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CANADIANS SAVE FAMILY FROM DROWNING

Three Canadian soldiers courageously risked their lives to save a Turkish Cypriot family from certain death in the Mediterranean sea this week.

The soldiers are Lieutenant Jay Lapeyre of Kamloops B.C., Corporal Donald Gross and Corporal Patrick Andrews both of Edmonton, Alberta. All are members of the Canadian Contingent serving with the UN in Cyprus.

The Canadians were on the beaches near Kyrenia watching six foot breakers thunder into the shore when they saw a young girl attempting to reach the beach.

The girl, Ayfer Veli, aged 10, was having extreme difficulty against a treacherous undertow. Without hesitation the two corporals plunged into the sea and pulled her out. It was then pointed out to them that the girl's older sister Ayshe, aged 12, and her father Ogur Veli were still in the water.

Dashing into the sea again

Corporals Gross and Andrews reached the couple. Mr. Veli passed his daughter to Cpl Andrews and was then taken in tow by Cpl Gross.

The rescuers struggled against the waves and undertow and succeeded in reaching shore with Mr. Veli and his daughter.

Simultaneously another Turkish Cypriot who swam to assist the Veli family found himself being carried out to sea and unable to escape the eddy formed by rock formations.

Lieutenant Lapeyre spotted him and after a severe struggle reached the drowning man. Unable to return to shore, Lapeyre pulled the man to the rocks 200 yards away, from where after a short rest, he was able to bring the man to the beach.



Mr. Ogur Veli of Nicosia and his two daughters, Ayshe, age 12 (left) and Ayfer, age 10 (centre) meet the three Canadian soldiers who fought six foot breakers and a severe undertow to rescue them from drowning in the Mediterranean. On the left is Corporal Patrick Andrews, whose wife Linda resides in Sherwood Park, Edmonton, Alta., in the centre is Corporal Donald Gross, whose wife Delores resides at 10206 - 137 A Ave., Edmonton, Alta. Standing in the rear is Lieutenant Jay Lapeyre of Kamloops, B.C., who saved a Turkish participant in the rescue from drowning. Mr. Veli, the happy father is on the right.

NEW UNFICYP DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

Seen below is Col D.B. Riddell-Webster, OBE who, on 15 July, took over from Col H.C.F. Elliot CD, as Deputy Chief of Staff at HQ UNFICYP. In mid-August he will take over from Brig M.N. Harbottle, OBE as Commander Britcon.

Col Riddell-Webster, who is married and has two daughters, arrived from the United Kingdom where he was latter-

From 1964 to 1966 Colonel Riddell-Webster commanded the 1st Bn the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) in Minden, Edinburgh, and Aden; for his service in Aden he was awarded the OBE in 1967.

His first comment in landing,—"I am very pleased to return to Cyprus, though perhaps it's a little hot".

NUCLEAR

DISARMAMENT . . .

Biological and Chemical Warfare to be included

U Thant, UN Secretary-General, in his address to a press conference in Geneva on 11 July, 1968, said that the treaty against the spread of nuclear weapons, endorsed by the assembly last month, was of major importance and a step towards general and complete disarmament.

There were some heartening trends in the field of disarmament," U Thant said. He trusted the Geneva Disarmament Conference, which is shortly to resume its work, would take up questions such as stopping underground nuclear tests and curbing strategic nuclear vehicles.

The Secretary-General also added that he felt that the hazards of biological and chemical warfare had not received sufficient attention, and that he would deal with them in his annual report to the General Assembly.

"In a way", U Thant said, "these methods of 'mass murder' were more threatening than nuclear weapons as they were accessible to the poor countries whereas atomic weapons could be acquired only by the wealthy nations."



ly a staff officer to the Chief of the Defence Staff.

The new DCOS' military career began in 1941 when he was commissioned into the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) and with whom he served until 1951 which included service in N.W. Europe and in Malaya, 1950-51 during the emergency.

After attending the Staff College, and a period as Brigade Major, Col Riddell-Webster returned in 1955 as Adjutant and then as Company Commander to the 1st Battalion. In 1957 he first came to Cyprus and spent two enjoyable years on the Staff at Episkopi.

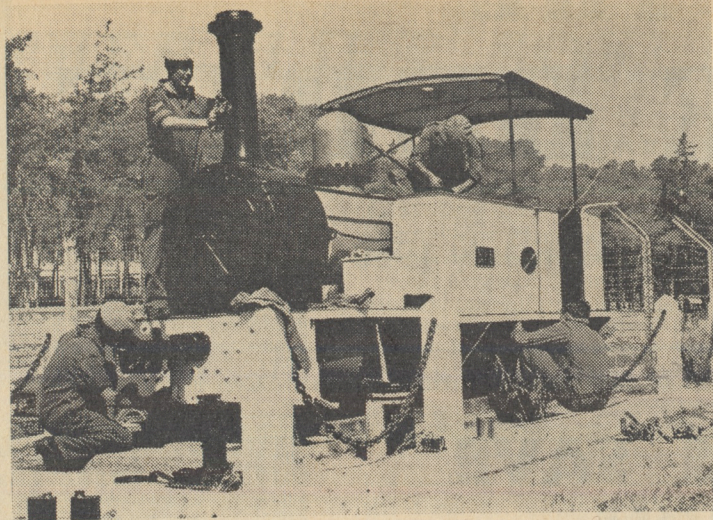
In 1959 he left Cyprus to command the Regimental Depot at Lanark and, on completion of this tour, returned to the Staff as Military Assistant to the Commander British Forces Hong Kong and later, as PSO to the GOC - in-C FARELF.

8 Sqn RCT Renovate Locomotive

Before they returned to Longmoor, UK, on Fri 12 July, several members of 8 Sqn RCT (the former UNFICYP Transport Squadron) spent a week renovating an ancient steam locomotive in Famagusta.

The whole idea began when Dvr 'Lofty' Ailwood from a somewhat dilapidated railway of paint gine in need of a coat of paint standing in the forecourt of a Police Station in Anexa, a rail-Road, Famagusta. As a Lof-wayman (RCT) by trade, his pride was hurt. He reported the sad sight to his Commander Maj Charles Matthews, who immediately made arrangements for a volunteer party to renovate the engine.

All volunteers worked hard, morning and night, to complete the formidable task. Whilst painting they were not without visitors as Mr. Er Mustapha, a citizen of Famagusta, made himself known to them and pointed out that the railway sheds for the line when



Volunteer party from 8 Sqn RCT, HQ UNFICYP renovating the 1904 steam locomotive at Famagusta. Polishing the chimney is Cpl. Cliff Proud from Blaydon-on-Tyne, Durham, in charge of operations.

this very engine used to make its two-hour run between the two towns.

The description of this particular engine, for railway enthusiasts, is that it is an 060 narrow gauge, side tank steam locomotive, and was built by the Hunslett Engine Co. Ltd. in 1904. It was the first railway engine imported into Cyprus and ran until 1951.

TOP RANK NIGHT

The open-air bowling pitch, or 'skittle-alley', at the Austrian Field Hospital was recently the scene of triumph for Sgt Bob Mawson and Sgt David Gwinnell of 644 Sig Tp, HQ UNFICYP who teamed up to defeat 'Signal' teams from other contingents in an international bowling match.

Sgt Gwinnell being overall "champ" was presented with a certificate. Sgt Mawson was quick to point out that it was his two pitches which won the match — though he does not admit to buying the beer!

Our photo shows Sgt Bob Mawson making the perfect pitch. It will not be disclosed where the bowl ended up! Keeping a critical eye on proceedings on the left is Sgt David Gwinnell.



42 Sqn
RCT have
arrived.

Seen happily stepping onto Cyprus soil is L/Cpl 'Yorkie' Gladwin whose home town is Halifax. He has served with the RCT in Kenya 1960-63 and Germany 1964-67.

42 Sqn come from Catterick and are commanded by Major 'Dusty' Foster. They are certainly not strangers here, as 40% of the Squadron were on the Island with UNFICYP from July 1966 to January 1967. So they should have no difficulty in coping with the streets of Nicosia which can be a fair test of your sense of direction if you are a new arrival!

FLASH BACK TO

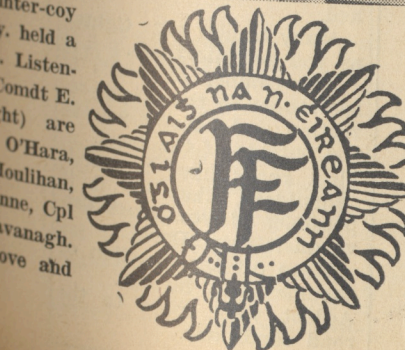


Late for inclusion in last week's shot of some of the victorious SWEDCON team... in the hope no doubt, that should hurling be obtained in the inter-contingent. Shown making the presentation are (left to right) Pte. Constable, and goalkeeper Pte O'Shaughnessey.

To any member of IRCON this photo poses only one problem — is Pte Noel Murphy, who is seen above acting so pally with his Land-rover, from Galway or from Wicklow? Noel is a Storeman Driver with the 21st Bn. (FCA)...so the "Goat Suckers" win.



IRCON
NEWS



CANCON HELPS CHILDREN

A grand day for handicapped Cypriot children...

...and so it was when the members of 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry represented by the Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer F.S. (Fred) Dodd, presented colour photographs of typical Canadian scenes to the Red Cross Children's hospital in Kyrenia.

The photographs were donated to the Battalion by the Alberta Provincial Government.

Something even more interesting to the children was a Ferret Scout Car of "B" Squadron, Fort Garry Horse, to climb on and inspect to their hearts content.

As a goodwill gesture and part of a highly successful community relations programme, the Canadians serving in Cyprus on UN peace-keeping duties have adopted the handicapped children and provide them with a few extra comforts such as Saturday afternoon movies (Westerns — the favourite), refreshments, swimming lessons and at rotation of units with a gift of money

which is matched by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

Chief Warrant Officer Dodd is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred

T. Dodd 844 Warsaw Ave., Winnipeg, and his wife Patricia, one son and three daughters reside at 10227, 147th Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.



Brigadier General E.M.D. Leslie (centre) newly appointed Commander Canadian Contingent in Cyprus receives a briefing on the responsibilities assigned to Mountain Side outpost, one of the 18 similar outposts manned by Canadians serving on UN peace-keeping duties. In addition to his present appointment, General Leslie will take over as the UN force Chief of Staff in mid-August; with him are two members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry: (left) Corporal B.W. (Brian) Fulton, outpost Commander of Winnipeg and Major J.R. (Jamie) Reid, Commander Tjiklos Company of Saint John, N.B.

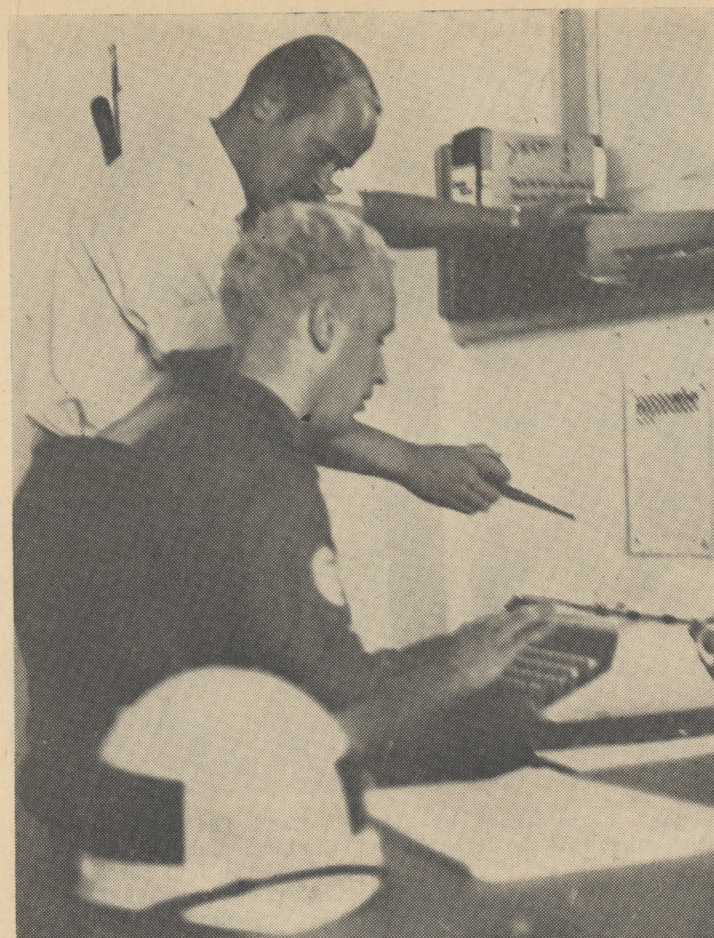


LAST INSPECTION

The Commanding Officer "B" Recce Squadron, Fort Garry Horse, Major P.J. Mitchell of Montreal and Calgary reviews his troops for the last time prior to returning to Canada as Brigade Major, 2nd Brigade, Petawawa, Ontario. He is being replaced by Major M. Newell of Calgary, Alta.

CANCON NEWS
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Pataljoonan laki ja oikeus. Tällä osastolla pataljoonan esikunnassa käsitellään oikeustoimiin liittyviä asioita, kuulustellaan, tehdään pöytäkirjoja. Kirjoitahan tällä tavalla, sanoo oikeusupseeri, kapt Tenhunen ylik Vattoselle.

FINCON NEWS



Tämä näkymä löytyi Kykosta. Jääk H Kähkönen, HK, kiristää maastoauton takapyörän laakereita.

MIEHIÄ TYÖSSÄ

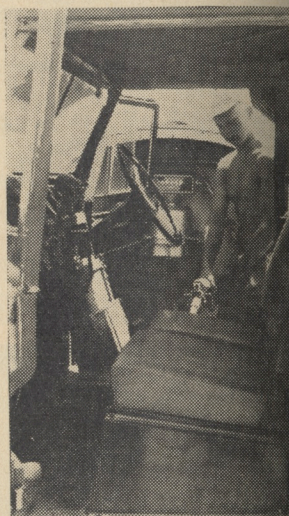
Kesä täällä Kyproksella on jo vierähtänyt pitkälle, on jo lähestulkoon puolivälissä. Kuumaa alkaa olla, lämmin ilma hautoo Nicosian kattilan pohjalla, katse hakeutuu tuon tuostakin jättiläiskattilan reunoille, vuorille, Kyrenian vuoristoon ja Troodokselle, missä sää on raikkaan viileä, ja kotoinen pihkantuoksu leijuu ilmassa. Mitään ei tapahdu. Rotaatiokiireet ovat ohi, pataljoona on palannut päiväjärjestyseen, arkinen aherrus jatkuu.

Meitähän on täällä moneksi, niin kuin sanonta kuuluu, itsekukin pakerramme omalla paikallamme, rattaana melkoisessa koneistossa. Kaikilta meiltä vaaditaan, että suoritamme työmme kunnolla, sillä yhdenkin rattaan "klikatessa" koko koneiston toiminta järkkyy.

Toimittaja kierteli valokuvaajan kanssa pataljoonan alueella, katseltiin yhdessä pataljoonan arkisia touhuja, tutustuttiin ihmisiin ja katseltiin, mitä kaikkea he päivän mittaan omalla "tontillaan" puuhaavat. Kierroksen tuloksena syntyi tämä sivu.



Kukapa sen saunan lämmittääpi jos en poika minä..... voisi jääk S Vemberg, 2.JK, laulella viskoessaan kalikoita kiukaan alle. Jääk Vemberg on päätoiminen saunamajuri, mutta hoitelee myös polkupyörämekaanikon tehtäviä oto.



Tunnollinen bensiinin jakaja on jääk A Räisänen, HK, joka päivän mittaan juottaa monet "petterit" ja "lantikat". Jääk Räisänen kertoi olevansa polttoaineen jakajana tilapäisesti, myöhemmin hän siirtynee korjaamon puolelle Kykossa.

Road Safety Corner

The Roads of Cyprus
Many are being re-built.
Watch out for Road Works,
they are not always marked.

Many bends get tighter
as you get into them.

The camber on bends is
sometimes in the wrong direction
and throws you to the outside of the bend.
Most roads have an earth
"shoulder", keep off it if possible.
If you must drive on it Slow Down.

Keep off the junction of
shoulder and tarmac.
Adjust your speed to the road conditions.

SÄKER I SADELN

Säker i sadeln kände sig sannolikt Lidingögrabben Berne Ohlsson häromsistens, när han företog denna ridtur i Dhekelia eskorterad av söta engelskorna Margaret Beresford och Sheila Beattie, WRAC-korpral.

SWEDCON NEWS



Det var under mässan i Dhekelia som den, får vi förmoda, angenäma ridturen företogs. Tillställningen hade arrangerats i välgörenhetssyfte till förmån för barnsjukhuset i Kyrenia. 400 pund fick arrangörerna in, ett belopp som sedan fördubblades genom ett lika stort bidrag från staten.

Och, som sagt och synes, lockbeten saknades inte.



"JAG ÄR INTELLIGENT"

Många av er har väl vid det här laget träffat eller sett lilla söta Chiyo (nedan) med efternamnet Stålhammar. Hon har varit här fem veckor nu, och längtar inte hem till Sundbyberg, där pappa majoren Åke och japanskfödda mamma Sadako har sin hemvist.

Namnet Chiyo betyder "jag är intelligent". Lite egoistisk får man väl vara när man är sex och ett halvt år, verkligen intelligent och skall börja i skolan i höst.



NÄR HELIKOPTRARNA KOM

Tisdagen den 9 juli blev för Svenska FN-bataljonen 40 C något av en historisk dag. Då, äntligen, inträffade det: helikoptrar ställdes till bataljonens förfogande för transport av styrkor till Goshi och skjutövningar därstädes.

Vid tidigare tillfällen har det snöpliga inträffat, att helikoptrar utlovats av H Q i Nicosia, men att löftena svikits. Sålunda meddelade The Blue Beret för några veckor sedan, att helikoptrar deltog i den stora bataljonsövningen i Arsos. Så var emellertid inte fallet den gången. Redaktören av denna

sida fick därför utstå mycken smälek i det att han blev utskräddad av många soldater och befälspersoner, som hade deltagit i övningen utan att varken se eller höra en enda helikopter.

Det är med stor tillfredsställelse som The Blue Beret nu publicerar ovanstående autentiska bild.



DRONNING BODILS GRAV OG KNUD DEN HELLEGES BILLEDE

Kommer De på orlovstur til Israel, må De naturligvis også til Jerusalem og Bethlehem. Begge steder vil De finde minder om danske fra middelalderen.

Efter Erik Ejegods død i Paphos fortsatte hans følge til Jerusalem. De kom alle godt til det hellige land, men ved ankomsten til Jerusalem døde kong Eriks dronning, Bodil på Oliebjerget. Hun blev begravet i den underjordiske kirke som traditionelt siges også at rumme Jomfru Marias grav. Denne kirke var nylig blevet genopbygget af Jerusalems befrier, Gotfred af Bouillon, og hendes gravsted synes at have været beliggende i St. Josefs kapel overfor den grav, der rummede Jerusalems første dronning, Melissende. Jomfru Marias Gravkirke ligger i dalen nedenfor Getsemane Have.

Ovenfor haven på Oliebjergets skråninger ligger Paternoster Kirken på det sted hvor Jesus lærte sine disciple at bede Fadervor. Denne kirke blev genopført i året 1152 af Bodils brodersønner, Es-

kild og Svend som havde været biskop i Viborg. Begge endte deres dage i Jerusalem og blev begravet i den kirke de havde genopført - kun få hundrede meter fra deres fasters hvilested. Af Eskilds og Svends kirke er der i dag næsten ingen spor, men i den nuværende kirkes klostergård er Fadervor gengivet på fliser indsat i murene på en række forskellige sprog, heriblandt også dansk.

Det naturlige mål for en tur til Bethlehem er fødselskirken, og her finder vi det ældste eksisterende maleri af en dansk konge. Kirkeskibet er delt i et midterskib og to sideskibe ved to rækker søjler. Har man vænnet sig til det afdæmpede lys i kirken, kan man skelne, at der er malet helgenbilleder et stykke oppe på søjlerne. Det ene af disse billeder forestiller Knud den Hellige. De menes malede omkring 1130, muligvis af en armenisk kunstner. På søjlen ved siden af den med Knud ser vi Norges kongehelgen, Olav den Hellige, og så kunne man vente at finde Sveriges Erik på en tredje søjle, men det er ikke tilfældet, fordi Erik endnu ikke var blevet myrdet da billederne blev til.

Knud den Hellige var født omkring år 1040 som søn af Svend Estridsen og broder til Erik Ejegod. Han blev konge i 1080, men han var næppe særlig populær. Foruden den længe kendte tiende-afgift indførte han personskatten, og følgen heraf blev et bondeoprør hvorunder kongen blev dræbt i St. Albani kirke i Odense i 1086. På



Konstabel Ole P. Valentiner Nielsen kunne forleden næsten ikke komme frem for legende børn i trekanten i B-kompagniets område. Til fotografens forbløffelse tog han situationen med knusende ro. Forklaringen er, at konstabel Nielsen selv er ud af en børneflokk på seks.

den tid var der engelske munke i Odense, og en af dem skrev en forherligende legende om kongen med det resultat, at kongen blev helgenkåret af paven i 1101. Alle-

rede en menneskealder senere bliver hans billede da malet i kirken i Bethlehem - et smukt vidnesbyrd om betydelig dansk deltagelse i de første korstog.

SAA KOM KONERNE

Tidlig mandag morgen ankom det længselsfuldt ventede konefly fra Danmark medbringende sin dyrebare last på godt 60 koner, forloveder og andre pårørende til DANCON og DANCIVPOL. En times tid senere fløj maskinen tilbage med orlovssoldater til Danmark.

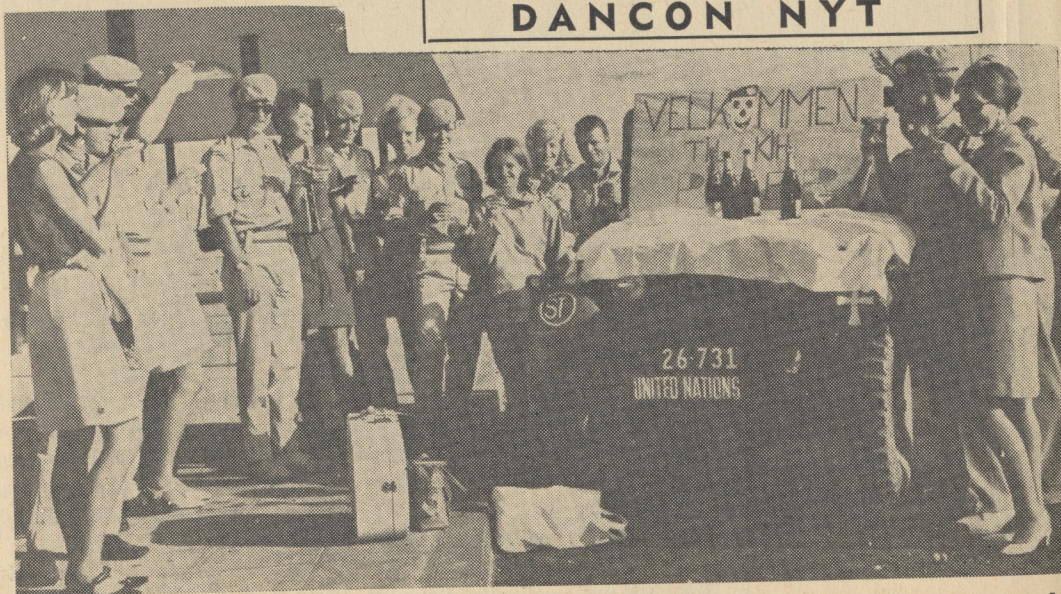
Som en særlig læserservice for vort nye kvindelige publikum giver The Blue Beret hermed et par råd og vink om hvorledes FN-mænd skal behandles;

1. Den udmarvende tjeneste har

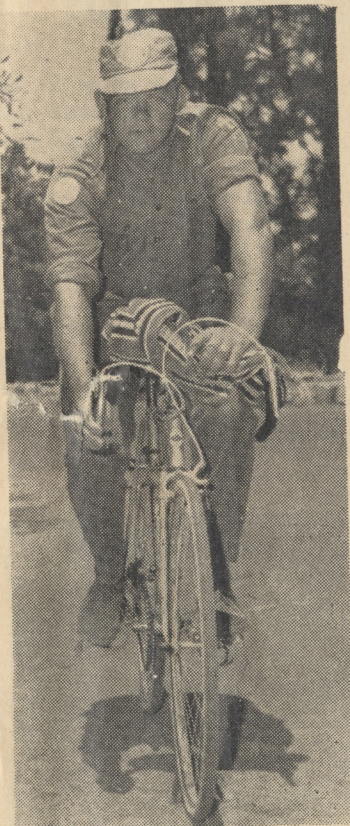
enten gjort ham skindmager eller smelfed. Hvis Deres mand er for tynd bør De invitere ham ofte ud på restaurant for Deres medbragte husholdningspenge. Hvis han er for fed, bør De sørge for, at han ikke oftere spiser i C-kompagniet.

2. Hvis De tilfældigvis skulle have medbragt et par friske danske aviser og blade, så vis dem endelig ikke til ham. Han er kun vandt til ugegammel aviser og månedgamle ugeblade og kunne let få et chock, når han erfarer om prinsesse Margrethes nedkomst.

DANCON NYT



Koneflyet landede præcis klokken seks. Der var hjertelig modtagelse i lufthavnen. En deling serverede endog champagne på koleren af en jeep for deres gæster.



Konstabel Ais Per Andersens foretrukne befordringsmiddel er en racer-cykel. Han har købt den her på Cypren for længe siden, han har nemlig snart været her et år. Cyklen har bragt ham det meste af Cypren rundt. Han har deltaget i flere landevejsløb med lokale cykleklubber og opnået hæderlige placeringer. "Heldigvis er jeg endnu ikke blevet knaldet af MP for at overskride hastighedsbegrænsningerne", tilføjer konstabel Andersen.