

THE BLUE BERET



JANUARY 1982



UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS			
			
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS			
ACCIDENTS IN 1981	344	1982	0
INJURIES	38		0
DEATHS	3		0
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UNFIGYP ROAD SAFETY YEAR - 1982

DECEMBER IN RETROSPECT

ROTATIONS

None

MEDAL PARADES

None

VISITS

- 1 Brig A Myrtle, Brigadier General Staff Military Operations, visited HQ UNFICYP and the British Contingent and was briefed on UNFICYP requirements.
- 1—3 Capt McGilvray, WO2 Yeoman and Sgt Baker visited 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron on and internal recruiting drive.
- 1—15 Capt J E Jacobsen and Capt E C Plovdrup visited the Danish Contingent to assist in the transfer of stores and equipment during rotation.
- 3—10 Mr Kevin Steele from Radio Medway visited HQ UNFICYP and the British Contingent to meet and interview soldiers from the Medway area.
- 5—10 Maj Lagueux visited the Canadian Contingent to pay a liaison visit to CANCON on be-

half of National Defence Headquarters (Personnel Management).

- 8 Lt Gen Sir Roland Guy, KCB, CBE, DSO British Military Secretary, accompanied by Lt Col M Betts, visited HQ UNFICYP and the British Contingent, and gave an address to all available British officers.
- 8 Mr O Bergh, Editor and freelance journalist, visited the Swedish Contingent to prepare a report on Swedish troops in UN Missions.
- 14—16 Col S Wiberg, Maj C Harleman and Mr N Tetting visited the Swedish Contingent in connection with the arrival of the next contingent.
- 31—7 Jan Capt A Kimick and group of 25 members of Canadian Entertainment Troupe who visited the Canadian Contingent and entertained the Contingent and visitors with a special Christmas Show.

MILITARY AND RECREATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 3—4 UNFICYP Individual and Team Squash Competition

FUTURE EVENTS

At the AMERICAN CENTRE, Nicosia

Wed 13 Jan at 7.30 p.m.

“Silent Running”

This thoughtful science fiction film with an environmental message was directed by special-effects wizard Douglas Trumbull, who made his reputation with 2001: A Space Odyssey. Bruce Dern plays an astronaut in charge of a huge orbiting greenhouse, the home of plants and animals which can no longer survive on Earth’s polluted surface. When Ground Control orders their destruction, he rebels. The “cute” robots that keep Dern company were precursors of R2D2 and C3PO of Star Wars fame.

Wed Jan 20 at 7.30 p.m.

“King’s Row”

This strong period drama of small-town life generally acknowledged to be the best film of Ronald Reagan’s Hollywood career. It also features fine performances by Ann Sheridan, Claude Rains and Robert Cummings. The 1942 film of Henry Bellamann’s novel was unusual for the period in dealing with the dark side of human behaviour. The Filmgoer’s Companion calls it “an unusually adult film to come from Hollywood in the middle of the war.” (For those who would like more information of Reagan’s cinema career, the American Centre Library has “The Films of Ronald Reagan” by Tony Thomas.)

At the BRITISH COUNCIL

3, Museum Street, Nicosia
and at the British Council Reading Room,
23, Mehmet Akif Ave, Nicosia (Tel: 74938)

Thurs 14 Jan at 8 p.m. (N Nicosia 8.30 p.m. 12 Jan)

PIANO RECITAL by IAN LAKE playing Mozart’s Adagio in B Minor, KV 540, Schumann’s Fantasy in C Major, op 17, John White’s Sonata No 102 (1980), Rachmaninov’s Three Pieces and Liszt’s Mephisto Waltz No 1.

A professor of the Royal College of Music, Ian Lake has played in countries throughout the world, with frequent broadcasts and appearances on TV in Britain and elsewhere. He made his Royal Festival Hall debut in 1961 with Sir John Barbirolli and the Halle Orchestra. Primarily interested in the repertoire of the 18th and 19th centuries, he enjoys modern music as well and contemporary composers have written works especially for him. He previously toured in Cyprus in 1979.

Thurs 21 Jan at 7.30 p.m. (N Nicosia 7.30 p.m. 22 Jan)

Films About Thomas Hardy:

“PORTRAIT OF HARDY” a dramatized life of Thomas Hardy, incorporating readings from his work and interviews with people who knew him personally.

“THE POETRY OF LANDSCAPE — THOMAS HARDY AND DORSET” — a camera journey through Thomas Hardy country (Dorset) linked with the author’s life and writings.

An Exhibition of photographs showing the life and times of Thomas Hardy, English poet and novelist, 1840-1928 will be on display until Thursday 28 January (N Nicosia until 5 Feb).

Thurs 28 Jan 7.30 p.m. (N Nicosia 7.30 p.m. 29 Jan) “Far From the Madding Crowd”. Feature film directed by John Schlesinger and based on Thomas Hardy’s great novel, with Julie Christie as Bathsheba Everdene and Terence Stamp, Peter Finch and Alan Bates as her three star-crossed suitors. A rose-tinted vision of Victorian Wessex with, unusually for Hardy, a happy ending.

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on the cover

Publicising UNFICYP Road Safety Campaign
Photo: Bob Fousert



Editorial

As you can see from the front cover of this month’s issue, the UNFICYP Road Safety Year 1982 has now been launched. Please turn to Page 11 for the ground rules.

On Boxing Day, 26 December 1981, an unusual and happy thing happened on board a UN helicopter flying at 1000 feet — a baby was born. For the story and pictures see Page 11.

Undoubtedly the keen skiers amongst the Force are hoping for some snow on Troodos, or have arranged a skiing holiday in Europe. If you are a real expert, dream with Captain Bernard St Laurent on Pages 12 and 13 — Heli-skiing.

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Royal 22^e Régiment

By Capt Bernard St Laurent



Santa Claus (Lt LINTEAU) with Capt Levesque

Capt Levesque on OP OMORPHITA

A Greenline Christmas

Canadians are used to a white Christmas, but this year in Cyprus it was green . . . on the Green Line. All officers and senior NCOs took over the sentry duties at 2000 hours on Christmas Eve until 1200 hours on Christmas Day. This enabled our soldiers to celebrate Christmas.

It was during that period, that we from the "Vandoos" organised many events following the spirit of our customs. The officers and senior NCOs served the men's dinner, singing Christmas Carols and exchanging wishes. The Chef made an incredible number of "tourtières" (meat pies normally made from moose meat) a famous French-Canadian dish that is only served at Christmas. This hearty meal was followed by a show organised by the junior officers. Following the pattern of variety and comedy shows, they entertained the troops for more than 1½ hours.

Christmas is, by its meaning, a religious celebration. Even if we had a good time we didn't forget about the real sense of the day. So everyone left the Ledra Palace in orderly fashion for Holy Cross Church at Paphos Gate. The service was enlightened by the angelic voices of the Vandoos. For

about a month, about twenty talented singers had rehearsed some religious Christmas songs, and this made our Midnight Mass something to remember.

After leaving church, the real celebrations started. Everyone rejoined his company for a big party. Songs and gifts were exchanged and the family atmosphere of that day was re-created.

Meanwhile on the OPs, the officers and NCOs were the sentries for the night. You really have to be out at night to know how cold it can be. Some non-smoking sentries were looking everywhere for a match to light the fire. One of our boy scouts lit his fire by using the field phone wires, a battery and toilet paper. The idea was good—until he realised that the wires had been cut too short and the phone was left dangling in mid air!

Nevertheless the shift ended at noon, and was followed by Mass and an excellent champagne breakfast. The officers were so tired that the party finished early and most officers and SNCOS retired to bed for a well-earned rest.



Sgt Schoumaker and Lt FORTIN on OP ORCHARD



Christmas dinner for the troops



C/Sgt Roger Furlotte points something out to a Cypriot farmer.



A Cypriot farmer shows the farming NCO his oranges.

FARMING NCO



By Major Nigel Harris

The job of a soldier is often said to be to fight. Today the opposite is frequently true. He will find himself keeping the peace. Colour Sergeant Roger Furlotte, 37, the farming NCO believes that he is in an unique position to help the cause of peace in Cyprus.

He is the contact man between the farmers and the UN soldier in Sector 2 BRITCON.

He is the soldier who tries to help the farmers carve a living from the soil in the UNBZ.

Colour Sergeant Furlotte, who usually commands the Assault Pioneer Platoon of 2 QUEENS has set himself a punishing routine. Never forgetting that he is firstly a soldier, he starts the day at dawn with a rigorous two mile run.

By 7 a.m. he is meeting the farmers, arranging UN escorts for them and solving any last minute problems before the farming day starts. The rest of the morning is spent touring his area, making sure that everything is running smoothly.

Lunch is normally a simple meal in the fields with a farmer discussing crop yields, the price of seed and the many other matters of farming interest.

At tea time Roger always goes to the local coffee shop where he talks over

local problems and arranges escorts for the following day. This session can go on until late at night, but is of value as the knowledge gained helps him to identify local problems.

"One of our biggest headaches is the control of wild dogs in the UNBZ. They kill sheep and as many have Hydatid disease, they also threaten the health of soldier and civilian alike", Roger points out.

He is very interested in the job. "I've got a 170 foot garden next to my house in the Norfolk Broads, so I understand many of the problems of the farmer", he says.

Perhaps he and his fellow farming NCO represent all that is best in the UN soldier; a humanitarian who cares about both peace and progress towards normality in Cyprus.



C/Sgt Roger Furlotte having a look at a traditional mill stone.

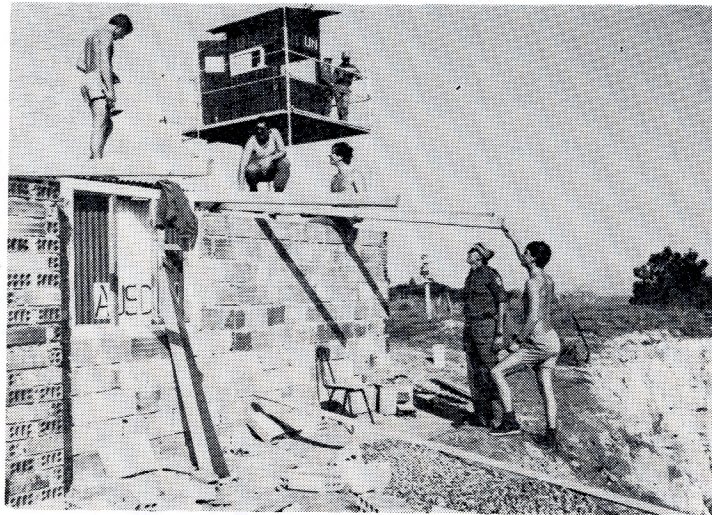
OP A26 UNDER RECONSTRUCTION

By Capt Freddie Lugert



It took the Senior Logistics Officer, and the OP commander Sgt Unterkirchner Maj E Lauber and the Engineer Officer Capt W Grunseid one comprehensive meeting to organise the logistic support to reconstruct OP A26. After Capt Grunseid supplied 1 Coy with the necessary materials the main work began at the OP. Luckily enough the OP is staffed with two bricklayers and a carpenter, which enabled the platoon leader 2 Lt Taucher

The Cyprus winter season seemed to be the best time for the construction work, and very soon the Austrian soldiers of OP A26 will have new sleeping quarters, a much larger recreation room and a new kitchen.



Platoon leader 2/Lt Edgar Taucher (second from right) and OP Commander Sgt Johann Unterkirchner (second from left) actively directing the construction work.

MILDEKAN DR. HANAK

At the end of December the highest ranking Protestant priest in the Austrian Army, MilDekan (a rank equivalent to Colonel) Dr J Hanak visited the two Austrian UN battalions on the Golan Heights and in Cyprus. MilDekan Hanak had a full scale programme scheduled, which started with an initial discussion with AUSCON's Commanding Officer Lt Col Helmut Weber and continued with extensive visits to all the AUSCON OPs where he discussed the various problems of the Austrian soldiers.

The highlight of MilDekan Hanak's visit to AUSCON was the day when he was given a hand made wooden cross by WO1 Oberleitner and LCpl Lackner from one of the Liaison Points in the Karpas area.

Before his departure the MilDekan held a Holy Mass for the Protestant soldiers of the battalion. During the visit he was accompanied by AUSCON's Catholic priest MilKurat (Capt) E Hitz.



MilDekan Dr Hanak is given a hand made cross by soldiers of the Liaison Posts in the Karpas area.

TASK



CHARLIE

Photos and story by Bob Fousert

It is 0800 on a Thursday morning and a Whirlwind of 84 Sqn Det RAF lifts off from Nicosia for Limnitis on yet another "Task Charlie".

Task Charlie is flown three times a week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to resupply the more inaccessible of DANCON's OPs.

On arrival at Limnitis the Whirlwind is met by Sgt Jess Buus, who for the last 13 months has been the Air Traffic Controller and Resupply Co-ordinator at "Limnitis International Helipad". His job is to ensure that the items for resupply, troops on rotation, domestic rations, water, fuel oil and mail, go to the right OPs. The loads for the helicopter have to be ready so that they can be despatched without any delay. To prepare the loads before hand, Sgt Buus has to know

what the AUW (All Up Weight) of the aircraft is: this means the maximum load the aircraft can carry, taking into consideration the weight of the fuel. Having done the job for so long, Jess has become quite an expert, and rarely makes a mistake with his load allocations.

Loads which are too bulky to be carried inside the helicopter are transported in a net underneath as an Underslung Load. This is usually water for OP D35 (and sometimes D12) and fuel oil for OP D26.

In view of the flying time involved in Task Charlie the helicopter has to be refuelled at Limnitis. The fuel, contained in 44 Gallon (200 ltr) drums must be checked for water contamination before being used. This is done by visually inspecting the fuel inside the drums with the aid of a torch. Some of the fuel is then extracted and examined in a syringe

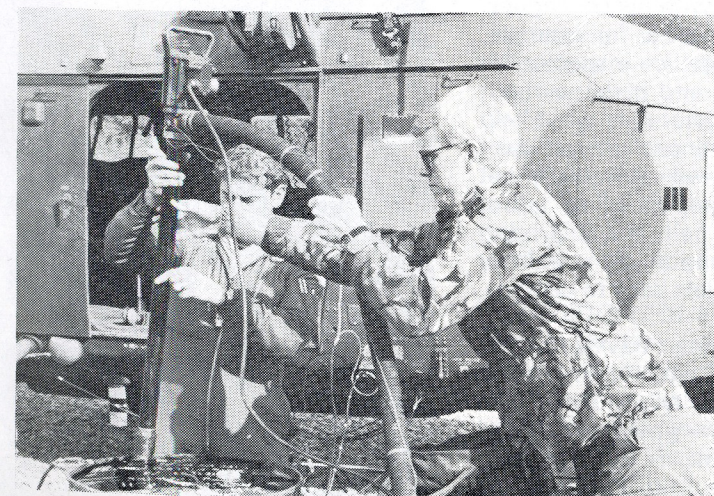
which contains a sensitive capsule capable of detecting 1 part of water in every 3,000,000 parts of fuel. Once checked and passed fit for use, Sgt Buus helps the helicopter Load Master fill the aircraft using a Zenith electric pump system.

Why not resupply the OPs by road instead of by air? At this time of the year the patrol tracks are dangerous and, at times, impassable. In the summer months it can take several hours to drive from Limnitis to the OPs, and without refrigerated vehicles the fresh rations would soon deteriorate in the high temperatures. It takes only a few minutes to fly to any one of the DANCON OPs.

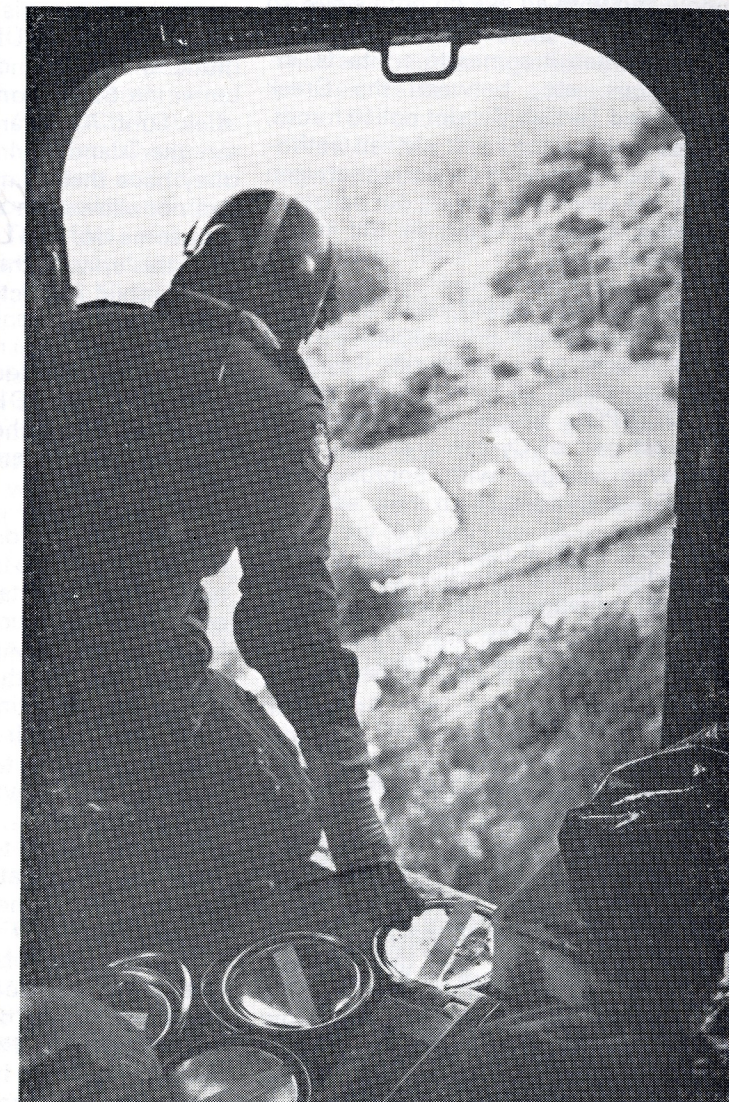
Throughout 1981 the Whirlwinds of 84 Sqn Det RAF, with the aid of Sgt Buus, have transported 750 troops, 600,000 pounds of freight and have flown 312 hours, covering a total of 15,600 miles (25,600 Kms).



Sgt Jess Buus discusses the load allocations with the Load Master Sgt John Waller.



Sgts Buus and Waller preparing to refuel the aircraft.



Coming in to land at OP D12.



Supt Curt Holm Commander SWEDCIVPOL. He is now doing his second six month period in Cyprus as Commander SWEDCIVPOL.



Ch Insp Lennart George travels to many police stations in the course of his work. Lennart, in the middle, with Insp Bo Andersson on a visit to Athienou and discussing matters with Insp Victor Ioannou.

The Swedish Civil Police came to Cyprus and started working on the island — together with other UN units — as early as 1964. At that time SWEDCIVPOL were 40 policemen who chose, and were chosen, to work for half a year or a year in another country — with jobs in some respects like the work at home, but in others quite different. At that time SWEDCIVPOL was based in Famagusta; now the headquarters is in Larnaca, and the force has been reduced to 14 men.

SWEDCIVPOL are, together with the Australian Civil Police, the ones in the middle and with an eye on both sides, so to speak. This police force is the go-between when it comes to contacts, investigations, etc., between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot police forces, as well as between most civilian authorities; the work with escorts between areas; the work with paying out pensions to Greek Cypriots living in the north, and other things.

Most, or a large part of SWEDCIVPOL's duties, is pure social work, and a big part of that is paying out pensions. It is done by the so-called "Karpas Group" within SWEDCIVPOL. Karpas is the area on the northeast part of Cyprus and here there are seven villages with approximately 1000 Greek Cypriots.

At least once a month these villages are visited by the Swedish Civil Police, although sometimes it can also be several times a week, to pay out pensions and help with other financial affairs.

Chief Inspector Carl-Owe Andersson is chief of the Karpas Group, and that means he is also responsible for another part that this group is working with; the escorts. It is also social work, with SWEDCIVPOL escorting people and providing transport from one side to the other. "It is very interesting work", says Carl-Owe "and it makes you get close to the people. You get to know the Turkish Cypriot who wants to visit a relative in the south and you get to know the family who wants to move on a more permanent basis from one area to the other. In such cases the civilian police carry out an humanitarian investigation on the reasons for wanting to move away.

If the social work is the biggest part of SWEDCIVPOL's work, number two is the investigations. Investigator is Chief Inspector Lennart George.

"If there is a suspicion that, for example, a Greek Cypriot has committed some sort of crime in the Karpas area, the Turkish Cypriot police will ask us to investigate the case. We get all the facts, make our own investigations and so on. When we have finished we hand over the material to both the authorities".

One thing Lennart George is working on at the moment is the problem of hunters entering the UNBZ. Winter is the hunting season and sometimes civilians enter the Buffer Zone or get close during their hunt. There are 30,000 hunters out on the island during this season! And they have their hunting boundary — they are not allowed to enter the buffer zone. But some do, and Lennart George has to take this up with the local police inspectors or chief inspectors in the areas concerned.

If a hunter is found inside the buffer zone SWEDCIVPOL apprehends the offender and hands the gun over to CYPOL. The police then carry out their investigation.

A typical day for Lennart George can be a long one. He travels around to different police districts with a briefcase full of matters to discuss with his colleagues. In the village of Athienou, for example, he will talk with the police inspector Mr Victor about hunting and perhaps about a car accident; Mr Victor may want help with investigating a minor traffic accident with a UN car involved. It is really not SWEDCIVPOL's responsibility, but Lennart promises to help and will bring the matter to the attention of the military police as soon as he gets back to Larnaca.

From Athienou Lennart travels to more villages, and by noon ends up in Nicosia where he hands over two guns to the Greek Cypriot police — guns confiscated during someone's hunt. In the afternoon the investigator from SWEDCIVPOL returns to Larnaca. Back to paperwork, among other things.

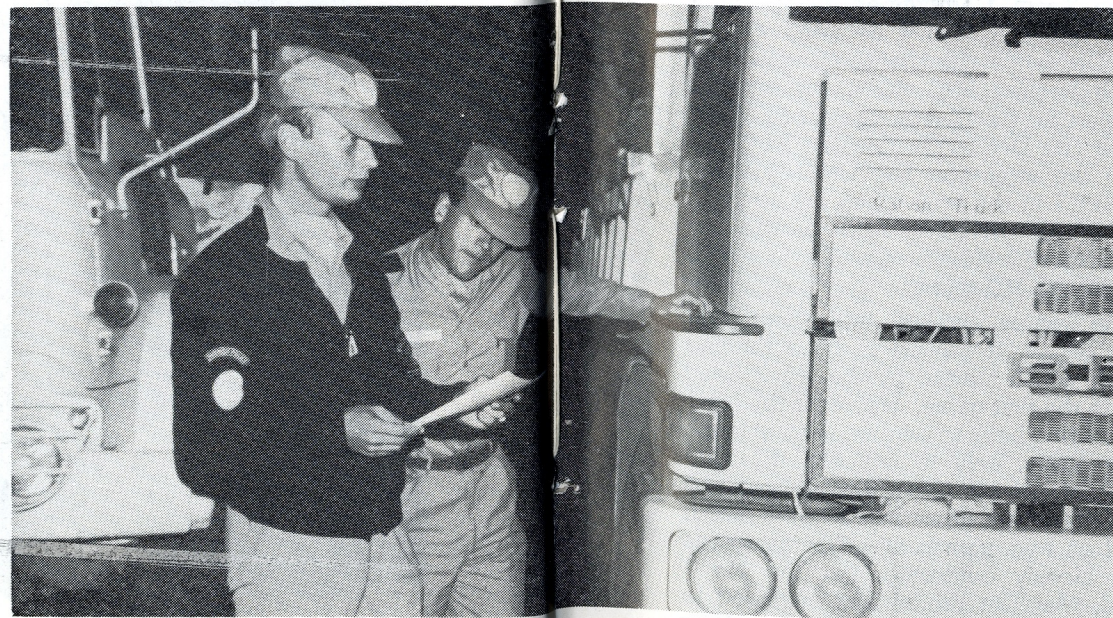
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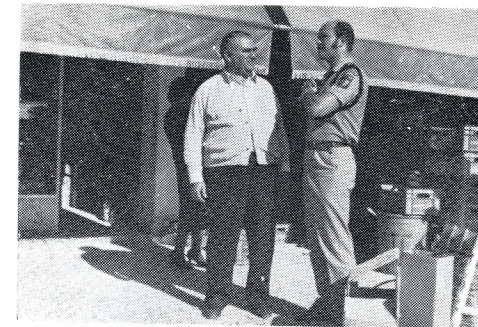
SWEDCIVPOL officers en masse. Standing, from the left: Ch Insp S Pettersson, Insp S Holmquist, Ch Insp C-E Bengtsson, Insp C Nilsson, Insp S-A Malmros, Ch Insp C-O Andersson. Sitting on the car on the left, Insp B Andersson and Insp R Horstrom. On the right of the picture Insp I Ekelund is sitting on the roof and the others, left to right, are Insp I Johansson, Insp B Hensegard, Ch Insp B Rosen and Ch Insp L George.

SWEDCIVPOL

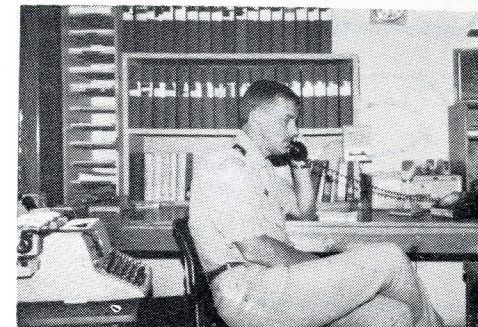
By Åke Edwardson



Insp Ingemar Johansson discussing the Karpas resupply before leaving AUSCON.



Insp Bjoern Hensegard is Admin Offr at SWEDCIVPOL, and responsible for buying food. Here Bjoern is chatting with shopkeeper Rikos Chrysostomou.



Duty Officer Sten-Aken Malmros at work in SWEDCIVPOL's headquarters.

"It's a hard day's work, but I'm working with colleagues and we get along very well with each other. And one more thing — there are very few criminal activities that we have to deal with".

As mentioned in the beginning, SWEDCIVPOL came to Cyprus in 1964, and changed headquarters from Famagusta to Larnaca in 1977 when the Austrian and Swedish UN contingents switched sectors. Now twelve of the fourteen policemen are in Larnaca and the other two work in Nicosia at HQ UNFICYP, one as POLOPS (Police Operations Officer) and one as Police Duty Officer at the JOC (Joint Operations Centre).

Commander SWEDCIVPOL is Superintendent Curt Holm. He is now doing his second consecutive six month period as Commander of SWEDCIVPOL. He says "Our mission here on Cyprus is above all a peacekeeping one, and for the civilian police it is more social work than police type work. Therefore it's very important that we have a good working relationship with the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot police, and I must say that this co-operation is working extremely well. Police work is police work, even if it differs here from the work we do in Sweden, and policemen are policemen even if we don't speak the same native language. In a way we speak the same 'police language' just the same!"

"A person working in SWEDCIVPOL must of course be a good policeman", says Curt Holm "but he also has to be something of a diplomat! On many occasions we walk a thin line between the two main groups here in Cyprus, so we have to be very flexible in our work. You have to use a lot of common sense and use your ability to talk to people in order to make things right. And I am bound to say that we get on well with both the Greek and Turkish Cypriots".

SWEDCIVPOL's HQ is situated in a house on the outskirts of Larnaca. In the house most of the policemen have their own rooms, but the Commander also has a villa close to SWEDCON's main camp, Camp Victoria.

In the HQ there is a kitchen, a dining room and a living room. SWEDCIVPOL takes care of its own food rations, etc.,

with help from civilian personnel. Bjorn Hensegard is the Administration Officer. "We have our own budget, and my job is to be responsible for the buying of food and all the other things that we may need. I also check up on the maintenance. We have civilian cooks and cleaners, and my job also entails administering their work, pay their salaries and so forth. Really you could say that I'm SWEDCIVPOL's Quartermaster".

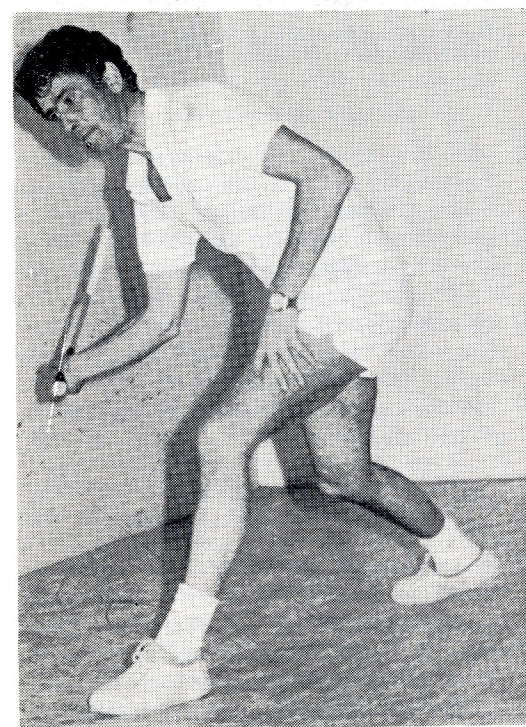
Although Bjorn is the Administration Officer like all the rest of the policemen he has to "do time" as Duty Officer. There are two policemen who work day-time as Duty Officers — it's their main job with the force — but all the others have to do duty on some evenings, weekends and nights, together with the telephones, cables and communication radios. Of course, there is someone at SWEDCIVPOL HQ listening and answering the phone 24 hours a day.

It's not easy to get a place in SWEDCIVPOL's force in Cyprus. There is much competition in Sweden for the 14 available places, and over 200 policemen volunteered to go this autumn. 14 of those 200 are now living and working in Cyprus. And if you ask them why they chose to come to this island, they say something like this:

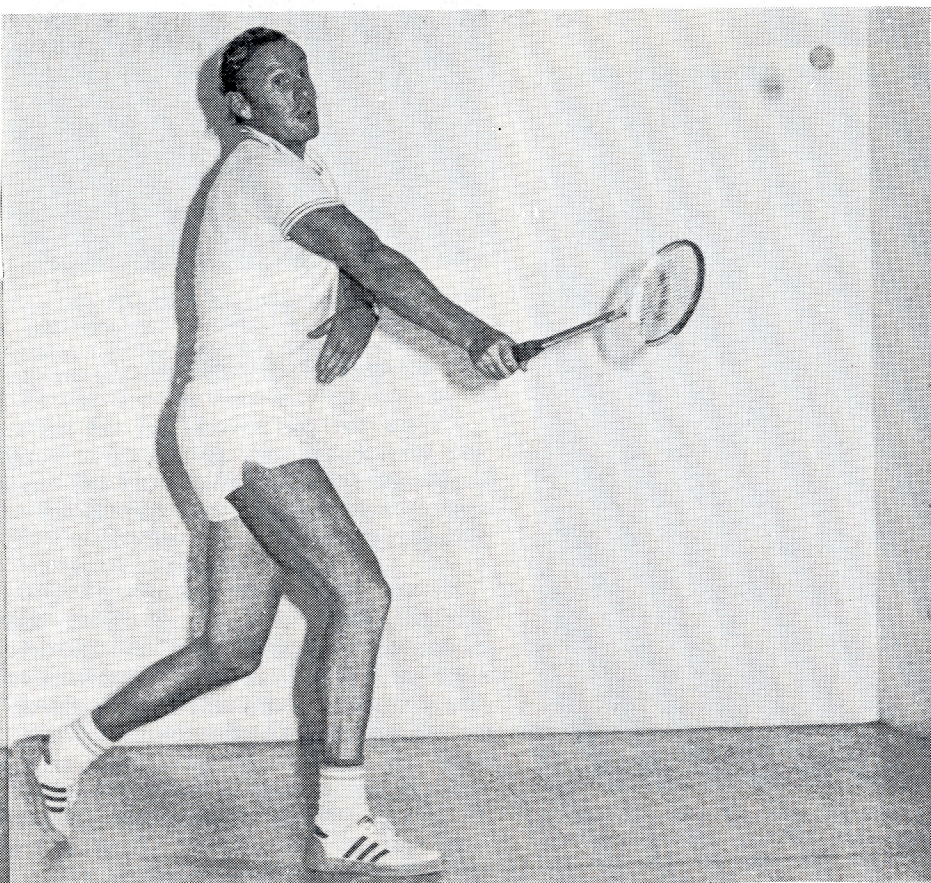
"The work gives you a very good opportunity to leave your usual life at home for a while and come here to make international contacts and extra experience. You get to learn different languages and you learn about the work UNFICYP is doing here to keep the peace".

The working day starts for SWEDCIVPOL at 7 a.m. But it also ends, sooner or later and when the policemen are off duty a large part of their free time is taken up with different kinds of sports. SWEDCIVPOL took part in the Dhekelia Dash, for instance, and they take part in many of the sports events arranged at Dhekelia and at SWEDCON from time to time. All in all it's an active life.

And if you are lucky, you may be invited to HQ SWEDCIVPOL on a Thursday evening. Every Thursday there is pea soup, pancakes and warm punsch for dinner. For a few hours you could be in Sweden!



The Runner Up in action



The Individual Winner plays a backhand shot.



UNFICYP SQUASH COMPETITION



RESULTS:

Individual Winner — Maj Tim Whitehead

Runner Up — Maj Colin Parslow

Team Winner — HQ UNFICYP

Runners Up — SP REGT

The UNFICYP Team and Individual Squash Competition was held at the Force Scout Car Sqn squash courts on 3/4 December 81. The competition was hosted by the Scout Car Sqn and prizes were presented by Brig J D Bastick.

The first day began with the Individual competition, which was limited to No 1 and No 2 Seeds from the various teams. The semi-finals were reached in the

morning; The HQ UNFICYP No 2 Seed, Maj Colin Parslow had a good match to beat the AUSTCIVPOL No 1 Seed, Sen Sgt Randall Gawne. In the other semi-final, the HQ UNFICYP No 1 Seed Maj Tim Whitehead had a clear win over the SWEDCON No 1 Seed, WO2 Lars Asander. The final individual match between HQ UNFICYP No 1 and 2 Seeds was then reserved as the last match on the final day.

The Team Competition began after lunch and SECTOR 4 defeated AUSTCIVPOL, while HQ UNFICYP won their match against FSC SQN. On the last morning SP REGT won against SECTOR 5 and HQ UNFICYP defeated SECTOR 4. In the afternoon HQ UNFICYP met SP REGT in the final when the strength of the HQ UNFICYP team proved too much for SP REGT, resulting in a 5-0 win for the HQ team.

The keenly awaited Individual Final then began. It proved to be a thrilling match which started by the No 2 Seed taking the first game. However the No 1 Seed came back to win the second game fairly easily, only to concede the third game. Again No 1 seed fought back and took the fourth game to make the match level at two games all. The last game was closely contested, but the No 1 Seed, Maj Tim Whitehead, managed to find his form to take the final game from Maj Colin Parslow.



The winning team from the left: Sgt Bob Fousert (No 4 Seed), Maj Colin Parslow (No 2 Seed), Maj Tim Whitehead (No 1 Seed), Sgt Jake Baker (No 3 Seed), Comdt John Murray (No 5 Seed)



ROAD SAFETY YEAR 1982



UNFICYP AIMS TO CUT ACCIDENTS

1982 will see a major drive toward reducing road accidents involving members of UNFICYP. Accidents involve injury, sometimes loss of life and the cost of vehicle repairs is a major expense rising annually.

ROAD SAFETY YEAR 1982

The Force Commander has designated 1982 as UNFICYP Road Safety Year and set a target of a 50% reduction in accidents over 1981 accident totals. Each unit has been given a monthly ceiling of accidents which will achieve the 50% reduction if not exceeded.

ALL PARTICIPATE

All UN vehicles, private vehicles and privately hired vehicles driven by members of UNFICYP from units listed below will be included in the calculation of monthly accident totals:

SECTOR 1
SECTOR 2
SECTOR 4
SECTOR 5
SECTOR 6
SP REGT
FSC SQN
AUSTCIVPOL
SWEDCIVPOL
HQ UNFICYP
CIVILIAN STAFF

WATCH THE BOARD

UNFICYP accident totals for 1982 will be matched against the 1981 figures on a signboard beside the main road through the UNPA. The board is featured on this month's front cover.

WATCH THE BLUE BERET

Units will receive a Monthly Certificate indicating whether or not they stayed within the monthly ceiling. Results will be published in The Blue Beret.

WATCH THE ROAD

Drive defensively, drive carefully and DON'T JOIN THE STATISTICS.

PLAY YOUR PART IN ROAD SAFETY YEAR 1982.



Inside:- Sgt Ekberg, Flt Lt Wargent. Outside: LCpl Levis, Cpl Shand Joanne & Eve Shand, Lt Col Dickson

BABY BORN IN UN HELICOPTER

On 26 December 1981, Mrs Eve Shand, a radio technician with the United Nations Field Service in Cyprus, gave birth to a baby girl whilst being flown in a UN helicopter at 1000 feet.

Eve Shand was not expecting her baby until about 6 January 1982, but she went into labour during the early hours of Boxing Day 1981. In order to lessen any complications associated with a premature birth, it was decided to "Medevac" her to hospital in a Whirlwind helicopter of 84 Squadron Detachment RAF.

At 8.10 a.m. whilst airborne over the western edge of Limassol she gave birth to her baby girl. Eve's husband, Cpl Dave Shand, from 254 (UNFICYP) Signal Squadron was aboard the helicopter for the happy occasion.

The helicopter was flown by Flt Lt Reg Wargent and crewed by Sgt Shaun Ekberg. Eve and Dave have named



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their daughter Joanne Shareg Shand. The second name is formed from the christian names of Shaun Ekberg and Reg Wargent.

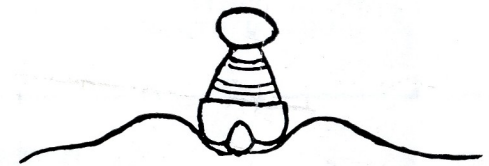
The Chief Medical Officer of UNFICYP, Lt Col Derry Dickson and a newly arrived medical orderly, LCpl John Levis, delivered the baby. Cpl Dave Shand also ably assisted by passing the necessary medical instruments to the Doctor.



Canada, as you probably know, is a very large country. It also varies from one end to the other. The vast plains of the prairies meet a natural barrier at their western end. The Canadian Rockies run north-south parallel to the Pacific Coast and are a veritable skiers' paradise.

The ski resorts in the Banff and Jasper areas are internationally renowned for their excellent snow conditions... but there is even better and higher snow and you'll find it with helicopter skiing. Have you ever skied in 20 feet of dry powder snow? Join me in this excursion.

The time is 0730 hours. It is sunny and slightly cool, but there is no snow on the ground. Thirty skiers, looking for



thrills and adventure meet at the helipad at Radium, British Columbia. Enough people for three helicopter lifts. The confident small talk changes slowly to nervous questions when the guide starts to

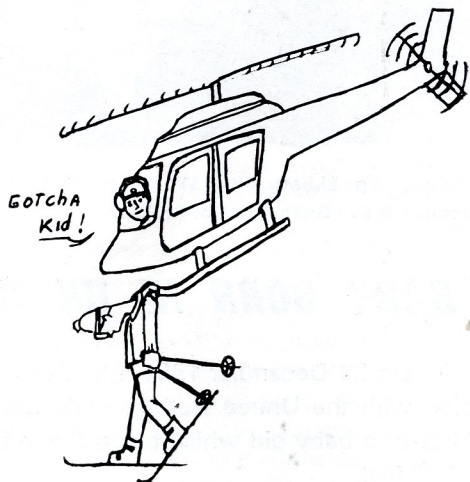


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explain the instructions regarding the proper use of the distress signal emitter and the ways of executing a search in case of an avalanche. Nevertheless it ends by a few hints on ski techniques while everyone tightens their nylon jackets so the snow won't fill them while skiing.

In no time the helicopter is off flying above wild summits untouched by anyone. The guide indicates to the pilot a proper landing spot on the very edge of the mountain. The helicopter lands, blowing the snow in every direction while keeping the front end of the skids over the ridge. All 10 skiers jump into the waist-deep snow on the left side while the mountain guide takes care of all the skis stacked in a basket on the other side. The take-off is immediate. The pilot launches his sophisticated "ski lift" into a fantastic dive down the sheer

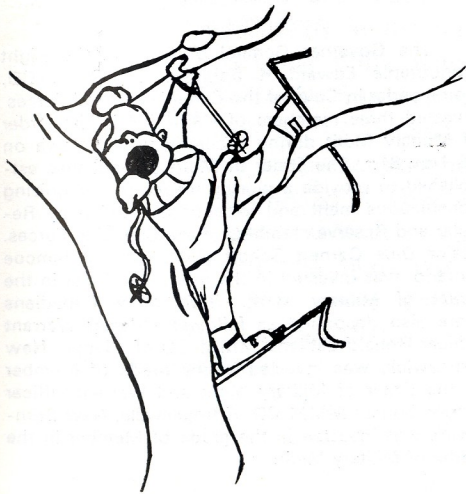


SKIING CANADA

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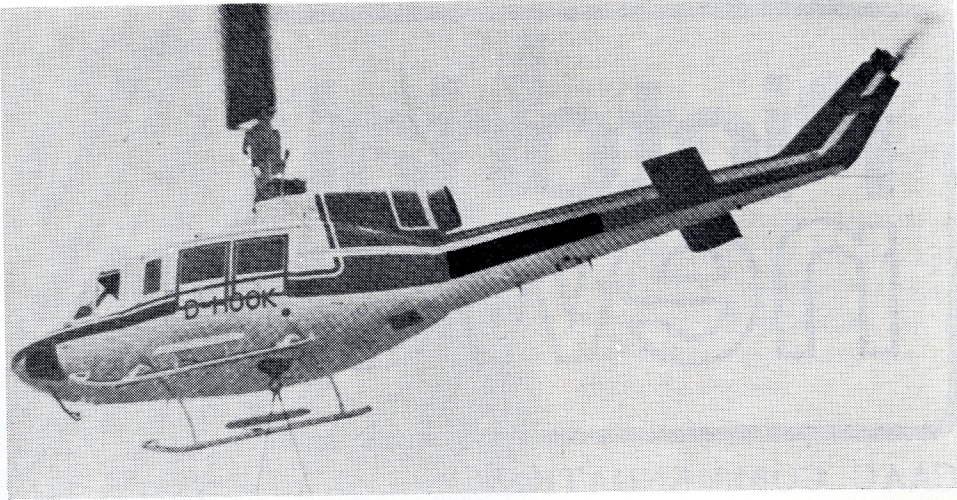
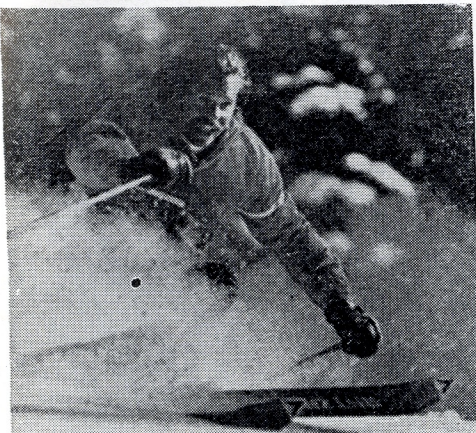
face of the mountain... all is quiet now; not a sound except the wind whistling... this is heaven.

We are all on our skis in no time. A last look round to enjoy that spectacular view. Man is about to conquer the mountain again. After a few "yodels" we are off, sinking in at every turn, blinded by the powder snow flying above our heads. We gain speed, we build up a rhythm... ecstasy! Breathing is difficult now, the legs feel as though they are on fire and only now do we start to see the beginning of the tree line. A quick break is taken to look at our tracks before initiating a new aspect of skiing, slalom around pine trees. Yes, we have just arrived where a few trees stick out



from the snow. They are getting bigger and closer as we go down. A trained racer finds out rapidly that they don't give way as well as a slalom pole!

At the bottom we look back up, wipe the sweat from the forehead and empty our jackets from all the snow which accumulated during the run. But there is no



time for a break because we can hear the noise of the blades beating the air. The guide, in radio contact, directs the pilot to the landing point and we're up again. It is a beautiful experience avoiding the line-ups! Can you imagine a vertical drop of 15,000 feet skied in 3 lifts?

The third run is finished. The legs are giving up. We crawl back to the Radium Hot Springs Hotel for a few drinks, ski stories and a bath in the natural hot pools. What a day!

If you're a skier looking for something different, the Canadian Rockies are wait-

ing for you; wild, untouched, covered with the best powder snow in the world, and... available.

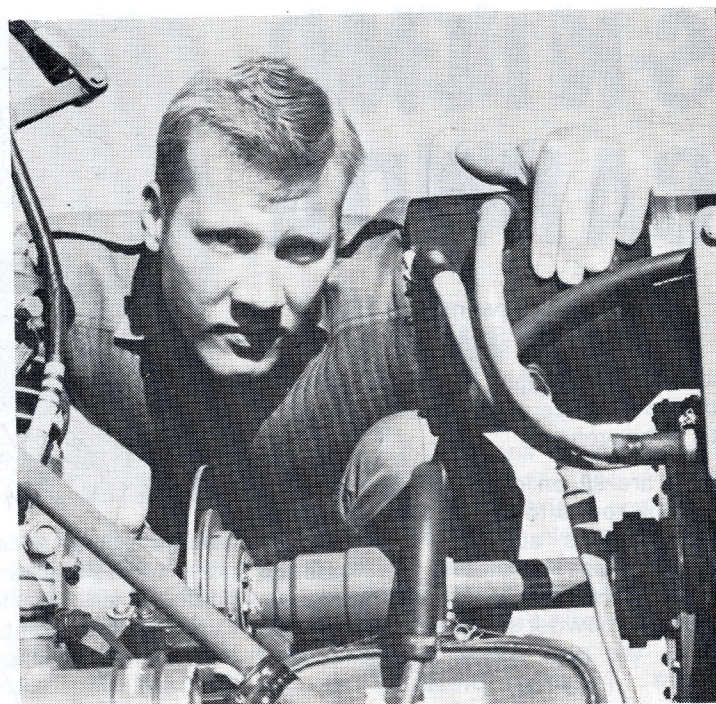


Pictorial news

CAAC COMMENDATION

LCpl Mark McEnarney is a member of UNFICYP Flt AAC. His main task is to assist in the ground handling and refuelling of the unit Alouette aircraft. One of his responsibilities is to carry out checks on the aircraft prior to take-off, to ensure that no signs of external defects are apparent. During such a check recently on a visiting Alouette, he noticed an oil leak and advised the pilot to close the aircraft down. Subsequent investigation revealed a damaged oil seal within the starter/ generator. If the defect had not been spotted and the faulty component replaced, a serious 'in flight' fire could have developed.

For his vigilance, LCpl McEnarney has been recommended for the Commander, Army Air Corps Commendation.



LCpl Mark McEnarney with the Alouette helicopter

FORCE OPERATIONS OFFICER DECORATED

The Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Edward R Schreyer CC CMM CD, Commander in Chief of the Canadian Armed Forces invested three members of CANCON in the Order of Military Merit during a ceremony in Ottawa on 25 Nov 81. The Order of Military Merit was established to provide a worthy means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by Regular and Reserve members of the Canadian Forces. Major Dale Garnett Schott OMM CD, of Simcoe Ontario, was invested in the grade of Officer in the Order of Military Merit. Two other Canadians were also decorated as follows: Master Warrant Officer Ronald Leblanc MMM CD of Dieppe, New Brunswick, was invested in the grade of Member in the Order of Military Merit and Warrant Officer Roger Doucet MMM CD of Rogersville, New Brunswick was invested in the grade of Member in the Order of Military Merit.



Maj Dale Schott receives his OMM from the Governor General of Canada.

FC COMMENDATIONS

On 14 December Captain Jan Hedlund, UNMP Company, was presented with the Force Commander's Commendation by Major General Greindl. A second Commendation for Corporal Peter Casson, formerly of the UNMP Company and now returned to England, was received on his behalf by Major Marcotte, the Force Provost Marshal. The two commendations were awarded as a result of the prompt action by the members of the MP Company when they applied immediate first aid to two officers and one soldier of the National Guard, injured in a serious road accident on 6 October, and then conveyed the two more seriously injured to Larnaca Hospital in their Landrover. Their action included attention to very serious head injuries which may well have prevented loss of life.



Capt Jan Hedlund (on the left) with Maj Sam Marcotte.

FINCON NATIONAL DAY

On 6 December FINCON celebrated their National Day and also held a small ceremony to mark the handover of command. Maj Stig Roberg, on the right, hands over command to Maj Lasse Ahlstrom, on the left.



SAINT LUCIA

On 13 December Saint Lucia was celebrated at SWEDCON in the traditional manner. Saint Lucia is the patron Saint of Syracuse in Sicily. She was martyred in AD 304 and on 13 December each year in Sweden celebrations are held with a beautiful girl dressed in white wearing a corona of candles. With a retinue of young followers she sings the "Santa Lucia" song and serves coffee with bread baked in a special shape which is called Lussekatter.



VISIT BY MILITARY SECRETARY

On 8 December 1981, Lt Gen Sir Roland Guy KCB CBE DSO, the British Army Military Secretary, visited UNFICYP. On the picture he is seen inspecting the BRITCON soldiers from 2 Queens who formed part of the multi-national Guard of Honour. From the left: Maj Gen G G Greindl, Lt J P Noble, Maj N P Harris and Lt Gen Sir Roland Guy with soldiers of 2 Queens on the right.





UN NEWS



NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru, will serve as United Nations Secretary General from 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1986. Most recently he has been the personal representative of the Secretary General on the situation in Afghanistan and as Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs.

A lawyer and career diplomat, Mr Perez de Cuellar also served as Peru's Ambassador to Venezuela, the Soviet Union, Poland and Switzerland, as his country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Cyprus.

He joined the Peruvian Foreign Ministry in 1940 and the diplomatic service in 1944, serving as Secretary at Peruvian embassies in France, United Kingdom, Bolivia and Brazil, and counsellor at the embassy in Brazil.

From 1964 to 1966 Mr Perez de Cuellar served as Peruvian Ambassador to Switzerland, later becoming Permanent Under-Secretary and Secretary General of the Foreign Office.

Mr Perez de Cuellar was the first ambassador of Peru to the Soviet Union, serving in that post from 1969 to 1971. He served concurrently as Ambassador to Poland.

He was a member of the Peruvian delegation to the first session of the General Assembly in 1946 and of the delegations to the twenty fifth through thirtieth sessions. In 1971 he was appointed Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations, and headed his country's delegations to all sessions of the Assembly through 1975. In 1973 and 1974 he was his country's representative on the Security Council and was serving as President of the Council at the time of the events in Cyprus in July 1974. On 18 September 1975, he was appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, a post he held until December 1977.



Perez de Cuellar next served as Ambassador of Peru to Venezuela, following which, on 27 February 1979 he was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs. From April 1981, while still serving as Under-Secretary-General, Mr Perez de Cuellar served as personal representative of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan. In that capacity he visited Pakistan and Afghanistan in April and August 1981 in order to continue the consultations which the Secretary-General had undertaken personally in recent months.

He resigned as Under Secretary General for Special Political Affairs on 31 May 1981, but was retained as the Secretary-General's Personal Repre-

sentative regarding the situation in Afghanistan. After leaving the United Nations, he returned to the Ministry of External Relations of Peru.

He is a former Professor of diplomatic law at Academia Diplomática del Peru and Professor of international relations at Academia de Guerra Aerea del Peru, and is the author of *Manual de Derecho Diplomático (Manual for International Law)* 1964.

Mr Perez de Cuellar was born in Lima, Peru, on 19 January 1920 and graduated from the law faculty of the Catholic University, Lima, in 1943. He is married to the former Marcela Temple and they have two children.