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Brigadier Gibbs: "Au Revoir"

Le 29 avril, le commandement de la zone de Nicosie passait au Brigadier A.J. Tedlie, DSO, CD, dont l'état-major était arrivé la semaine précédente. Tous, au 1er Bataillon 22e Régiment, seront heureux de servir sous ses ordres.

Avant de quitter la zone de Nicosie, le Brigadier R.C. Gibbs, DSO, MC, commandant du 16th Parachute Brigade Group publiait en français un ordre du jour reproduit ci-dessous.

"En remettant le commandement de la zone de Nicosie, demain au Brigadier Tedlie et à son état-major canadien, je voudrais remercier tous les soldats de l'appui énorme qu'ils m'ont accordé.

"Bien que le fardeau soit

porté principalement par votre commandant, officiers et sous-officiers, chaque soldat a accepté beaucoup plus de responsabilité qu'à l'ordinaire.

"Ce fut une tâche ardue, difficile et vraisemblablement pas encore terminée. J'ai été impressionné par la patience, le courage, la vigilance et la bonne humeur avec laquelle vous avez accompli votre tâche en dépit des provocations nombreuses. Peut-être la tâche la plus difficile fut de vivre si près de la situation présente et de demeurer neutre et divorcé de la politique. Je vous félicite tous pour votre comportement devant cette situation.

"Je vous souhaite bonne chance et j'espère que les

efforts que vous avez apportés seront fructueux. Ces efforts méritent certainement un succès."

Le bataillon fut heureux de servir sous le commandement du Brigadier Gibbs et tous ses membres prennent cette occasion pour lui souhaiter bonne chance et lui dire au revoir.

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STATEMENT BY LT. GEN. P.S. GYANI,

28 April 1964

"His Beatitude the President has told me that he wants a political solution to the problem of Cyprus under peaceful conditions and he wants peace and normality immediately in the country and that he is prepared to assist the UNFICYP in every way to achieve this aim.

"Similarly His Excellency the Vice-President has reassured me that peace and normal conditions to the maximum possible extent is his aim and he is convinced that peaceful conditions are essential to negotiate a political solution.

"It is my firm belief now, that peaceful conditions can be restored and maintained in Cyprus and we in the UNFICYP will work relentlessly to bring about active measures to reduce tension and eliminate fear and assist in every possible way towards achieving quiet and peace in the island.

"I APPEAL TO ALL THE CITIZENS TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION THAT WOULD DISTURB THE PEACE AND TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE GOOD WILL".

NEWS IN FINNISH

UUTISIA SUOMEKSI

Yhdistyneiden kansakuntien joukkojen yhteinen tiedotuslehti "THE BLUE BERET" — sininen baretti — ilmestyi painettuna keran viikossa. Se on pääasiallisesti englanninkielinen, mutta siinä on myös kirjoituksia muilla YK:n joukkoihin kuuluvien kansallisuuksien kielillä. Koska "THE BLUE BERET" issä on mahdotonta julkaisa kaikkea uutisaineistoa eri joukko-osastojen kielillä, on englanninkieltiltä taitamattomien pyytävä apua kielitaitoisilta toveriltaan.

Kotimaan ja ulkomaiden uutiset ovat saatavissa melko tuoreina kunkin posti alkaa säännöllisesti kulkeva. Täten joukot pysyvät selvillä Kypriksen tilanteesta myös omien lehtien välityksellä. Pataljoonaan on tilattu noin 30 eri sanoma- ja aikakausilehteä Santahaminassa suoritetun kyselyn perusteella. Helsingin Sanomat ja Uusi Suomi pyritään saamaan Kyprikselle jo ilmestymispäivän iltaan.

Muut sanomalehdet — myös maa-kunnalliset — sekä aikakausilehdet lähetetään rautateitse ja silloin tällöin lentopostina, jos kuljetuskoneissa on tilaa. Lisäksi pataljoonassa ilmestyy aina tarpeen mukaan oma pieni monistettu tiedotuslehti, jolla toistaiseksi ei ole nimeä. Joukkojen vapaa-ajan viihtyisyydestä on myös pidetty huolta. Pataljoonan käyttöön on Suomessa varattu palloja eri pelejä varten. Pesäpallovarusteet on kahdelle joukkueelle. Mukana on mm. painonostovälineet, pyrkelyhansikkaita ja yleisurheiluvälineitä. Kun joukot ovat ryhmittyneet, voidaan nämä välineet jakaan. Laajan kirjaston lisäksi on Suomesta otettu mukaan mm. shakkipelejä, tikkatauluja, elokuvamateriaalia jne. Miten paljon mukaanotettuja välineitä käytetään riippuu miehien omasta aloitekyvystä. Pataljoonassa on urheilukilpailujen ja -sarjojen järjestämiseksi Kypriksella jo olevien jokkojen parin.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

UNITED NATIONS STAMP

The UN Postal Administration will re-issue its 2c and 10c regular stamps on 29th May 1964 and at the same time will issue a new 7c regular stamp. The original 10c stamp, issued in 1951, will have its last day of sale on 29th May; the 2c stamp, also issued in 1951, has been sold out. Orders for stamps and requests for further information should be sent to the United Nations Postal Administration, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY 10017.



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CYPRUSCOPE SORRY NO NURSES!

It is with great disappointment that we have to announce that there are NO female nurses with the Austrian Hospital Unit!

This is probably a good thing for the unit as it would understandably have become full up with soldiers suffering from all sorts of inexplicable pains and illnesses!

WHATS IN A NAME?

"Is a Cypruscope an instrument used in Science?" said a 12 year old.

"No! that's a Kaleidoscope" proudly replied his knowledgeable sister (she was only 6)!

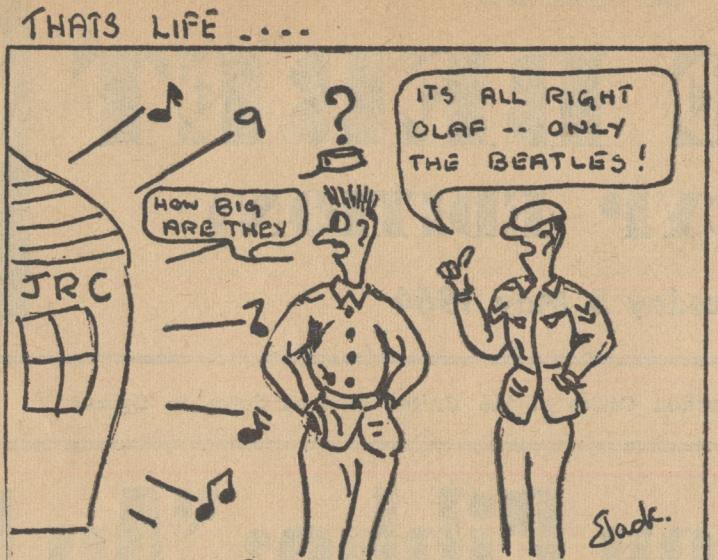
One reporter on hearing the name "Cypruscope" commented in an American drawl "Say, is this wide screen or color?"

We are beginning to wonder what a "Cypruscope" is ourselves. Readers are invited to help us by sending in their ideas. If you do not want publicity please put a large cross through your letter!

Local news in Swedish.
Händelsen i Timi.

Den svenska FN-trupp, som under major Thord Langes ledning ingrep i eldstriden vid Timi, är värd alt erkändande. Trots uppmötet att sluta skjuta och trots att det per högtalare klart talades om att det var svensk FN-trupp, som var i aktion, ökades eldgivningen och lades om så att den direkt var livshotande för de svenska soldaterna.

I enighet med de i struktioner som delgetts alla i den svenska kontingenget beslöt major Lange att undanröja hotet genom att avvärpa den styrka som beskött svenska. Alla man hade också tydligt läget allvar fullt klart för sig, ty beslutet genomfördes sedan med en fasthet och kraft som var imponerande och där ingen vek undan ens för ett ögonblick. De förvirrade krypskytarna drevs fram ur sina värn och samlades ihop till en öppen plats i centrum av byn och beordrades där att lägga ned sina vapen. Aven denna order åtlyddes av de flesta medan i en del fall vapnen fick



CYPRUSCOPE

5th MAY - 11th MAY

If your birthday is this week:-

Important events are shaping and you may have the opportunity of taking part in them. You may meet contacts this week who will open new doors for you. Try out new ideas and put zest into your daily activity and things will go more quickly!

HELLAFANT

Question: "Why do elephants have the soles of their feet painted yellow?"

Answer: "So that they can hang upside down in a bowl of custard without being seen!"

REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

Implementation of the programme outlined below.

"General GYANI, in pursuance of my instructions and, indeed, in accordance with his own views, has consistently sought to achieve the desired and defined objectives of the peace force in Cyprus by peaceful means, that is without resort to armed force, the arms of the force being carried only for the clear purposes of self-defence. Despite concerted effort by General GYANI and the force, and my own earlier appeals, fighting persists in Cyprus, with lives of Cypriots — Greek and Turk alike — being needlessly and pointlessly sacrificed.

"I wish here to emphasize my view that the United Nations Force was despatched to Cyprus to try to save lives by preventing a recurrence of fighting. It would be incongruous, even a little insane, for that force to set about killing Cypriots, whether Greek or Turkish, to prevent them from killing each other. Yet, that is exactly the dilemma which is almost confronting General GYANI in Cyprus today.

"On the other hand, the force cannot stand idly by and see an undeclared war deliberately pursued, or see innocent civilians of all ages ruthlessly struck down by sniper's bullets. In view of the Security Council's objective of ending fighting, the action at St. Hilarion of the past few days is especially serious since it clearly was a planned and organized military effort.

"The mere presence of the United Nations peace-keeping Force in the island and its day-to-day efforts at military level to prevent or stop armed clashes and to help in the maintenance of law and order are not enough to effect the kind of improvement in the over-all situation which can really bring about a basic relaxation of tension and a fundamental betterment of deplorable conditions of fear, insecurity and distress in which very many of the inhabitants of Cyprus now live. Such an improvement is also vital if the efforts of the Mediator to promote a peaceful solution of the problem are to bear fruit. On the other hand, in the prevailing climate of mistrust and hostility, the communities concerned in the Cyprus problem are often inhibited from taking the kinds of initiative which might lead to a substantial reduction of tension and conflict."

Stressing the need for intensive discussions and negotiations with the parties concerned U THANT said "The mission in Cyprus needs urgently to be strengthened by the addition of a top-level political officer, who, on behalf of the Secretary-General, could conduct negotiations for the

plockas av från de mest trotsiga.

Aktionen har skapat förtroende för FN:s förmåga att ingripa och reaktionen bland civilbefolningen i Timi har enbart varit positiv.

Kontingentchefen överste Waern har i ett telegram tackat major Lange och hans trupp för ett föredömligt uppträdande.

1. Achievement of freedom of movement on all roads in Cyprus, including the Kyrenia Road.

2. Achievement of freedom of movement for all communities within the whole town of Nicosia and other cities under conditions of security.

3. Progressive evacuation and removal of all fortified positions held

LE COIN DU 22e

Pour la première fois depuis la publication du "Béret Bleu" les gars du 22e auront un article publié en français. Une colonne servira à informer les nôtres de quelques nouvelles au sein du bataillon et du Canada. Il est à espérer qu'une colonne y apparaîtra régulièrement.

Il y a déjà un peu plus de six semaines que les premiers membres du bataillon descendaient à Chypre afin d'y remplir la tâche pour laquelle tous se préparaient depuis presque trois ans. Cette préparation, si on en juge par le travail accompli jusqu'à maintenant n'était certainement pas sans valeur. L'ardeur que tous et chacun ont mis à leur travail, quel qu'il soit, ne mérite que des félicitations.

Deux jeunes officiers sont arrivés vendredi dernier; il s'agit des lieutenants Jean-Guy Bernard et Pierre Bergeron tout à fait reconnaissables par la blancheur de leur peau.

Un premier groupe ayant bénéficié de deux jours de repos à Famagouste en est revenu enchanté. Tous ont eu l'occasion de se baigner dans la Méditerranée et de se faire "griller" au soleil. On dit qu'il fait bon de dormir dans un lit et plusieurs désiraient quitter à jamais leur sac de couchage.

CANADIANS RELAX

Tuesday the 28th of April saw the beginning of the first of a series of 48 hour rest periods by Canadian Troops serving in Cyprus.

The initial group of 28 soldiers of the 1R22eR travelled to Famagusta for a two day holiday on the beach. Transport is provided by DND while accommodation is financed by the individual.

INTERIM AIMS

While efforts to make progress on the above points continue, certain interim aims should also be established and pressed in selected locations and on particular problems. Some of these suggested are:

1. The removal of emplacements, fortifications and trenches in Nicosia.

2. A determined effort in parts of Nicosia to re-establish normality by returning to their homes, under United Nations security guarantee, refugees, as for example, those from Hamed Mandres to Omorphita who would not carry arms, and attention to the rehabilitation of their dwellings.

3. A careful formulation of ways in which UNFICYP might be helpful in meeting the problem of the excesses by individual policemen in the course of searching and seizing civilians which at present causes much tension.

4. The institution of procedures for enquiry into every serious instance of shooting, especially when casualties occur.

5. The elaboration of a plan for the re-integration with UNFICYP assistance and guarantee, of the Turkish Cypriot policemen into the Cyprus police force.

And also the use of UNFICYP offices for the resumption of essential public utilities, the return of Turkish Cypriot officials to Government service and the revival of meetings of Greek and Turkish Cypriots, both official and non-official at all levels to help restore confidence and promote a return to normality.

This Regiment is the major communications unit of 3rd Division, the British Strategic Reserve formation in the United Kingdom. The unit is at present manning and operating the communications centre at HQ UNFICYP and has detachments at many important locations in the United Nations area.

It also provides administrative services for the whole Headquarters including accommodation, transport, messing, pay and provisions of all stores, clothing and equipment. Detachments from the Regiment have been in Cyprus since the present troubles started last Christmas.

IRISH SOLDIERS VISIT SALAMIS



Four soldiers of the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP looking round the Gymnasium at Salamis. They are from left to right Tpr. Shaughnessy (1st Armoured Sqdn) from Co. Kilkenny, Cpl. Cronin (D.O.D.) from Dublin, Color Sgt McDermott (Military Police 40th Bn) from Nass and Pte Murphy (40th Bn) from Co. Cork.

Shown above are members of the Irish contingent of UNFICYP visiting the ruined City of Salamis. The city which was once the capitol of Cyprus and one of the leading Cities in the Eastern Mediterranean, second only to Athens, is located on the East Coast about 5 miles North of Famagusta, and is very close to the Irish Contingent camp.

The site is still being excavated and an amphitheatre, which it is estimated could have held up to 20,000 people, is now under reconstruction.

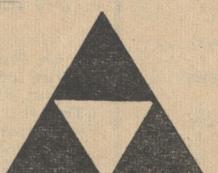
Near the theatre are the remains of a Gymnasium and Baths built by the Romans over the original Greek building.

According to tradition, Salamis was founded in 1184 BC, after the end of the Trojan War, by Teucer, son of the King of the Greek island of Salamis. Teucer had been forced to leave his native land by his father, who blamed him for failing to prevent his brother Aeas from committing suicide at Troy.

Salamis became prosperous and famous. It was here that St Paul together with St Barnabas, who was a native of Salamis, first preached the gospel.

Other remains which have been discovered are a Roman villa, a Byzantine cistern, a large Roman market place and a Temple of Zeus.

3rd Headquarters and Signal Regiment



THE PRESS CORPS

To be a correspondent or a cameraman in Cyprus at the moment seems to be as dangerous as being a peace-keeping soldier.

As soon as the fighting broke out in the Kyrenia hills a whole convoy of press cars streamed out of Nicosia.

Racing as if they were in the Monte Carlo Rally they swarmed up towards the pass. Armed only with pencils and cameras they were determined to get a story — perhaps a scoop that would ensure their livelihood as a newsman.

In Cyprus now there are about 60 pressmen who are here because of the recent troubles. There are representatives from all the UNFICYP countries and from France, USSR, Switzerland, Germany and USA.

A few weeks back an amusing episode occurred in the Ledra Palace Hotel. Someone went round to all the pressmen at 4 a.m., woke them up and told them that Nicosia was going to be lively very soon. Eager for the first picture and story they all got up and waited... and waited. But nothing happened. It was the quietest day for weeks!

On going to his room recently a reporter found an armed man under his bed. Quite calmly he rang through to the hall - service, told the man that he hadn't ordered that and would he please have him removed!

One reporter must find it very hard to get his stories for he has no driving licence and has to go places on a bicycle!

FINNISH CONTINGENT

Commanded by Lt. Col. Volevi Kettinen and consisting of about 990 officers and men, the Finnish contingent of UNFICYP began to take over its responsibilities in the city of Nicosia on 2 May and was completed to day.

One company of the contingent has taken over positions in the Omorphita area in the north eastern part of Nicosia from the 1st Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters of the British Contingent of UNFICYP.

To day two companies of the Finnish Contingent travelled by bicycle from the Dhekelia camp to Nicosia. This move was closely followed with great interest by members of the Press Corps and there was a fine welcome for them as they arrived in Nicosia at 07.40 hrs this morning. Bicycles will be used by some companies of the Contingent in Cyprus not only because they are a standard mode of travel of sections of the Finnish Army, but also because it is considered that these vehicles will afford special mobility on the island, particularly in the urban area of Nicosia.

The two companies who arrived to day will take over the western Nicosia suburb of Ayios Dhometios, west of the Pedieos River, from the 1 Parachute Battalion of the British Contingent. In addition, a Finnish platoon will be sent to Ayia Irini, near the north west tip of the island.

The contingent will establish its headquarters in the eastern part of Nicosia.

KNOW YOUR GREEK AND TURKISH

Every week we will include a few phrases in Greek and Turkish to help you get to know the Cypriot people. The phrases are written in the nearest English equivalent to the sound and there are a few notes as a guide to stress etc. The only way to get the correct pronunciation, of course is by trying out these phrases on the local people who will be most willing to help you.

GREEK	ENGLISH	TURKISH
Kaleeméra	Good Morning	Gün Aydérn
Kaleneékhta	Good Night	Iyi Gedjelér
Parakaló	Please	Lütfen
Efkharistó	Thank you	Téshakkür ederim
Ohí	No	Háyir
Né or Málista	Yes	Evet

GREEK	NOTES ON PRONOUNCATION	TURKISH
·	'Over a letter shows where the main stress in the word must fall.	'Over a letter shows where the main stress in the word should fall. .. represents an UMLAUT and is sounded like the German equivalent.
KH	is like CH in Scottish "Loch"	
EE	is like EE in Meet.	

SOLDIERS AND FARMING

Onissia Farm near Dhikomo on the southern slopes of the Kyrenia range is the scene of a human touch in the peace-keeping operations of the United Nations Troops, for it is here that soldiers have taken over the duties of farmers.

British troops of the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment were the first to take on the responsibility of the farm. Pte. Eric WILLIAMS known to his friends as "Dobbin" looked after a large number of pigs, milked cows, and tended chickens and rabbits. Pte WILLIAMS, 24, from Brookland near Romney, Kent, has been in the army for 6 years having spent 3 years farming before joining. He was assisted by Pte. Michael MURRAY of the same battalion. He is from Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and before his 3 years in the army was a dairy farmer. Pte MURRAY helped to milk the cows and muck out the pigs. Before leaving the farm they both stood by during the night whilst a cow gave birth to a heifer.

Recently a section of the Royal Canadian Dragoons have taken over this United Nations position. Although the main task of the soldiers is to carry out patrols and escorts they manage to keep the farm going when they have time.

L/Cpl Ronald GREENWOOD, 26, from Fairvale Station, King's Country, New Brunswick, has taken on the main task. Apart from two weeks farming when he was fourteen he has had no previous experience and picks up the work as he goes along. He is helped by 19 year old Trooper Michael SMITH from Cornwall, Onta-

rio, and Trooper Wayne NICKERSON from Springfield, Nova Scotia. Neither of them has had any previous experience on a farm but they are enjoying this new venture.

The farm is the only collective farm in Cyprus and is normally run by eleven families.

FOR YOUR LISTENING

RADIO BROADCASTS

All times are local

SHORT WAVE

Canadian Broadcasting Corp

19 Metre Band	2201 (French)
25 & 31 Metre Band	2245 (English)

Radio Sweden

19 Metre Band	1645
25 Metre Band	2145 (English)
31 Metre Band	1815
19 Metre Band	1715
31 Metre Band	1845 (Swedish)
25 Metre Band	2015

Finnish Broadcasting Corp

25 Metre Band	1200 — 1250 (Daily)
31 Metre Band	1830 — 2030 (Monday)
	1900 — 2005 (Friday)
	1800 — 1900 (All other days)
	0830 — 0850 (Sunday)
	0800 — 0820 (Weekdays) News

Austrian Radio

16 Metre Band	0800 — 1100 German, French and
19 Metre Band	1300 — 1600 English
25 Metre Band	1900 — 2200 Monday, Sat. & Sun.

British Broadcasting Corp.

19 Metre Band	0700 — 1000, 1130 — 2330
25 Metre Band	0500 — 1000, 1800 — 2330
31 Metre Band	0500 — 1000, 2000 — 2330
41 Metre Band	0500 — 0630, 0745 — 1000
49 Metre Band	0500 — 1000

MEDIUM WAVE

British Broadcasting Corp.

428 Metres	0500 — 0545, 0745 — 1000
417/470 Metres	0500 — 1145, 0745 — 1000

British Forces Broadcasting Service

208 Metres	0530 — 2315
213 Metres	0530 — 2315

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British Forces Broadcasting Service

92.1 Mc/s	0530 — 2315
99.6 Mc/s	0530 — 2315

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UN SOLDIERS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Gunner William Thompson, 27, and Gunner Dennis Thorpe, 19, of 17 Bty 26 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, who were injured by a grenade explosion in the walled city of Nicosia on 3 May are reported to be making good progress. They were part of a United Nations

patrol on the cease fire line when the accident occurred.

Also making good progress is Private William Webster of the Sherwood Foresters, who was shot in the leg on 24 April whilst on duty in the Omorphita area of Nicosia.

PROMOTIONS

Headquarters Canadian Contingent have announced the promotion of two Canadian Officers.

Captain R.G. MURRAY is promoted to Major and assumes command of the Brigade Signal Squadron in Nicosia Zone Headquarters.

Lt R. CROSS is promoted to Captain and continues as signals officer with the 1R22eR.

FINNISH POSTAGE

STAMP

On Friday 1st May the Field Post Office of the Finnish Contingent in Cyprus issued original Finnish Stamps. The first letter to have this stamp was post marked at 0800 hrs 1st May and was sent to General J. SIMELIUS who is Chief of the Defence Staff in Finland.

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