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THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S UN DAY MESSAGE

The world has changed enormously in thirty years, and the United Nations has changed and developed with it. On its 31st anniversary, the United Nations is an established institution of 145 Member States — three times its original size.

The United Nations' first duty is maintain peace and security in many parts of the world. Its members have brought scores of disputes and conflict situations before it. Those which were settled are mostly forgotten, but some remain actively on the agenda — like the Middle East, Cyprus of the problems of Southern Africa. The United Nations continues the search for solutions on such issues and new disputes as they arise. In several instances, the United Nations peace-keeping role is one of the most important stabilizing elements.

The work of the Organization in economic and social matters goes far beyond the dreams of its founders. It is actively tackling global problems such as food, trade and development, population, environment, human settlements, the law of the sea, and water. It is also engaged in the unprecedented attempt to evolve a new international economic order more responsive to present realities and aspirations, more equitable, and more effective in husbanding the world's resources.

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF VISITS UNFICYP



The Chief of the Canadian Defence Staff, General J A Dextraze CBE, CMM, DSO. CD visited HQ UNFICYP on Tuesday 26th October. He is seen above inspecting a multi-national Guard of Honour with its Commander Major D G Leef CD.

At the United Nations all nations can meet on a basis of sovereign equality. It is a unique forum where differences can be discussed, co-operation can replace confrontation, and the future of the world community can be planned.

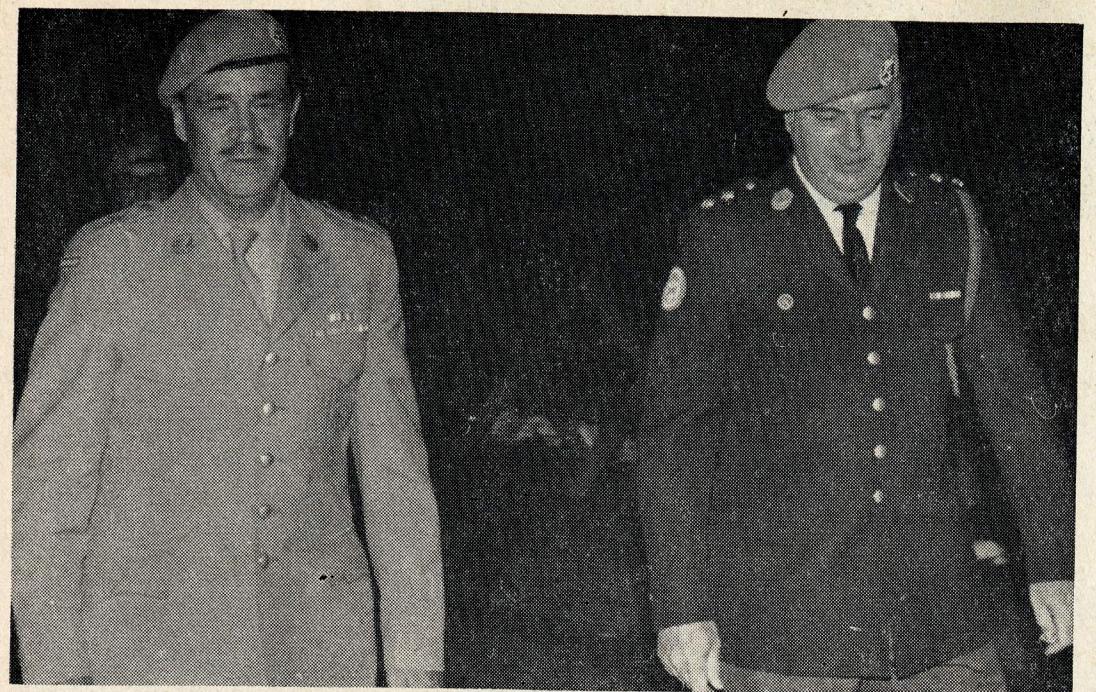
The United Nations has never been faced with so many vital problems as now. We must increase its effectiveness as an institution and its positive influence on the life of the international community. One of the best ways of doing this is through the interest and involvement of people all over the world. It is, after all, primarily their Organization. It is certainly their best hope for the future.

I am confident that more and more people will become aware of the importance of international co-operation through the United Nations, and support its work for peace, justice and progress.

DANISH GENERAL AT WOLSEY BARRACKS



The Canadian Contingent were recently visited by Major General J Andreassen of The Royal Danish Army. On his arrival he was pictured with Lieutenant Colonel D B Ells CD as he received a salute from a Guard of Honour.



Søndag d. 24 OKT kom generalmajor J. Andreassen, der er chef for ELK, på besøg hos DANCON. Baggrunden for besøget er, at generalmajoren i begyndelsen af det nye år skal være leder af et FN-seminar med deltagere fra de nordiske lande. Generalen har tidligere opholdt sig på Cypern, idet han var CO/DANCON II.

Gen. Maj J. Andreassen, the Commander of the Eastern Land Command in DENMARK has visited DANCON.

WHO HAS THE BEST?

LT C. Granzow, der selv er en meget skæg mand, har foræret KN E.L. Arboe en tojhund med et veldrejet cykelstyr-skæg. Her ses de to skæggede vikinger i VIKING CAMPS officersmølle, KN Arboe til højre.

As you see, whiskers are very common at DANCON.

DANCON



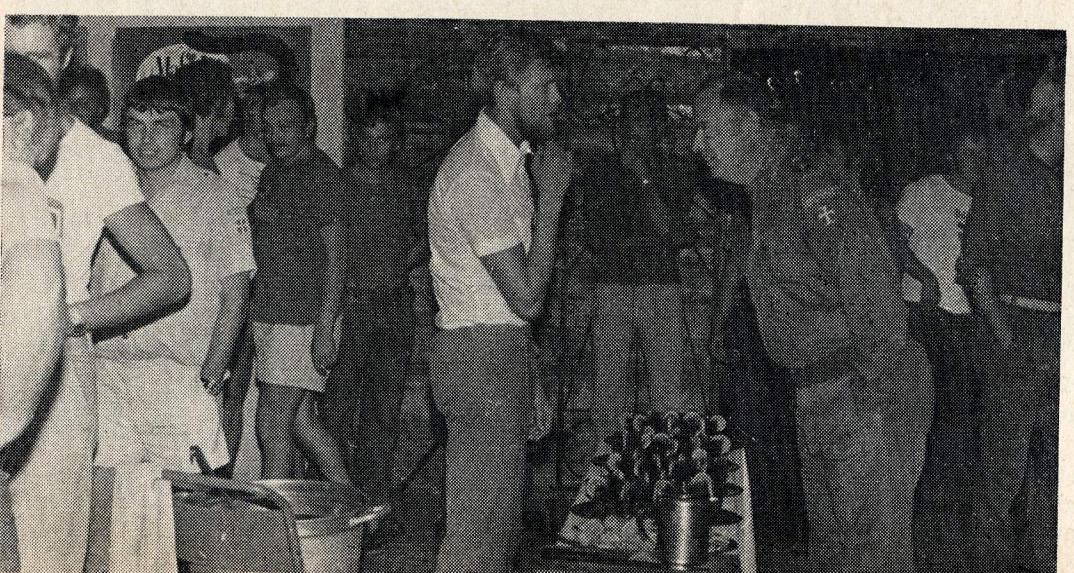
NEWS



NEW CLUB OPENS

Mandag d. 25 OKT flyttede konstablerne i VIKING CAMP ind i vinterbaren. Efter mange timers arbejde er baren blevet moderniseret og dette blev markeret ved en reception. Her ses en af gæsterne, OL T. Stang, i samtale med KS T.F. Hansen.

On the 25th October the privates winterbar was opened and the Commanding Officer of DANCON, Lt Col T. Stang was invited for the opening.



HERE THEY COME - BATTALION 63C



SWEDCON EWS

Here they come — the new Swedish Battalion 63C. The "summer battalion" left Carl Gustav Camp and Goldfish Camp at the end of October and have gone home to Sweden to find snow, ice and darkness.

For the new battalion the Cyprus weather is quite an experience. Who could have dreamt of going to the beach in October?

The new Swedish Commander-in-Chief General Nils Sköld inspected the battalion at Training Camp 14 in Linkoping. He said that the battalion was the 26th Swedish Battalion to go to Cyprus, and that about 38,000 Swedes in one way or another had served in the United Nations.



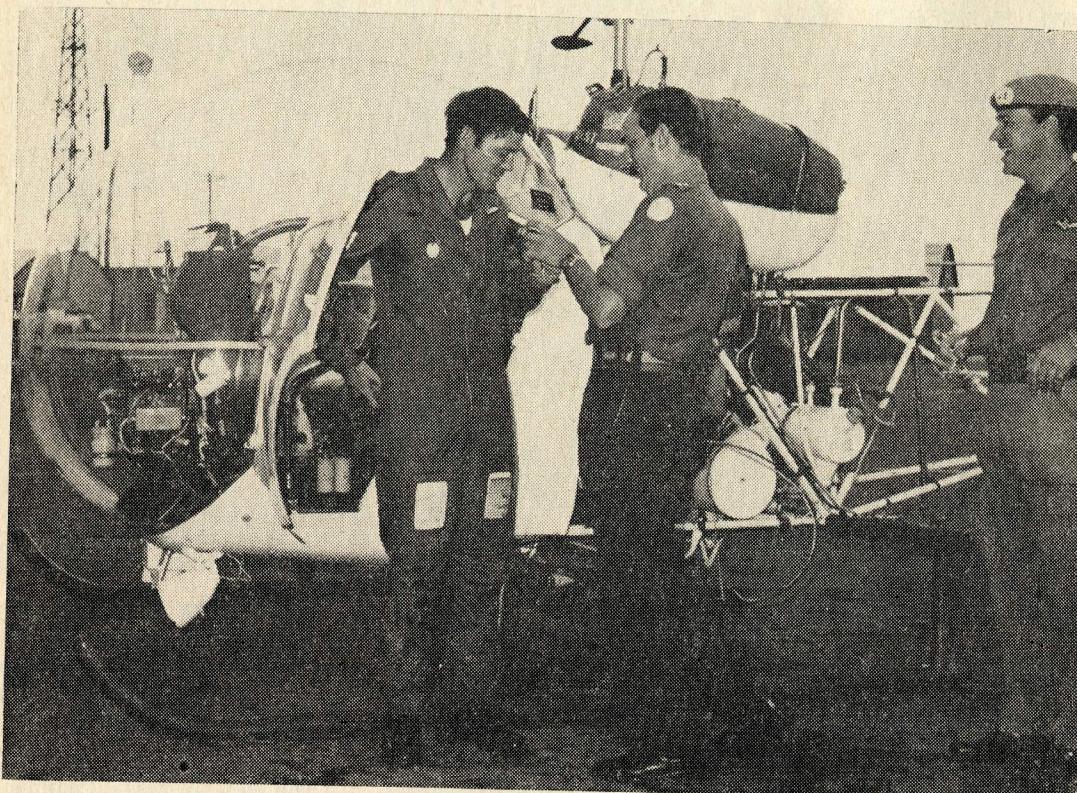
The 63C Battalion Commander, Lt Col Ambjörn Bäärnhielm (to the left), took command of Sector Six on 28th October. In the picture, the new Battalion Commander is seen with his predecessor, Lt Col P.G. Stromberg.

The picture above was taken on a rather cold day at 14 Infantry Regiment, at Linkoping.

Bataljon 61C har gjort sitt. Bataljon 61C kan åka hem till vintern i Sverige — en vinter som 63C fick en föranring om på den vindpinade kaserngården i Linköping. När bataljonen stod uppställe på Grenadjärvalen för att låta sig inspekteras av den nye arméchefen general Nils Sköld var det många soldater som frös om händerna och lännade till Cypern. Nu är vi här.

Nedre bilden visar bataljonschefen för 63C översteløjtnant Ambjörn Bäärnhielm (l.v) till sammans med företrädaren Paul G. Stromberg.

3000 HOURS AND STILL FLYING



Captain Hitchcock handing Staff Sergeant Ball a celebration glass of champagne watched by Major Thornewill.

644 TP VISITOR



Recently Colonel J. Agar, the Colonel in charge of the Royal Signals personnel branch, visited UNFICYP. During his visit he looked round the communications centre and is seen above talking to Sgt W. Johnston, Cpl P. Mulligan and Sgt J.B. Ramsay. He is seen with Yeoman of Signals D.A. Dunbar in the picture on the right.



Another visitor to UNFICYP recently was Lieutenant Colonel R.H.G. McCarthy the Commanding Officer of the 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars, who came to visit B Squadron. He is seen above with Major J. Knox, the Squadron Commander just after he arrived in Nicosia.



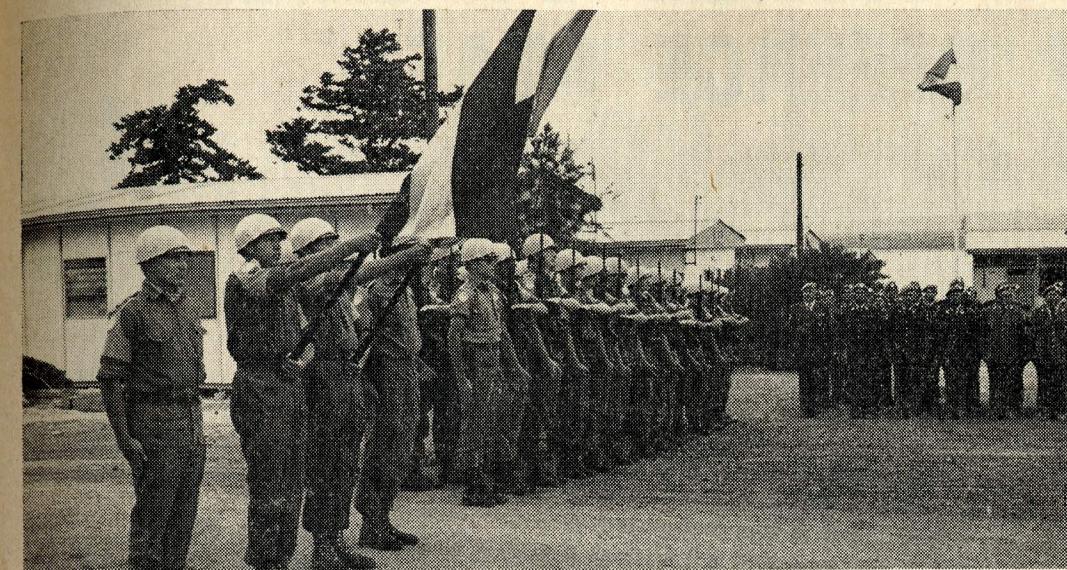
3000 hours flying represents just over eight years worth of flying service, and for all pilots it is a milestone worthy in every way of celebration. So when Staff Sergeant Nick Ball of the United Nations Flight Army Air Corps landed at the Sioux Base at Nicosia on Tuesday 19th October having flown past the 3000 hours mark the champagne was ready.

The whole flight under its Commander Major D.N. Thornewill was on hand to welcome him back, and to wish him many more hours flying.

Staff Sergeant Ball arrived in UNFICYP on 1st September having come to Cyprus from 653 Squadron AAC at Netheravon. During his service he has flown fixed wing aircraft as well as three different kinds of light helicopters.

CO OF 15th/19th VISITS B SQUADRON

AUSTRIAN LIBERATION DAY AND MEDAL PARADE



Austrian Battalion on parade on the occasion of a Medal Parade and celebrations of the Austrian National Day.



The Force Commander is seen here inspecting the guard of honour. Shortly after that, he presented the UN medal to members of AUSCIVPOL, who also took part in the parade side by side with the AUSCON soldiers.

WUßTEN SIE SCHON?

Dem vielseitigen Wunsch entsprechend, diese Frage in jedem Blue Beret zu stellen, erlauben wir uns heute, unseren 2iC vorzustellen. Major Robert BUSCH, 2iC AUSCON brachte für seine Funktion schon entsprechende Auslandserfahrungen mit: 1959 Spezialausbildung in Amerika (Fort Knox — Armoured School) und UNTSO-Einsatz in Ägypten von 1970 bis 1971. In Österreich ist Mjr Busch seit 1963 Hauptlehrer an der Panzer-Truppenschule in Zwölflaxing sowie Expertise in der Schießlehre sämtlicher Waffen der Panzertruppe. Als Ausgleich zu so viel "Gepanzertem" liebt Mjr Busch die Gartenarbeit. Böse Zungen behaupten, daß dieses Hobby seine Vorliebe für den Stellungsbau begründet.



At the official Reception held after the parade the ladies were welcomed in a typical Austrian way with red and white carnations — the national colours.

This is to introduce our 2iC Maj BUSCH engaged in one of his favourite hobbies: "Gardening". "Soldiers, I have got good news and bad news for you. The bad news first: Today we are filling sandbags. The good news: There's plenty of sand available".

**AUSCON
NEWS**

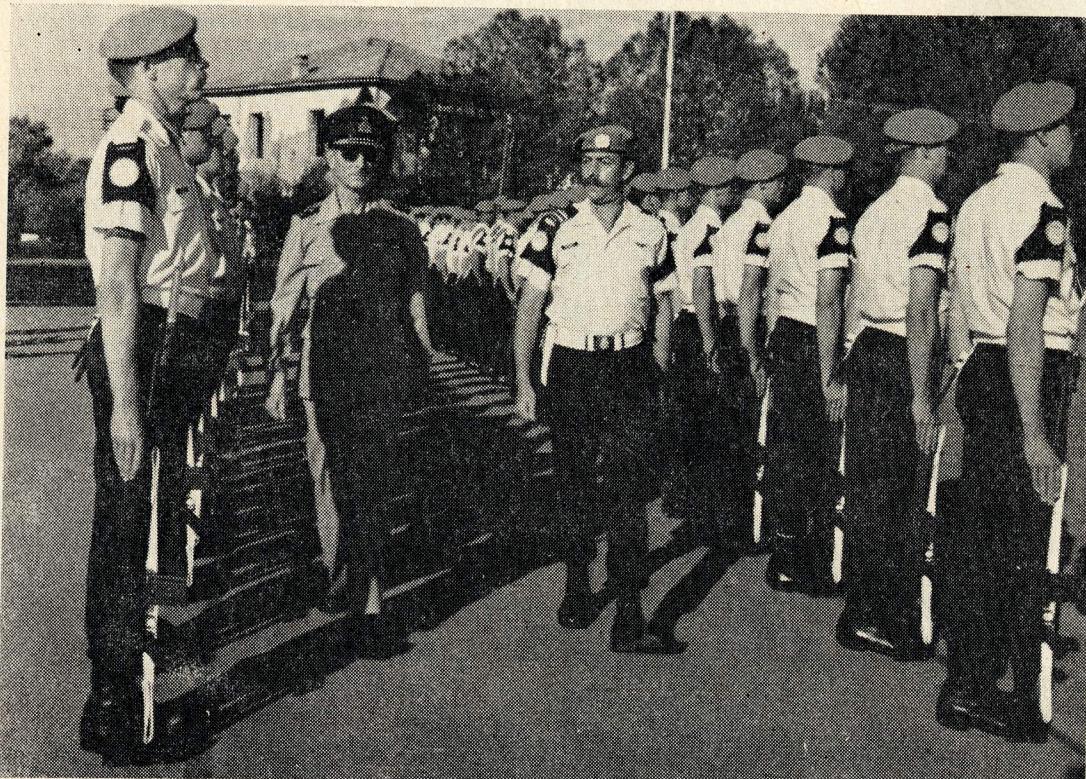
Am 26 Oktober feierte man in unserer Heimat sowie bei unserem Kontingent hier in Zypern gemeinsam mit der AUSCIVPOL zum 21. Mal den Tag unserer endgültigen Freiheit und Unabhängigkeit nach Jahren schwerer Belastungen und Entbehrungen. Vor genau 21 Jahren verließ der letzte alliierte Soldat unser Land, ging die Besetzung Österreichs durch ausländische Streitkräfte zu Ende.

Seit diesem Tag ist Österreich ein neutraler Staat, der sich seiner Aufgaben und Verpflichtungen wohl bewußt ist. Viele bittere Erfahrungen in der Vergangenheit haben uns Österreicher die Notwendigkeit der Erhaltung des Friedens auf der Welt deutlich gemacht und so trägt auch Österreich im Rahmen seiner Möglichkeiten dazu bei, den großen Gedanken der UNO und aller friedliebenden Menschen, zu verwirklichen. Ein Bataillon in Syrien auf den Golanhöhen, ein Bataillon und ein Polizeikontingent auf Zypern, sowie in den vergangenen Jahren Einsätze der österreichischen Soldaten im Rahmen der UNO im Kongo und in Ägypten zeugen von der aktiven Neutralitätspolitik Österreichs.

Einige unserer Kameraden haben in Erfüllung ihrer freiwillig auf sich genommenen Pflichten im Dienste des Friedens ihr Leben gegeben. Ihnen gilt auch heute unser ehrendes Gedanken.

Die Auszeichnung von Soldaten des AUSCON und Polizeibeamten der AUSCIVPOL mit der Medaille "In the Service of Peace" durch den FC LtGen D. Prem Chand PVSM an unserem Nationalfeiertag verlieh dieser Medal Parade einen besonders feierlichen Charakter.

CANCON VISITED BY CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF



Guard Commander Captain D L Frausell with the CDS. The Guard was found by R & N Companies.



3 RCR Pipes and Drums performing for the CDS while he was visiting the Officers Mess.



Liar Dice with Captain R J B Colesberry.



CDS visiting the Force Commander.



CDS enjoying a game with the CO Lt Col D B Ells with COMCANCON and Col Christie in the background.

CANCON NEWS

On 26 and 27 October, the Chief of Defence Staff of Canadian Forces, General J.A. Dextraze visited UNFICYP and the members of the Canadian Contingent.

During his visit General Dextraze saw many members of the Contingent: Some on OP duty and some relaxing in recreation areas. The CDS stressed to everyone the importance of their task here. His sincerity and interest in the individual soldiers was apparent in his informal chats with everyone he met.

Just prior to his arrival in Cyprus, General Dextraze had spent several days in the Middle East. In addition to the Canadians in UNFICYP, some 1100 Canadian soldiers also serve with the UN in Egypt, Israel and Syria.

MUUTOKSEN HETKET



A Partial rotation took place at Fincon on 26th October. 3 officers and 81 other ranks were repatriated, 9 officers and 93 other ranks arrived. In the picture above on the left the Commander of Fincon Lt Col O. Lopmeri is seen welcoming the newcomers. Above on the right the new Personnel Officer Capt H. Kivistö (on the right) is pictured in front of his new office with

his predecessor Maj R. Mäkiä. Below on the left the Commander of HQ Company, Capt H. Myllo is seen handing over his throne and sceptre to the new Company Commander, Capt P. Vesterinen (on the right). Below on the right, Sgt V. Viitanen is seen supplying a newcomer with a brand new assault rifle.

UNCIVPOL NEWS



Most of the members of the Swedish Civilian Police Contingent were pictured recently on the veranda of their base in Famagusta.



Four former members of the Austrian Civilian Police Contingent have come back for another tour in UNFICYP. They were seen on their arrival at the Carlton Hotel and are Inspectors Scherbler, Witek, Chief Inspector Partosch and Inspector Troll.

AUSTRALIAN POLICE COMMISSIONER VISITS AUSTCIVPOL



Last week Commissioner J M Davies of the Australian Commonwealth Police Force came to Cyprus to visit the Australian Civilian Police Contingent. While he was here he visited the memorial to Sergeant Ward and laid a wreath on it.

SPORT NEWS



Ten days ago the autumn orienteering competition was organised and run by the Swedish Contingent. The competition took place over the Cape Greco peninsula. The winners this time were the Swedish first team, with Svensson of Sweden taking first place, and Fransson and Eriksson also of Swedcon in second and third places.

The team results were:

1st	SWEDCON I
2nd	FINCON II
3rd	FINCON I
4th	FORCE RESERVE
5th	CAMP UNFICYP I
6th	SWEDCON II
7th	CAMP UNFICYP II



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Week ending 30 October	11	period last year	265
Same period last year	14		
Total for the year	229		
Total for the same			

LESSON OF THE WEEK
Learn from your near misses