fanget ved DANSBORG. Her viser KS S. E. Christensen den lille, men alligevel imponerende haj frem. Hajer er ivoirigt et sjældent syn på disse kanter, idet havet omkring øen er meget fattigt på fisk.

A little shark has been caught at the Dansborg — beach near Viking Camp. Here Pte S. E. Christensen shows the tiny, but impressive shark!

ALL OUR VISITORS...



Seen here from left to right are the Chief of the Swedish Police, Mr Carl Persson, the Commander of SWEDCIVPOL, Supt H E Jonsson, the Commander of Sector Six, Lt Col P Strömberg, Mr Gösta Welander from the Department of Justice and Mr Hans Lagerhorn, a previous Commander of SWEDCIVPOL.

The Chief of Staff, Brig Gen C. E. Beattie, CMM, CD, visited Sector Six for the first time since the new battalion took over some weeks ago. He had a long talk with the new Commander, Lt Col Paul Strömberg, before he went out to see some of the OP's.

Other visitors to the Swedish camp were the Chief of the Swedish Police Mr Carl Persson, Mr Gösta Welander from the Department of Justice and Mr Hans Lagerhorn, a previous Commander of SWEDCIVPOL.

The radio station at Carl Gustaf Camp was also visited recently by members of the Commanding Staff of the Signals and Communications Department of Stockholm.



Lieutenant Colonel O Lundberg and Captain B Robertsson from Stockholm seen here with radio operator Richard Gustafsson at the radio station in Carl Gustaf Camp.

Vi har haft flera olika besökare på bataljonen den senaste tiden.

Först fick fasta radion besök av två experter från Försvarstabens signalavdelning. De var här för att sätta sig in eventuella problem och samtidigt se om man kan göra något för att förbättra förhållandena härnere och i mellanöstern.

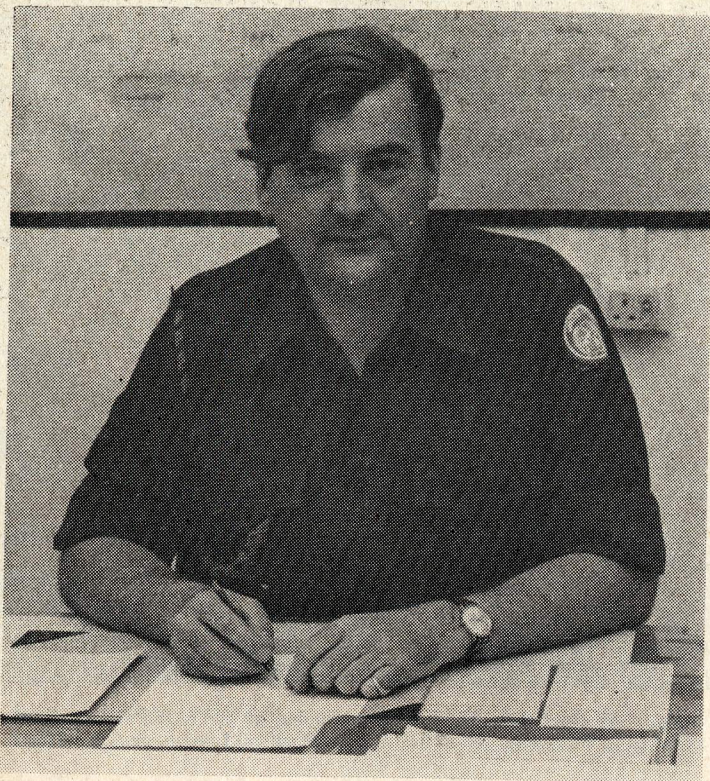
Rikspolischefen, Carl Persson har hälsat på "sina grabbar" men givetvis även Paul Strömberg. I sällskap hade han bl a en tidigare polischef härnere, Hans Lagerhorn, samt en representant från Justitiedepartementet.

Och så har stabchefen vid HQ i Nicosia, general Clay Beattie, canadensare varit här och tittat på några OP:n.



Major Nils Jacobsson shows Brig Gen C E Beattie the OP-line.

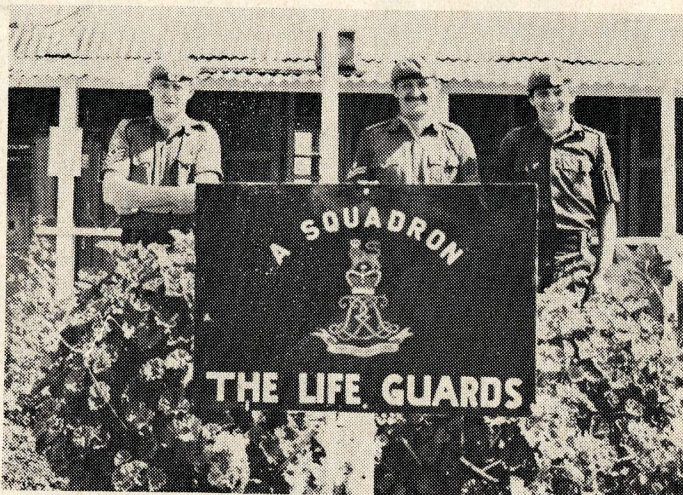
BRITCON NEWS



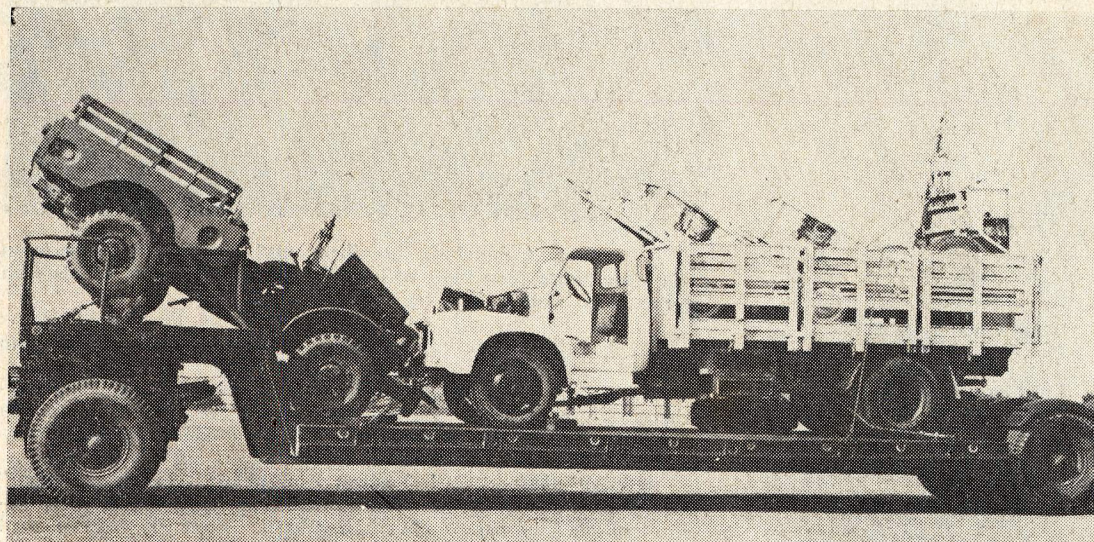
The Commander of Sector Two is Lieutenant Colonel C.E.W. Jones, the CO of the 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets. He is now serving on his second tour in UNFICYP having been here with the 3rd Battalion of his regiment in 1970.

Life Guard Brothers

On the right are three brothers who are serving together in A Squadron The Life Guards. They are the Willis brothers who came from Leith in Edinburgh. All three know Cyprus well since the youngest Alan (on the right) was born here, while the other two went to the RAF school at Nicosia.



WHAT A LOAD OF OLD.....!



One of the last tasks done by 7 Squadron RCT was to arrange for vehicles that were of no further use to UNFICYP to be taken away for sale as scrap metal.



Recently the Force Ordnance Warrant Officer, WO1 E. Walker MBE completed his tour and returned to the Ammunition Depot in BAOR. He is seen above handing over to WO1 Murray (left) who has come to the Force from the Inventory Control Point at Viersen in Germany.

8 SQUADRON BACK AGAIN

8 Squadron RCT are back once more as the UNFICYP Transport Squadron. The Squadron normally based at Longmoor in Hampshire, arrived in Cyprus on 6 May and took over the tasks of the UNFICYP Transport Squadron on 10 May. 8 Squadron last served in UNFICYP from January until April 1974. Since then it has had a full and varied programme. In July 1974 a reinforced troop was sent to the Sovereign Base Areas. In 1975, in addition to normal transport commitments, the Squadron provided the arena party at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court in London and bridging support for the Royal Engineers. It also provided the host nation transport support on exercise "Advent Express", a major exercise in England involving various NATO units. 8 Squadron will finish its UNFICYP role in November of this year.

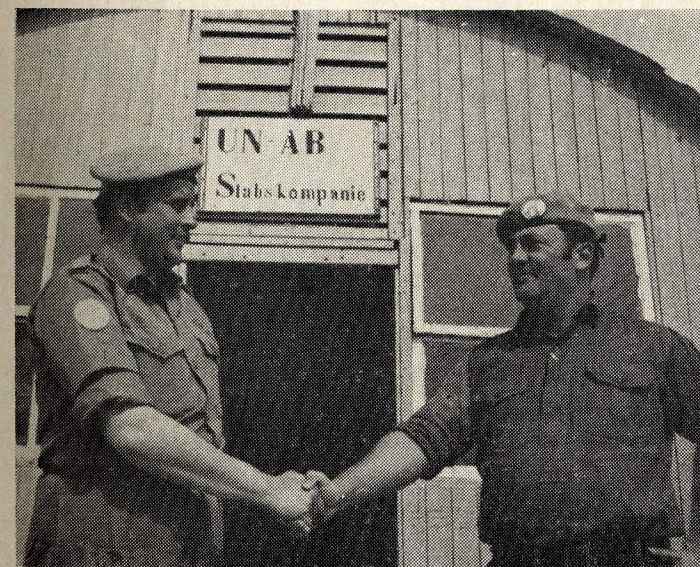
AUSCON NEWS

ROTATION-TIME



The Contingent Commander, Lt Col W Fritz saying goodbye to the soldiers leaving with the second rotation flight on 3 May 1976.

Am 03. Mai 1976 fand der 2. Teil der Fruehjahrs — Rotation des Auscon statt. Viele der Heimfahrer freuten sich schon auf das Wiedersehen mit ihren Familien und auf die Heimat im Fruehlingskleid, mancher waere vielleicht gerne noch laenger auf Zypern geblieben. Aber den einen oder den anderen werden wir bei der naechsten oder uebernaechsten Rotation wiedersehen. Auch bei den Newcomers sahen wir wieder einige vertraute Gesichter und sonnengebleichte "blue berets", die stolzen Zeugen frueherer Auslandseinsaetze.

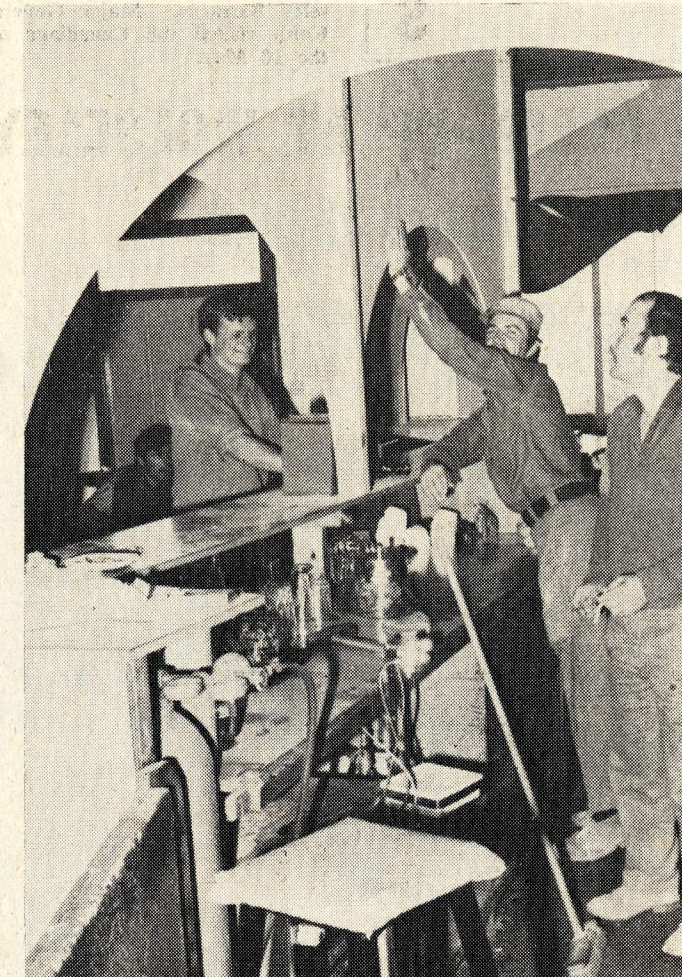


An important handover:

Two officers who have shaken hands before, both having previously attended the same class at the Military Academy in Austria. At that time they probably had no idea that they would hand/takeover responsibilities many years later.

Camp Comd and CO HQ Coy, Maj. Linniger seen on the right, handing over his offices to Capt Kaltenbrunner.

MEN'S MESS-UMBAU



An old wish of the soldiers of AUSCON at Camp Duke Leopold was recently fulfilled. They were allowed to redecorate their Men's Mess according to their own ideas.

Ein alter Wunsch der Mannschaft von CAMP LEOPOLD geht in Erfuellung. Die Vermittlung von BO Oberkurat SCHMIDT, eine Spende unseres Kontingentskommandanten Obstlt FRITZ sowie die Bemuehungen unseres Mess — Praesidenten Gfr ALKIER und seiner Crew brachten es zuwege, dass Material zum Ausbau der Men's beschafft werden konnte. Unsere Pioniere stellten in kurzen Zeit die neuen Trennwaende und die Barverkleidung auf. Sobald die letzten Arbeiten fertig sind, wird die Men's Mess wieder um einiges attraktiver sein.

HANDOVER

Mjr LINNIGER uebergibt seine Agenden als Camp — Kommandant und Kommandant der Stabskompanie an seinen Nachfolger Hptm KALTENBRUNNER. Wir verabschieden uns von Mjr LINNIGER, der mit sicherer und starker Hand die Geschicke seiner Kompanie lenkte, und begruessen Hptm KALTENBRUNNER. In Oesterreich KKommandant der schweren Kompanie des JgBaon 22 in Absam/Tirol, ist er wohlvertraut mit schweren Aufgaben, wie auch aus seiner Statur erkennbar. Umgleich bei schweren Tatsachen zu bleiben: Hptm KLTENBRUNNER ist auch Jahrgangskamerad des nicht minder gewichtigen ehemaligen Camp — Kommandanten aus der Zeit der Militaerakademie.

CANCON EWS

UN MILITARY ADVISER VISITS UNFICYP

Major General Koho, the Military Liaison Officer to the Secretary-General of the United Nations inspects the Regimental Quarter Guard provided for him at Wolseley Barracks. Major General Koho visited the Canadians on the 10 May.

A CLEAN-UP AT WOLSELEY BARRACKS



The daily chores go on — Cpl Tardi and Pte Wilson maintain an old army tradition by painting everything white.

Practice for the Drums



2 PPCLI Corps of Drums out for a stroll under the direction of Drum Major Rideout.



WATER POLO SAVE!



The Austrian Civilian Police goalie manages a great save during a water polo game against the officers of 2 PPCLI. The game took place on Friday, 7th of May at the Ledra Palace

Pool. The Canadian Contingent won 7-3. Following the game both Austrians and Canadians met at the Carlton Hotel for a meal of Austrian gulasch and beer.

KENRAALIVIERAS NEW YORKISTA



Pääsihteerin sotilaallinen neuvonantaja, kenrm Lassi Koho saapumassa komentajan seurassa Esikuntaan.

... Fincon sai vieraan ihan New Yorkin päämajasta asti kenraalimajuri Lassi Kohon pii-pahtaessa saarella. Pääsihteerin sotilaallisena neuvonantajana toimiva kenrm Koho aloitti virallisen vierailunsa HQ:ssa tapamalla Force Commanderin ja muita isokenkäisiä. HQ:n briisfin-gien jälkeen oli vuorossa Kanadalaisten sektoriin tutustuminen. Viimeisenä vierailupäivään kenrm Koho tutustui englantilaisten alueeseen.

Puolilta päivin oli meidän sektorimme vuoro. Tutustuminen alkoi Koululta. Sen jälkeen vierasta briifattiin OPSissa. Ilta-päiväsaunan jälkeen seu. asi vaatimaton cocktailtilaisuus, johon ulkomaisten vieraiden lisäksi osallistuivat upseerimessin jäsenet ja eri messien adustajat.

Kuten muillekin VIP — vieraille, kenrm Kohollekin saarella käynti oli pieni sivuaskel. Painopistesuunta ja suurimmat ongelmat kun tuntuvat olevan hikka — aavikoiden suunnassa Lahi — Idässä. Vieras tuli UNEFista, jonne hän myös palasi ennen New Yorkiin lentämistään.

English summary

UNFICYP and FINCON had a visitor last week from New York. Major General Lassi Koho (left), the Military Liaison Officer to the Secretary-General of the United Nations is seen arriving at the Headquarters of Sector 3.

FINCON's latest rotation is now complete. Below left the new Ops A Officer, Major Jukka Lehtinen is seen being briefed by his predecessor Major Volle Volanen.

Capt Pekka Pehu has recently taken over the post of "Mukhtar of FINCON" and is seen receiving the Mukhtar-Stick from Capt Ilmari Railonsala (left) his predecessor. The responsibilities of this post include keeping up the spirit and carrying on the traditions of previous contingents. From the smile on Capt Pehu's face, it would appear that this responsibility does not frighten him.

VIIMEISETKIN LÄHTIVÄT

Hyvästi Volle, Immu ja muut norsut!



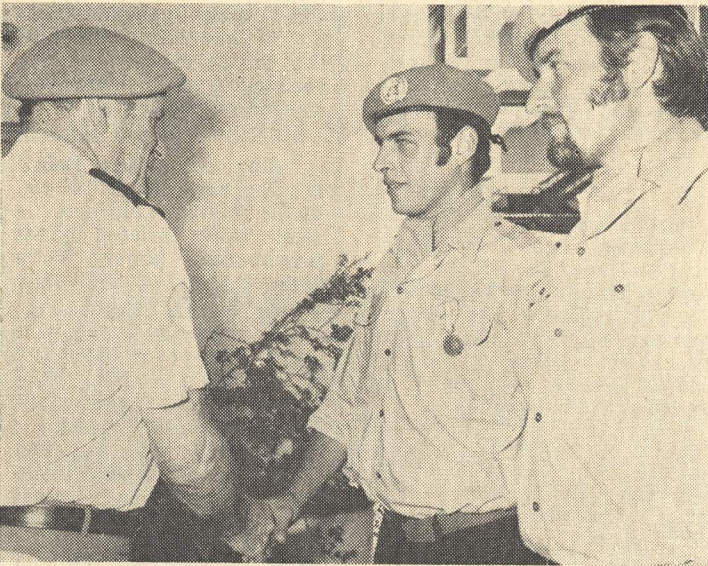
Nyt on pitkänhuisse, tuuheatukkainen OPSin päällikkö maj Volle Volanenkin siirtynyt supaukkojen seuraan vanhojen norsujen viimeisenä. Vasemmalla uusi päällikkö maj Jukka Lehtinen vastaanottamassa tehtäviä. Oikeanpuoleisessa kuvassa Immu Railon-



sala on juuri luovuttanut vanhimman sauvan kapteeni Pekka Pehulle. Tähän kauimmin saarella olleen kylänvanhimman, Muktarin, kunnia -asemaan sisölyty myös velvoituksia. On vaalittava perinteitä ja lujitettava yhteishenkeä.

UNCIVPOL NEWS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER PRESENTS UN MEDALS AND MEETS NEW MEMBERS OF THE FORCE

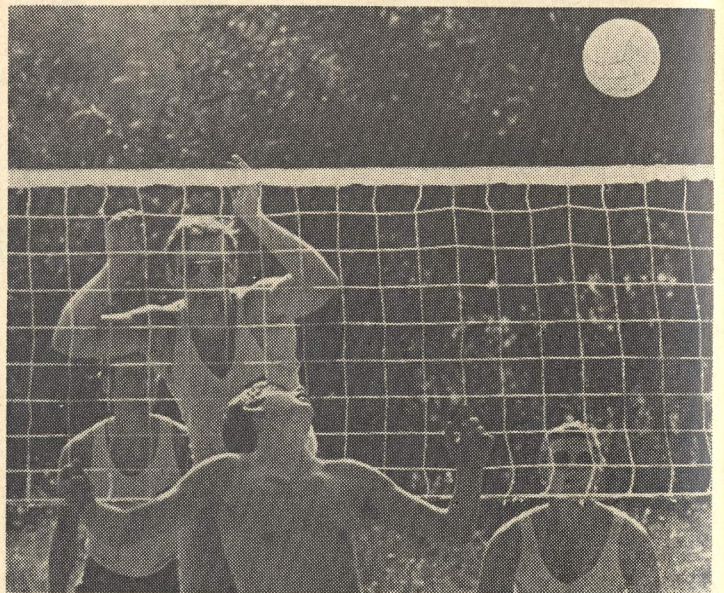


The Austrian Civilian Police have recently had a change over with six new police officers coming in to serve with UNFICYP for the first time. They are pictured above right (from the right) Inspectors Webernig, Priewasser, Krenmaier, Kohlreiter and Walter, and Chief Inspector Berger.

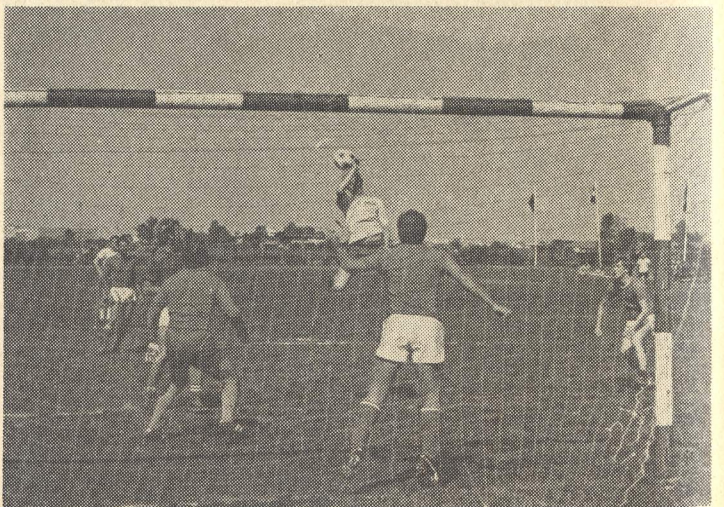
At the same time AUSCIVPOL welcomed Captain A Puchinger back for his third tour. He has relieved Major H Weiss as Executive Officer in HQ UNCIVPOL.

Seven officers in, means that some others were leaving, so after welcoming the newcomers Assistant Commissioner J Hamilton OBE QPM presented United Nations medals to three of those departing. He is seen above left presenting the medal to Inspector Walter Schmet, after which he was entertained by Colonel H Fuchs and the other officers of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent at the Carlton Hotel.

SPORT IN UNFICYP



The Editor likes to print sports pictures on this page. If you have a good picture of a game why not see it in print!



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MEMENTOS OF UNFICYP

The Procurement Officer of the Secretariat, Mr H Ramnarine, has a number of mementos of UNFICYP for sale to contingents. These include shields, ties cufflinks and tie pins. Bulk orders for these inexpensive items should be sent to him at HQ UNFICYP.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 15th May 76	16	period last year	123
Same period last year	12	LESSON OF THE MONTH	
Total for the year	98	GIVE WAY DON'T TAKE IT	
Total for the same			