



8th October 1975

MR. WECKMANN- MUNOZ LEAVES CYPRUS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has regretfully announced that his Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr Luis Weckmann-Munoz of Mexico, has asked to be relieved of his post in order to return to his country's diplomatic service.

He was appointed Special Representative by Dr Waldheim on 26th May 1974. Since then he has been very fully involved with the reactivation of the inter-communal talks preceding the coup, maintaining diplomatic contacts during the fighting, the obtaining of a ceasefire and in arranging and taking part in the humanitarian talks and later in the talks on the substance of the Cyprus problem in Vienna and New York.

Mr Weckmann Munoz joined his country's foreign service in 1952. He was made head of the United Nations Department of the Mexican Foreign Office and subsequently served with various Mexican embassies. His last post was as his country's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

It has now been learnt that he has been appointed Ambassador of Mexico to Iran and the Federation of the United Arab Emirates, and is expected to take up his new duties shortly.

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Søndag d. 5. oktober aflagde Force Commander D. Prem Chand, PVSM, ledsaget af Mr. B.E. Urquhart, UN Under Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, General C.E. Beattie, CMM, CD, og Senior Political Adviser, Dr. R. Gorge besøg ved DANCON.

Efter en kort briefing på OP POTAMOS kørtes en tur ad patruljesporet, for at gæsterne ved selvsyn kunne sætte sig ind i problemerne i appelsinplantagerne.

DANCON NEWS

DANCON - MARCHEN

Weekend'en d. 27.—28. august.

Glade og veltilfredse starter alle ud lørdag morgen.

Senere går det lidt langsommere.

Til højre inspicerer velfærdsofficeren LT K.S. Kraul-Jensen vablerne hos deltagere fra DANCON, SWEDCON, AUSCON og MP.



Den svenska högvaktsstyrkan kommer marscherande med bestämda steg men takten är ännu inte helt perfekt. Men den kommer säkert med tiden.

Hårdträning inför högvakten

Den 24 oktober är det 30 år sedan FN bildades och då ska vår bataljon gå högvakt på Stockholms slott. Styrkan, som är på sammanlagt 43 man, har redan börjat öva under Lt Tommie Anderssons befäl. Killarna jobbar verkligen för kung och fosterland. I början spände de sig så att de fick ont i både hälsenor och vader. Ungefär fyra timmars övning per dag fram till avresan den 20 oktober bör dock ge både säkerhet och mer avslappnade vristar.

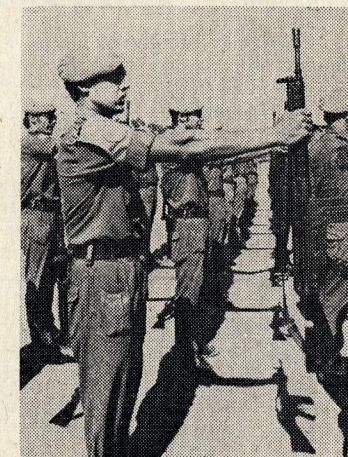
De uttagna representerar samtliga kompanier. Några har inte tidigare haft ak 4:an, som är genomgående vapen, utan måste också lära sig hur den fungerar.

Högvaktsstyrkan kommer inte att använda uniform m/61 utan m/60 med påsydda FN-märken vilket ju inte är lika elegant men å andra sidan betydligt varmare i den svenska höstkylan. Uniformerna lämnas ut på I 4 efter hemkomsten.

Vakthavande major blir stabsschefen mj Björn Ekstrand och vaktehuf Lt Tommie Andersson.

ENGLISH SUMMARY

The 24th October is the UN-day and it is celebrated over the whole world. This year it is the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations. The Swedish battalion has got the honour to guard the Royal Swedish Castle in Stockholm during that day. Altogether there are 43 men in the guard and they have been training four hours a day for a couple of weeks now. They must march in complete order and turn round in exactly the same second. The training is very tough and some of the soldiers got aching legs after the first week. But now they are more skilled and they don't have to be too tense. But it is sure a harder duty than the normal OP-routine.



Vapenexercisen innehåller många turer och i början går det lättast om man räknar samtidigt med rörelserna.



—Å så lite bättre kläm i steget nu. Det ska höras att det kommer 40 man marscherande! Lt Tommie Andersson rättar till felen. När styrkan kommer till Stockholm måste det klaffa perfekt.



Nej, det är inte kön utanför toaletten utan högvaktsstyrkan som tränar helomvändningar.

BRITCON NEWS

1 RTR GROUP LEAVE UNFICYP

'BON VOYAGE'

The 1st Royal Tank Regiment are preparing to leave the force in the next 2 weeks, after a very full and at times a very hectic 6 months.

In their 6 months with the UN force they have been involved in numerous tasks and operations — none bigger than 'Operation Mayflower' some crews pictured during that operation are shown here:



Major W. J. Bluck, Camp UNFICYP, Quartermaster is pictured here trying out a dentist's chair during Op Mayflower.

(1) Planning Conference — Op Mayflower. Left to right:— Capt J Thorn, Maj T Nicholson, Lt Col A K F Walker, Commander M L Beck, AUSTCIVPOL and E J Gould.

(2) Capt M S Mackenzie (right) and WO 1 (RSM) D J R Donachie watch the evacuation from Yialia.

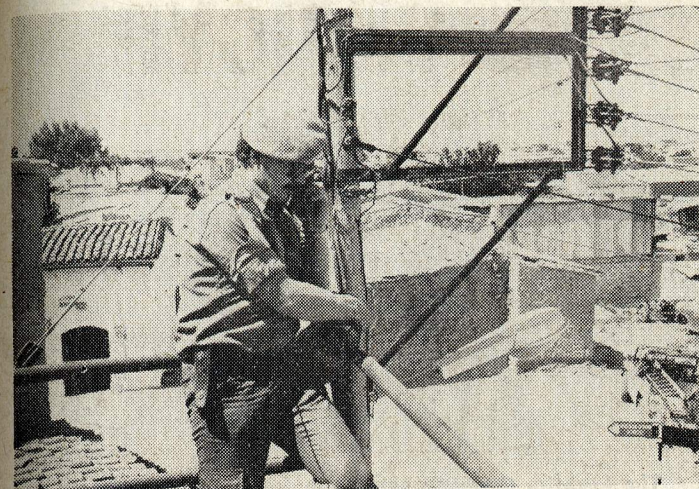
(3) Lt Col A K F Walker chats to Commander M L Beck, AUSTCIVPOL, during the Operation.



From the left: Sgt Harry Million, WO2 Geoff Chalonier, Sgt Alan Jewkes, and Sgt Ron Appleyard.

On Sat 20 Sept the Sgts Mess Camp UNFICYP held a brain drain quiz, teams taking part were 1 Sqn RCT (The Wheelers), 644 Sig Tp (The Bleeps), REME/Avn (Thinkon) and 84 Sqn RAF (Skorpios). In the first round REME/Avn met 644 Sig Tp. This round was very hard and closely fought and ended in a draw, which meant bringing in a 'sudden death' playoff. The Bleeps emerged from this as the winners by 27 pts to 25 pts. The second round between 84 Sqn RAF and 1 Sqn RCT was also closely and just as hard fought and the Skorpios came out as winners by 19 pts to 18 pts. The final was contested between The Bleeps and the Skorpios, The Bleeps winning by 23 pts to 18 pts. Pictured here we see winning team looking very happy after answering a question correctly. The question for this quiz which provided a lot of good entertainment for both competitors and spectators were set by WO1 Pete Sharpe, 644 Sig Tp.

AUSCON NEWS



Ab und zu geht es bei den Telefonleitungen daneben, was die Tel Truppe sofort auf die Spitze der Masten treibt.

Sometimes the wires get tangled up for AUSCON Signal Crew, making it necessary for them to climb up the pole.

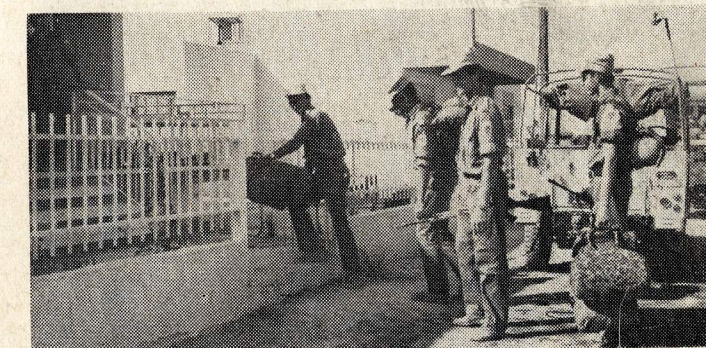


In der Kfz Werkstätte arbeiten nur die besten österreichischen Mechaniker: sie bringen auch räderlose Kfz zum fahren.

The AUSCON Workshop employs the finest mechanics from all over Austria: they can make cars run even without wheels.

Auch in den schwierigsten Situationen behalten AUSCON Pioniere einen kühlen Kopf, so zum Beispiel in PYLA wo plötzlich das Dach ueber ihnen einzustürzen drohte.

AUSCON Engineers keep a cool head in the trickiest situations, as in PYLA when the roof collapsed above their heads.



Frohen Mutes beziehen die AUSCON Soldaten ihr neues Lager in ATHIENOU, was etwas Abwechslung von LARNACA und dem MEER bedeutet.

Members of AUSCON are seen here moving happily into their new quarters at ATHIENOU. They are glad to get away from LARNACA and the SEA. (Really?)



Nachdem die kalte Jahreszeit nun schon beinahe vor der Türe steht, erhalten die AUSCON Soldaten ihre Winterbekleidung.

As winter will soon be with us, AUSCON personnel are issued with pullovers and anoraks to help them to keep warm in days to come.

Lt W. ERHARTT und Lt J. HOPFER, welche seit April 1975 beim AUSCON Dienst versehen, wurden mit Wirkung vom 1. Oktober 1975 zum OBERLEUTNANT befördert. Unsere herzlichsten Glückwünsche begleiten diese beiden Offiziere, die Zypern zum Monatsende verlassen werden.

2nd Lieutenants W. ERHARTT and J. HOPFER who are serving with AUSCON since April 1975 were promoted FIRST LIEUTENANTS, which came into effect from October 1st, 1975. Our warmest congratulations accompany these two Officers who are to leave Cyprus at the end of this month.

CANCON NEWS



The Logistics Company parades in front the dias honour.
La Cie Logistique défile devant le dais d'honneur.

PARADE DES MÉDAILLES

Le 26 septembre dernier avait lieu la parade des médailles du Contingent canadien. Le Commandant de la Force des Nations-Unies à Chypre, le LGen Prem Chand PVSM était l'invité d'honneur. Il passa le contingent en revue puis remit vingt-deux médailles pour service au sein des Nations Unies à Chypre. La cérémonie fut également marquée de la remise de la médaille de bravoure du Ministère de la Défense autrichienne au sgt Laframboise et cpl/c

Roy qui avait sauvé un soldat autrichien de la noyade le 20 juin dernier. Le cpl/c Mercier et cpl Landry reçurent la mention élogieuse du Chef de la Défense Nationale le Général J.A. Dextrage pour avoir aidé au sauvetage d'une famille emprisonnée dans leur maison en flamme. La cérémonie fut honorée de la présence du LGen Tellier du BGen Lefebvre et du BGen Belzile, par la suite une réception avait lieu dans chaque mess.

CANADIEN MEDALS PARADE

On Friday afternoon 26 September, CANCON held its United Nations Medals Parade on the parade ground at RAF Nicosia. Lieutenant-General D. Prem Chand PVSM, UNFICYP Force Commander, was the presenting officer. The Contingent which consisted of 2e Battalion R22eR, and "Q" Battery 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada was led by LCol J. Painchaud. Attending

the parade from Canada were Lt-Gen Tellier and BGen Lefebvre from Force Mobile Command. Also attending, was BGen Belzile, Commander 4 Combat Mechanized Brigade Group Europe. Music for the parade was supplied by the Band of the 1st Battalion, the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Following the parade receptions were held at the various messes.



Le LGen Prem Chand PVSM remet la médaille de Chypre au soldat Aubrey.
The LGen Prem Chand PVSM presents the medal of Cyprus to the soldier Aubrey.



Le Commandant le LCol J. Painchaud, le capt/adjt, le capt D. Lessard et le SMR l'adjutant chef Loiseau ouvrant la marche lors du défilé.

The commanding officer LCol J. Painchaud, the adjutant, capt D. Lessard and the RSM, CWO Loiseau opening the march during the parade.



The Commander of the Force accompagné by BGen Beattie and by LCol Painchaud pass the "Q" Battery in review.

Le Commandant de la Force accompagné du BGen Beattie et du LCol Painchaud passe la Bie "Q" en revue.

OPSIN POTATIO

Heinärotaatiassa vaihtuu taas runsaasti henkilökuntaa, eikä vähiten operatiivisessa toimistossa. Takaisin Suomeen lähtevät tilanpäivystäjät yllil Hasse Berglund, yllil Asseri Aalto ja It Juha-Pekka Peltonen sekä tiedustelu-upseeri yllil Harri Pirttijärvi. Tilalle tulevat tilanpäivystäjiksi luutnantit Eero Noroila, Juha Quist ja Juha Vesalainen sekä tiedustelu-upseeriksi yllil Jouni Kortekallio. Jäljelle jäivät toimiston päällikkö maj Volle Volanen, kapt Leif Forsblom ja ZEO kapt Juha Ropponen.

FINCON NEWS



ZEO:N TYÖSTÄ

Kolmena päivänä viikossa ajaa Land Roverin ja muutaman Bedfordin käsittävä jono läpi check pointin turkkilaiselle alueelle. Ehkä näkyvin osa kapteeni Juha Ropponen työstä on alkanut. Kapteeni Ropponen toimii Finconin taloudellis-operatiivisia asioita hoitavana upseerina.

Tällä hetkellä asuu turkkilaisella puolella noin 2000 saaren kreikkalaista ja maroniittia, joiden toimeentulon turvaavat suomalaisten järjestämät ruokakuljetukset, jotka ajetaan torstaisin, perjantaisin ja lauantaisin. Kuljetukset suuntautuvat 16 kylään. Kaksi ensimmäistä reittiä kiertävät Kyrenian alueella ja lauantaina ajetaan saaren luoteisosiin.

Koko operaatio käynnistyy Nicosian kansainväliseltä mes-sualueelta, josta kuorma käydään noutamassa. Tämän jälkeen matka suuntautuu turkkilaiselle alueelle, jossa otetaan kyytiin turkkilainen poliisi valvomaan kuljetusta.

Saavuttaessa kylään mukhtar eli kylänvanhin tarkastaa lastin

ja kuittaa sen ja kyläläiset purkavat kuorman. Samassa yhteydessä muonakuljetuksen johtaja tarkastaa mukhtarilta asukkaiden lukumäärässä mahdollisesti tapahtuneen muutoksen.

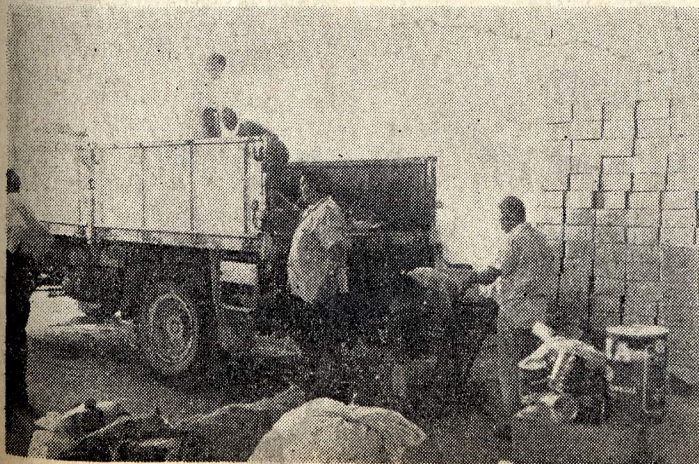
Paitsi ruokatavaroita käsittelevät kuljetukset mm. viljan siemeniä, lannoitteita, polttoaineita, lääkkeitä yms. Sanomalehtien ja kirjeiden kuljetus on sensijaan kielletty. Oikeastaan ainoa yhdysside saaren kreikkalaiselle puolelle on radio, joka onkin melkein jokaisessa kylässä. Joissakin kylissä on televisioitakin.

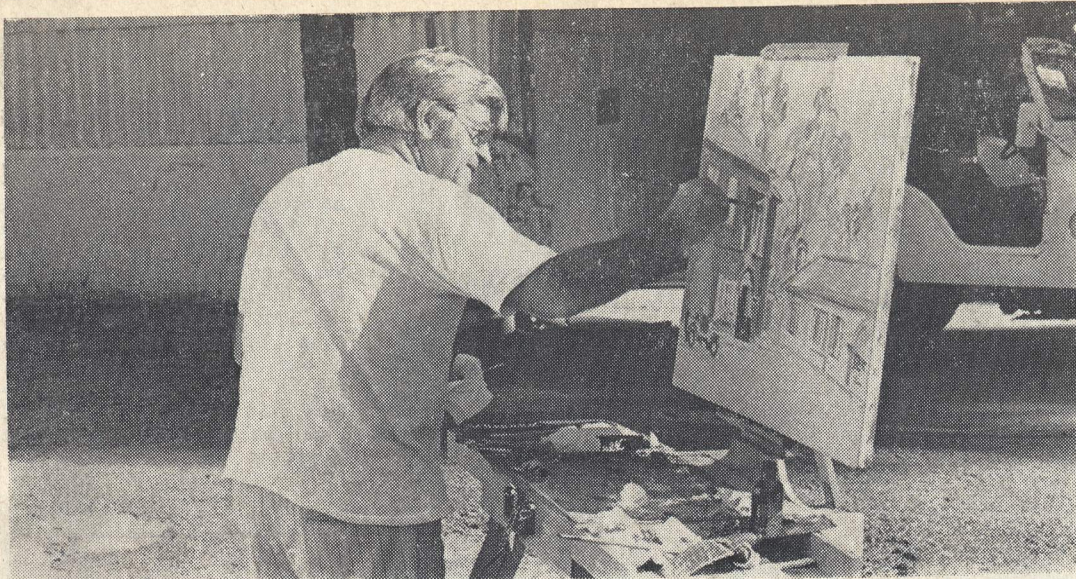
Paitsi ruokaa saavat kyläläiset myöskin rahaa. Itävallan siviilipoliisi kiertää viikottain maksamassa eläkkeitä ja sosiaalivastuuta.

Paitsi muonakuljetuksia kuuluu ZEO:n työsarkaan paljon muutakin. Viime aikoina on paljon aiheuttanut sadonkorjuun töiden valvonta linjojen välissä, sekä saarella käynnissä oleva anti-malaria-kampania.

ZEO joutuu työssään toimimaan paljon yhteistyössä Punaisen Ristin, Itävallan Siviilipoliisin, sekä erilaisten hallintoviranomaisten kanssa.

Fincon ZEO Kept. Juha Ropponen.





IN THE PICTURE

Mr Laurice LeBon, a renowned artist from Quebec, Canada was invited to visit Cyprus by Lt Col J. J. B. Painchaud, Comd Nicosia Zone (East), to paint the colourful island scenes.

As well as been a favourite amongst Canadian servicemen, Laurice LeBon has been commissioned to do paintings for the Governor-General of Canada, and also the Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable P.E. Trudeau.

THE NEW EDITOR FOR BLUE BERET ARRIVES

Sergeant Andy Kane, the editor of the BLUE BERET for the past six months has handed over his pen and ruler as his tour in the Force has ended. The new editor is Sergeant Pete Harrison who joins the MPIO staff after two years with one of the mobile public relations teams based in England.



ADVERTISING PAYS

The issue of some new United Nations stamps was announced in the last BLUE BERET. The response was tremendous and over £150 worth of stamps were sold. There are still a few first day covers left for those who were not able to get to the Finance Branch in hut 61 at HQ UNFICYP last week.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week ending 2 October 75	15
Same period last year	14
Total period this yer	251
Total for ame period last year	231

LESSON OF THE WEEK

Speed does not kill - it's that sudden stop.