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THREE GO TO KOSOVO

By Noel Evdokiou

Such is the way of the world. No sooner is the war over in Kosovo, and the news on our television screens focuses on another crisis, this time in East Timor.

But for three members of UNFICYP, the recently war-torn region of Yugoslavia is still very much on their minds. Having answered the UN's appeal for volunteers to serve in the new peacekeeping mission to Kosovo, the three are finishing their final preparations as the date for their scheduled departure, 6 October, rapidly draws near.

The three UNFICYP volunteers are Civil Affairs Branch office manager Klaus Höchtl, transport dispatcher Cyril Hames, and inventory/supply clerk Phivos Savvides.

Austrian Klaus has been working with the force for nine months after three previous tours here as a soldier in the Austrian Contingent, Hames, an Englishman, has been with the force for six years, while Phivos, a Cypriot, has over 20 years of UNFICYP experience.

Asked why they are going, all of them spoke of the new challenge it offered and of it being an adventure, while as one of them said, "You can't ignore the extra money."

But they will be spending a minimum of one year in Kosovo, and will be separated from their families for most of this time.

Now in their forties, none of them have young children to worry about - Cyril has a 21-year-old son while Phivos has a married 23-year-old daughter.

Klaus has no children and only recently got married. His personal circumstances in particular may have mitigated against his leaving his wife for such a long period so early on in their marriage, but he

has her blessing. "We will try and see each other every three months or so," he says. "We can meet in Thessaloniki. Northern Greece is beautiful, though I'm sure it's changed a bit from when I last saw it."

Cyril says his wife was never one for standing still and "supports me 101%."

Phivos says that his wife was "not very happy" when she first heard that he was considering volunteering, but she has come round to the idea. And as he stressed, Kosovo is "not too far away from home" - just a few hours by plane.

On the work front, none of them is sure what is awaiting them in Kosovo.

"This is the UN way, you can end up doing anything," Klaus says. Cyril expects to be employed "somewhere in the transport system".

However, all know that conditions will be very different to what they are used to in Cyprus.

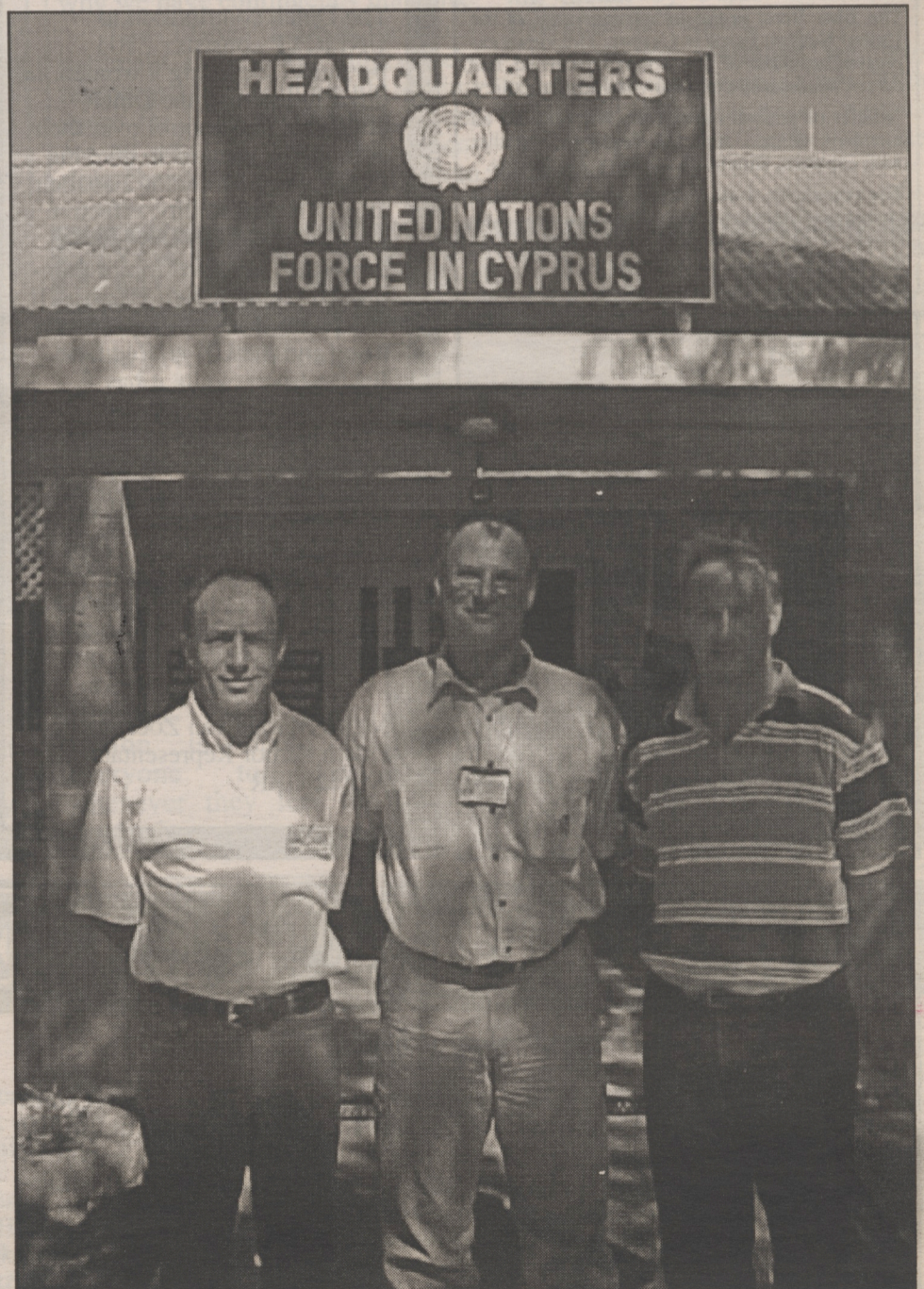
First, there will be the fierce cold of a Balkan winter. "We will need to relearn how to put snow chains on vehicles," Klaus says.

"I can ski, so I'll be OK," Cyril jokes.

Klaus adds that he prefers the cold in any case because you can always dress for it, whereas you can only take so many clothes off in the heat.

He has already set a priority of acquiring a wood-fired heater, noting that wood will be plentiful over there.

While communications have largely been restored, there are frequent power cuts, and all know that little of the normality of everyday life in Cyprus will be awaiting them in Kosovo. As Klaus said, an 8.00 pm curfew may still be in force in many areas.



Phivos, Klaus and Cyril - ready to go

A veteran of seven peacekeeping missions as an Austrian soldier, Klaus' experience has already helped him in his preparations for this latest one.

For example, he mentioned the importance of taking a good First Aid box and other medical supplies, something which Phivos had not

thought of and said he would rectify.

By the end of their interview, they were discussing the possibility of sharing an apartment in Kosovo if they are based in the same area, and it was obvious that their excitement over their imminent departure was building.

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QUOTATIONS

Do more than exist, live.
Do more than touch, feel.
Do more than look, observe.
Do more than read, absorb.
Do more than hear, listen.
Do more than listen, understand.
Do more than think, ponder.
Do more than talk, say something.

John H Rhoades

When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.

Ernest Hemingway

EDITORIAL

Over the decades, The Netherlands has contributed military units and individuals to many peace keeping missions, including UNIFIL, MFO, UNAVEM, UNTAG, UNPROFOR, IFOR and SFOR. Recently KFOR and, of course, UNFICYP can be added to this list.

Since June 1998, for a period of three years, 100 Dutch soldiers form an integrated part of the British Roulement Regiment. Units of the Dutch Air Mobile Brigade have executed the first two six-month rotations, after which 13 Armoured Air Defence Battery was given the honour of joining the British 22nd Regiment Royal Artillery for a tour of duty with UNFICYP.

A bi-national training was carried out at an early stage. This proved to be an excellent way to prepare for an integrated contribution towards UNFICYP's mission.

The Dutch contribution to UNFICYP consists of 103 personnel including 9 women. In order to improve the Dutch command and control over their unit, it was decided to give the Dutch a part of Sector 2 as their area of responsibility, effective June 1999.

Since then, a Dutch Major commands Sector 2 West Battery. It comprises Bengal troop, Falcon troop and the UK-staffed Irish Bridge troop, while it has formed its headquarters at "Ypenburg" (formerly known as Kingston). The Dutch contribution to the MFR remained unchanged: one troop.

The Dutch soldiers are happy to be members of the UNFICYP family, keen to learn about other cultures and proud to be united in the service of peace.

Major Marius van Zoelen
Dutch Senior Representative/
XO 22 URR

Durante décadas, los holandeses han contribuido con unidades militares y de forma individual a varias misiones de Mantenimiento de la Paz, incluyendo UNIFIL, MFO, UNAVEM, UNTAG, UNPROFOR, IFOR and SFOR. Se agregaron a la lista recientemente KFOR y obviamente UNFICYP.

Desde Junio de 1998, por un período de 3 años, 100 soldados holandeses han integrado una parte del Regimiento Británico Rotativo. Unidades de la Brigada Aéreo Móvil Holandesa han ejecutado la primera rotación de seis meses, después de que se haya integrado la 13ª Batería de Defensa Antiaérea al Regimiento 22 de Artillería Británico, para emprender una serie de tareas con UNFICYP.

Un entrenamiento bi-nacional se llevó a cabo como un primer paso. Esto demostró ser una excelente forma de preparar una acción integrada para contribuir siempre hacia la dirección de la misión de UNFICYP.

La contribución de Holanda a UNFICYP consiste en 103 soldados incluyendo a 9 mujeres. En orden de mejorar el comando y el control sobre sus unidades, fue resuelto entregar al contingente holandés, una parte efectiva del Sector 2 como área de responsabilidad, desde Junio de 1999.

Desde entonces, un Mayor holandés comanda la Batería Oeste del Sector 2. Esto comprende tropas Bengal, tropas Falcon y el staff Irlandés, al momento que éstos últimos han formado su cuartel general en "Ypenburg" (formalmente conocido como Kingston).

La contribución holandesa a la MFR permanece sin cambios. Los soldados holandeses están felices de ser miembros de la familia de UNFICYP, agradecidos de aprender acerca de otras culturas y orgullosos de estar unidos en el servicio por la Paz.

Major Marius van Zoelen
Dutch Senior Representative/
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Nederland heeft de laatste tientallen jaren zowel militaire eenheden als individuele militairen uitgezonden naar vredesmissies zoals UNIFIL, MFO, UNAVEM, UNTAG, UNPROFOR, IFOR en SFOR. Sinds kort kunnen daar KFOR en natuurlijk UNFICYP aan toegevoegd worden.

Sinds juni 1998 is een Nederlandse eenheid van 100 militairen, voor een periode van drie jaar geïntegreerd in het Britse Roulement Regiment.

Eenheden van de Luchtmobiele Brigade namen de eerste twee rotaties van zes maanden voor hun rekening. Daarna had 13 Pantser Luchtdeel-artillerie Batterij de eer zich aan te sluiten bij het 22nd Regiment Royal Artillery, voor een uitzending onder de vlag van UNFICYP. Al in een vroeg stadium werd er gezamenlijk geoefend. Dit bleek een uitstekende manier te zijn om een geïntegreerd optreden bij UNFICYP voor te bereiden.

De Nederlandse bijdrage bestaat uit 103 militairen, waarvan er 9 vrouw zijn. Om de Nederlandse mogelijkheden tot 'command and control' te verbeteren, werd besloten om met ingang van juni 1999 de Nederlanders een eigen deel van sector 2 als gebied van verantwoordelijkheid te geven.

Sindsdien commandeert een Nederlandse majoor Sector 2-West Battery. Deze bestaat uit de pelotons Bengal, Falcon en het Britse Irish-Bridge. Daarnaast is er een hoofdkwartier onder de naam 'Ypenburg' (Voorheen 'Kingston').

De bijdrage aan de MFR bleef gelijk: 1 peloton.

De Nederlandse soldaten zijn blij bij de UNFICYP-familie te mogen behoren, leergierig naar het andere culturen betreft en trots om verenigd te zijn in dienst van de vrede.

Majoor Marius van Zoelen
Dutch Senior Representative /
XO 22 URR

DAME ANN HERCUS DEPARTS

MY THANKS

I thank all those who have served with me during my 15 months as Chief of Mission.

I thank the soldiers who serve on the line, who, in each sector, keep the peace along each kilometre of the Buffer Zone and the officers who lead those men and women with commitment and professionalism. I thank the Civilian Police, who smooth the way for the thousands of Cypriots who live and work in the Buffer Zone and who support other "streams" of UNFICYP in so many ways. I thank Civil Affairs, whose performance, since their establishment earlier this year, has clearly enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of UNFICYP. To the Public Information Office, my many thanks for "The Blue Beret" and all your

other work. I thank the support staff, military and civilian, who in the HQ and along the line keep the engine of UNFICYP, its logistics and administration running smoothly. I thank all those who are based at the UNPA - the HQ staff, the MFR, ArgAir and the Military Police for your specialist skills. I want to particularly acknowledge the support I have had from the Senior Management Team and my own personal staff.

Thank you all for being good peacekeepers and for striving to make UNFICYP a model of excellence. We all work for the day when we in UNFICYP can go home; until then, may we continue to help keep the peace with total impartiality and professionalism.

ICH BEDANKE MICH

Ich bedanke mich bei allen, die mit mir in den letzten 15 Monate gearbeitet haben, während ich die Fuktion als Chief of Mission beinhalten.

Ich bedanke mich bei den Soldaten auf der Linie, die in den verschiedenen Sektoren an jedem Kilometer den Frieden erhalten haben. Gleichzeitig, moechte ich mich bei deren Offizieren bedanken, welche diese Maenner und Frauen verpflichtungsvoll und fachmaenisch, gefuehrt haben. Ich bedanke mich bei der Civil Police, welche so oft den Weg fuer die tausenden von Zyprioten, welche in der Buffer Zone leben und arbeiten, ebneten. Sie unterstuetzen auch UNFICYP in vielen anderen Hinsichten. Ich danke der Civil Affairs Branche, deren Leistungen, seit der Umstrukturierung, anfang dieses Jahres, UNFICYP wesentlich effizienter und effektiver unterstuetzt. Vielen dank auch an das Oeffentliche Informations Bureau, fuer das "Blue Beret" und fuer all die andere Arbeiten die Ihr geleistet habt.. Ich

bedanke mich beim Unterstuetzungsstab Militaer und Zivil, welche im Hauptquartier und auf der Linie dazu beigetragen haben, dass der Motor von UNFICYP, dessen Verwaltung und Administration rund gelaufen sind. Ich bedanke mich bei all denen, welche in der UNPA stationiert sind, dem Personnel des HQ, sowie der MFR, ArgAir und der Militaer Polizei fuer Euer ausserordentliches Geschick und Koennen. Ich moechte ausdruecklich auf die professionelle Unterstuetzung hinweisen, die ich vom Senior Mangement Team und meinem eigenen Personal erhalten habe. Danke dafuer das Ihr gute "Peacekeepers" seid und dazu beitraegt das UNFICYP ein hervorragendes Beispiel ist.

Wir arbeiten alle fuer den Tag, an dem wir in UNFICYP nach Hause gehen koennen, bis dahin, moegen wir weiter dazu beitragen, dass der Friede mit vollkommener Unparteilichkeit und Professionalitaet erhalten wird.

DANISH STUDENTS VISIT UNFICYP



Paul Kolken outlined UNFICYP's policy of trying to solve problems at the lowest possible level, the level of the gunner serving in his observation post. While walking along the green line in the old city of Nicosia, many aspects of peacekeeping in general, and about working with UNFICYP specifically, were addressed.

"It was surprising how many questions the students asked," said Major Kolken. "They clearly showed they were very interested in the work of a peacekeeping soldier, and they seemed to realise what impact a tour of duty has on one's personal life."

After the guided tour in Sector 2, the visitors were briefed on UNFICYP's mandate and about humanitarian tasks. Before the Danes had time to let all impressions sink in, they climbed OP 203 for a group picture.

During their visit to UNFICYP on Wednesday 22 September, 30 Danish students were surprised by the level of responsibilities of soldiers, some younger than themselves, serving along the Buffer Zone.

Public Information Officer Major

YPENBURG VETERAN DECORATES

During World War II, Dutchman Bart Dresens served with 13 Air Defence Battery, defending Ypenburg airfield against German attack. Last week, the very same Mr Dresens was the guest of the 13 Armoured Air Defence Battery, located in the Buffer Zone north of the old Nicosia International Airport.

The present battery upholds the traditions of the unit Mr Dresens served in, and by doing so, it maintains strong links with many living veterans.

"When the Dutch were given Sector 2 West as their area of responsibility, it wasn't difficult to think of a suitable name for our headquarters," says battery commander Major Wils Hein. "Formerly, it proudly carried the name 'Kingston', but with UNFICYP's permission, it will be Ypenburg from now on. I'm glad Mr Dresens, one of the veterans, could make the journey from his home in Spain to Cyprus to lead us in the official opening ceremony."

Cutting the ribbon wasn't the



Mr Dresens decorates Corporal Claudia Grotenhuis

only contribution of the 80-year-old. He also assisted in decorating the young peacekeepers who were on duty during the Sector 2 medal parade which took place at Wolseley Barracks the previous day.

IRISH MEDAL PARADE



Medal recipients with UNFICYP Force Commander, Major General de Vergara

Irish hospitality, coupled with Irish ingenuity, were at their peak on Monday 20 September when the Irish Contingent of UNFICYP held their medal parade. During the morning, clouds gathered over the UNPA and then the rain started. No problem. This is why we have contingency planning.

The Officers' Club in the International Cafeteria was immediately rearranged to accommodate seating space for VIPs and standing room for all other guests. The Argentinian band was gracious enough to

provide the musical accompaniment, and at 4:00 pm, right on time, the parade began. Wives and children had travelled from Ireland to be present when, in the presence of the Chief of Mission, nine members of the contingent were decorated with the UN peacekeeping medal by Force Commander Evergisto de Vergara.

Festivities continued late into the night in the Hibernia Club. Rain is the last thing that would dampen the enthusiasm of those from the emerald isle.

DHENIA POLICE STATION OPENS

The UNCIVPOL police station at Dhenia is now officially open.

The Force Commander attended the inauguration ceremony held on 22 September. Not only UNFICYP personnel but local residents were invited to the festivities and happily accepted - especially the children. The police station is open for everyone to visit, whenever they feel the need arises.



DAME ANN HERCUS DEPARTS

KÖSZÖNETEM

Köszönetem mindazoknak akikkel - mint Chief of Mission - együtt dolgoztam az elmúlt 15 hónap során.

Köszönetem a katonáknak, akik a különböző szektorokban az ütköző zóna minden pontján a béke fenntartásán fáradoztak, valamint parancsnokainknak akik elkötelezettséggel és profizmussal irányítják őket. Köszönetem a Civilian Police szervezetének, amely a zónában élők és dolgozók Ciprióták ezreinek helyzetén könnyít és az UNFICYP egyéb tevékenységeit is sokrétűen támogatja. Szintén köszönetemet fejezem ki a Civil Affairs munkatársainak éveleji létrehozásukat követően - végzett teljesítményükért, amely nagyban hozzájárult az UNFICYP hatékonyságának növeléséhez. Hálás köszönetem a Public Information Office-nek "A Blue Beret" szerkesztéséért, és más munkák végzéséért. Köszönetem az HQ-n valamint

az "első vonalban" dolgozó azon katonák, illetve civil munkatársaimnak akik az adminisztratív valamint logisztikai biztosítást végzik, így támogatva az UNFICYP gördülékeny működését. Köszönetem az UNPA-n települt HQ-törzsnek az MFR-nak, az ArgAir-nek és a Military Police-nak az elvégzett speciális tevékenységükért. Különösen képpen szeretném kifejezni a hálám azért a támogatásért, amit a Senior Management Team-től és a közvetlen munkatársaimtól kaptam.

Köszönetem mindenkinek, amiért jó békefenntartók és törekednek arra, hogy az UNFICYP tevékenysége példaértékű legyen. Mi mindannyian azért dolgozunk az UNFICYP szervezetében, hogy eljőjjön a nap, amikor hazamehetünk; de addig is tegyük a dolgunkat a béke fenntartása érdekében, pártatlanul és profik módjára.

MIS GRACIAS

Me gustaría agradecer a todos y a cada uno de los que han trabajado conmigo durante mis 15 meses como Jefa de la Misión.

Me gustaría agradecer a los soldados que prestan sus servicios en la línea y a quienes con entrega y profesionalismo en sus sectores respectivos, mantienen la paz a lo largo de cada kilómetro de la zona de amortiguación. Agradezco también a los oficiales que dirigen a estos hombres y mujeres; asimismo, a la Policía Civil por facilitar la existencia de miles de chipriotas que viven y trabajan en la zona de amortiguación y por apoyar a la UNFICYP de muchas otras maneras. Agradezco a la oficina de Asuntos Civiles que en su desempeño, desde su creación a principios de este año, ha logrado mejorar claramente la eficiencia y efectividad de la UNFICYP. A la Oficina de Información Pública, mil gracias, por la publicación del "Blue Beret" y por sus otras

funciones. Agradezco el apoyo del personal militar y civil, que tanto en la sede como a lo largo de la línea, mantienen andando con facilidad el motor de la UNFICYP, logística y administrativamente. Agradezco a todos y a cada uno de los que están estacionados en la 'UNPA', al personal de la sede, al de la 'MFR' y al de la 'ArgAir'. También al personal de la Policía Militar por su grupo ad hoc de especialistas. En particular, me gustaría expresar mi reconocimiento al apoyo que he tenido del equipo gerencial y de mi propio personal.

A todos ustedes muchas gracias por ser buenos protectores de la paz y por el esfuerzo hecho para lograr que la UNFICYP sea un modelo de excelencia. Todos trabajamos para que un día los de UNFICYP, nos podamos ir a casa. Hasta que ese día llegue, continuaremos ayudando a mantener la paz con total imparcialidad y profesionalismo.

DAME ANN HERCUS' FAREWELL ...

PEACEKEEPING - AN IMPORTANT BUT FRAGILE ISSUE

The mandate of UNFICYP, established by the Security Council of the UN, is very clear. Our main task is to maintain the military status quo within the Buffer Zone. The Buffer Zone is a corridor of land - 180 km long, running across the island, of uneven width, sometimes several kilometres wide and sometimes only a few metres. And its edges are the two ceasefire lines as at 1800 hrs on 16 August 1974. UNFICYP, in very simple practical terms, holds those lines and the land in between, under control. We don't own it - obviously. But we control it. And we do so by consent. In fact, without the consent of the two opposing forces, UNFICYP could not be here and do its job.

El mandato de la UNFICYP establecido por el Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas, es muy claro, siendo su tarea principal la de mantener el status quo militar dentro de la zona de amortiguación. La zona de amortiguación es una franja de territorio con una longitud de 180 km. a través de la isla, y de una anchura desigual que en algunas partes llega a ser de varios kilómetros y en otras solamente de unos cuantos metros. Desde las 18:00 horas del 16 de agosto de 1974, las orillas de esta franja son las dos líneas del cese de fuego. En términos prácticos y simples, la UNFICYP tiene estas líneas y superficie entre ellas bajo su control. Obviamente, la UNFICYP no es propietaria de este predio, simplemente lo controla con el consentimiento de las partes. De hecho, sin el beneplacito de las fuerzas opositoras, la UNFICYP no estaría aquí haciendo su trabajo.

The job requires the willing cooperation of the soldiers on both sides of the Buffer Zone. Both sides have to see it in their best interest to abide by the ceasefire. Only then can a lightly-armed peacekeeping force such as UNFICYP help opposing forces of much greater numbers of soldiers and armaments to avoid tension or renewed hostilities. Indeed, all peacekeeping operations of the UN round the world over the last 50 years are based on the consent of the parties. It is true sometimes that consent collapses, at which point the peacekeeping operation may have to withdraw. Or sometimes the consent erodes, in which case the peacekeepers try to keep a peace which is very fragile.

Para desempeñar su mandato, la UNFICYP requiere la cooperación de fuerzas militares estacionadas en las áreas adyacentes a ambos lados de la zona de amortiguación. Ambas partes deben reconocer que es en su propio beneficio el mantener el cese de fuego; únicamente así, puede una fuerza de mantenimiento de la paz, ligeramente armada como la UNFICYP, ayudar a que las fuerzas opositoras que cuentan con un mayor número de soldados y armas, eviten la tensión o reanudación de las hostilidades. Sin duda, la mayoría de las operaciones de mantenimiento de la paz de las Naciones Unidas, tienen su base en el consentimiento de las partes. Algunas veces el consentimiento fracasa, y es en estos casos cuando las operaciones de mantenimiento de la paz tienen que replegarse. Otras veces, el consentimiento se deteriora y en este caso los protectores de la paz hacen esfuerzos para mantener esa frágil paz.

Can peacekeeping succeed?

What makes a successful peacekeeping mission? I think there are six main factors:

1. A clearly defined and practical mandate.
2. Genuine and lasting consent of the opposing sides, and their understanding and acceptance of what the peacekeeping operation is there to do.
3. Respect for the principles of neutrality and impartiality.
4. The political support of the Security Council and other Member States with a special interest in the area.
5. Member States willing to provide military and police contingents and the funding needed for a peacekeeping operation.
6. Staying power - being prepared to be there for the long haul.

I believe peacekeeping by consent with its principles of neutrality and impartiality is one of the great inventions of our century.

Can peacekeeping succeed?

Ik denk dat er 6 belangrijke factoren nodig zijn voor een succesvolle vredesmissie:

1. Een duidelijk en praktisch mandaat;
2. Een oprechte en voortdurende instemming van de betrokken partijen, en begrip voor en acceptatie van de taak van de vredesmissie;
3. Respect voor de principes van neutraliteit en onpartijdigheid;
4. De politieke steun van de Veiligheidsraad en de lidstaten met een specifiek belang in de regio;
5. De bereidheid van lidstaten om militaire- en politie-eenheden te leveren alsmede de kosten te dragen van een vredesmissie;
6. Voortzettingsvermogen, de bereidheid om een langdurige bijdrage te leveren.

Ik geloof dat vredesmissies met instemming van partijen en met de principes van neutraliteit en onpartijdigheid een van de grote uitvindingen van deze eeuw zijn.



Peacekeeping - critical skills and disciplines

What we require in peacekeeping is a range of skills - patience, mediation, observation, anticipation, firmness, diplomacy and a willingness to work in a team, regardless of nationality. You have demonstrated those skills in your work here, and have shown great professionalism in carrying out your duties. The lowest ranking soldier standing in the hot sun on the line and the way he or she behaves and reacts is absolutely critical.

Peacekeeping also needs pride in what we do, and the discipline and the skills to perform with excellence. Each one of you represents not only the UN but also your home country. Bad behaviour damages the good name of both. That is why we strive for good discipline.

The cost of confidentiality

When the "shuttle talks" started in October last year, they did so, at the initiative of the Secretary-General, Kofi Annan. In his prior separate discussions with Mr Clerides and Mr Denktash, everyone had agreed that these talks should be confidential and outside the media. Such a decision, I personally believe, was a very wise one. It has, of course, a negative side. It means that I don't brief reporters and I don't talk about what I am doing. But, many people say to me, that is a very small price to pay. Many, many people - including reporters - tell me to keep up the confidentiality. That is the right approach and I will keep obeying my boss's instructions.

Peace settlement implies co-responsibilities

Over the past 35 years, the United Nations has often been blamed for failing to produce a solution. The international community can offer to help parties to solve a dispute, but it cannot do it for them. In the end, a peace settlement has to be negotiated between and signed by the parties themselves. Only they can determine whether they can live with a settlement and whether the settlement establishes the foundation for a peaceful and prosperous future. This cannot be imposed by outsiders. This also means there is co-responsibility which lies with the parties to find a mutually acceptable solution; the will to enter into the requisite "give and take".

On women's rights

From the day of its birth, the UN has fought for the equal rights of women. It has set up specialist agencies, so that women's issues and concerns did not get lost - as they so often do, in male dominated structures. The UN established the fundamental yardstick of human rights for women - the famous Convention for Women, with the very long name - the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Our Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, is totally committed to the advancement of women. And so on 8 March, on International Women's Day, we in Cyprus look both backwards and forwards - backwards in history to see how far we have come, the victories and the landmarks.

And we looked forward - for the journey is not over. There are so many more challenges for women. And we accepted that responsibility with a glad heart and with the sure knowledge that together, men and women, we will work for peace, health, and good lives for all of humanity, here and round the world.

Mantenimiento de la Paz - habilidades y disciplina

Lo que requerimos para el mantenimiento de la paz es de un grupo de habilidades como paciencia, mediación, observación, anticipación, firmeza, diplomacia y voluntad para trabajar en equipo sin importar la nacionalidad. Ustedes han demostrado estas habilidades en su trabajo aquí como así también el gran profesionalismo para llevar adelante sus obligaciones. Desde el soldado más moderno bajo el fuerte sol en la línea y la forma que él o ella se comporta y reacciona, es absolutamente importante.

El mantenimiento de la paz, también requiere del orgullo en lo que nosotros hacemos, de la disciplina y de las habilidades para desarrollar estas actividades con excelencia. Cada uno de ustedes representa no tan solo a las Naciones Unidas sino que a su país también. La mala conducta daña el buen nombre de ambos. Esa es la razón por la cual hacemos incapié en una buena disciplina.

THOUGHTS... POSITIONS... VISIONS

VISION FOR UNFICYP

I see UNFICYP as a model of excellence through:

- * Making the most efficient and effective use of every asset and - most important - of our military, civilian police and civilian personnel.
- * Acting with unchallengeable impartiality and professionalism in any dealings with the two sides.
- * Carrying out all tasks with the best possible coordination, communication and collegial

A continuación, me permito describir mi visión de UNFICYP como modelo de excelencia:

- * UNFICYP hace uso de sus bienes, en forma eficiente y efectiva, y por sobre todo de su personal militar, policial y civil.
- * UNFICYP, incuestionablemente, procede con imparcialidad y profesionalismo en sus contactos con las dos partes.
- * Con la mayor coordinación, comunicación y espíritu colegial posibles, UNFICYP lleva a cabo todas las tareas de la

spirit between the different sections/branches or parts of the operation, so that we are all unified and well integrated, as well as having quality internal and external communications.

- * Being a "good employer" to all our staff.
- * Collecting, using and appropriately reporting of quality and timely information and analysis.
- * Performing all humanitarian tasks relating to civilian citizens with impartiality, fairness, care and cultural sensitivity.

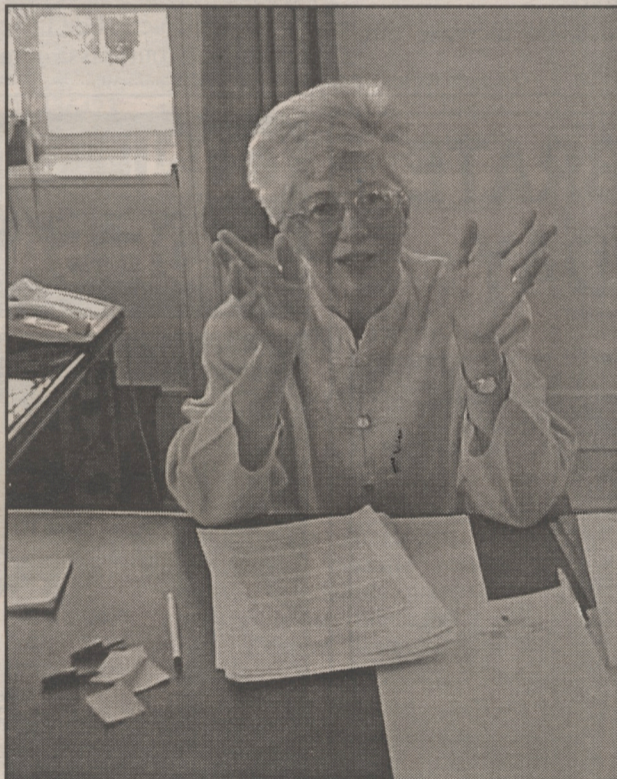
misión en sus diferentes secciones, subdivisiones y áreas de operación, con la finalidad de que todos estén unidos e integrados. También, UNFICYP logra una comunicación interna y externa de calidad.

- * Siendo un "buen empleador" para todo su personal.
- * UNFICYP recopila y reporta información apropiada, de alta calidad y actualizada.
- * UNFICYP se desempeña con imparcialidad, justicia, cautela y sensibilidad cultural, en sus tareas humanitarias con los ciudadanos locales.

In gratitude to those who gave...

We - soldiers, police, civilians - all serve as peacekeepers, knowing about the possibility of death for ourselves. Not a month has gone by since my arrival here without my picking up the morning report from New York, which tells me of the killing or the accidental death of a peacekeeper somewhere in the world - soldiers, civilians, police, all serving with the UN. And 166 have, in fact, died on Cyprus serving in UNFICYP. And we remember and mourn those losses.

Nosotros, los soldados, la policía, los civiles; todos los que trabajamos como protectores de la paz, sabemos que nuestras vidas peligran. Desde que llegué aquí, ni un mes ha pasado sin que cada mañana el reporte diario de Nueva York informe sobre pérdidas de vida por asesinatos o muertes accidentales de protectores de la paz en alguna parte del mundo, ya sean soldados, civiles, policía, todos trabajando para la ONU. De hecho, 166 personas han muerto en Chipre sirviendo la UNFICYP, a quienes los recordamos y brindamos tributo.



View of the Future

The future is not a result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created, first in mind, next in will, then in activity. The future is not some place we are going to, but a place we are creating. The paths are not to be discovered, but made, and the activity of making the future changes both the maker and the destination.

El futuro no es un resultado de opciones entre trayectorias alternativas ofrecidas por el presente, sino un lugar que es creado, primero en la mente, luego en la voluntad, y después en la acción. El futuro no es un lugar donde vayamos, sino que creamos. Las trayectorias no se descubren, pero se hacen y la acción de forjar el futuro transforma tanto al autor como al destino.

Personal Creed

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

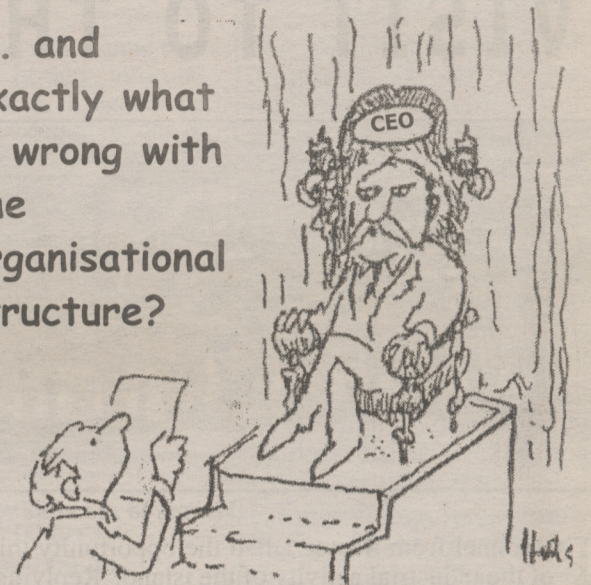
Personal Creed

Señor, dame la serenidad para aceptar las cosas que no puedo cambiar, el coraje para cambiar las cosas que puedo y la sabiduría para saber la diferencia.

Personal Creed

"Gott gib mir die Gelassenheit, die Dinge hinzunehmen, die ich nicht aendern kann, den Mut die Dinge zu aendern die ich aendern kann, und die Weisheit, dass Eine vom Anderen zu unterscheiden."

... and exactly what is wrong with the organisational structure?



The Hierarchy

Favourite Management Quotes

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will do."

Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

"The future is no longer what it used to be."

Clem Sunter

"By changing nothing, we hang on to what we understand, even if it is the bars of our own jail."

John Le Carré, The Russia House, 1990

"Most of our so-called reasoning consists of finding arguments for going on believing as we already do."

James Harvey Robinson

"Plan or be planned for."

Russel Ackhoff

Favourite Management Quotes

"Si no sabes a donde vas, cualquier vereda te lleva."

Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

"El futuro no es más lo que era."

Clem Sunter

"Al no cambiar nada, nos sujetamos de donde podemos, aún de los barrotes de nuestra propia celda."

John Le Carré, The Russia House, 1990.

"Generalmente, nuestro "razonamiento" consiste en encontrar argumentos para seguir creyendo lo que ya creemos."

James Harvey Robinson

"Programar o ser programado."

Russel Ackhoff

Favourite Management Quotes

"Wenn man nicht weiss wohin man geht, scheint jeder Weg recht zu sein."

Lewis Carroll, Alice im Wunderland

"Die Zukunft ist auch nicht mehr was sie einst war."

Clem Sunter

"Wenn wir keine Veraenderungen zulassen, klammern wir uns an das, was wir verstehen, auch wenn es die Gitterstaebe unseres Gefangnisses sind."

John Le Carré, Das russische Haus, 1990

"Die meisten unserer sogenannten gut durchgedachten Schlussfolgerungen, laufen darauf hinaus, dass wir neue Argumente finden, welche helfen so zu denken, wie wir bereits denken."

James Harvey Robinson

"Plane oder die Plaene werden fuer Dich gemacht."

Russel Ackhoff

NEWS

VISIT TO THE HELLENIC COPPER MINES

By Captain Loris Pablo Buonanotte



Visitors to the mine

Personnel from Sector 1 had the opportunity this month to learn about some of the industrial activity of the island. Replying to a kind invitation from the mine authorities, a group of 34 officers and NCOs from San Martin Camp, Roca Camp and Brown Base visited the mine in front of Sector 1 HQ to be briefed about some of its features. The briefing showed us some unknown particularities related to copper extraction and the source of the mine.

Mining started here about 3,000 years ago. The production was then relative to requirements using old techniques. Skouriotissa's mine was reopened in 1992 by the Hellenic Copper Mines.

After a short historical sketch given by one of the engineers, we saw the whole process of copper being taken out from the heart of the mountain. From there, large pieces of rock containing 7% copper (a mine is income-producing when there is 4% copper) are transported over dump trucks to the grinding area. Then they are gathered in large heaps for the next stage of the treatment. Recent techniques have abandoned the fusion of copper in furnaces and have replaced this procedure with a chemical process. Finally, most of the copper products are exported, especially to the UK, Greece and Italy.

The visit was much appreciated, because it allowed us to increase our knowledge and understanding of this lovely country.

El pasado 8 de septiembre el personal del Sector 1 tuvo oportunidad de conocer una de las actividades industriales más relevantes de la Isla como es la explotación minera.

Así, respondiendo a la gentil invitación de las autoridades de la Hellenic Copper Mines, un grupo compuesto por el 2do Cte del Sector 1 y treinta y cuatro Oficiales y Suboficiales de los Campos San Martín, Roca y de la base Brown, concurren a las instalaciones de la mina ubicada frente al Puesto Comando de la FTA con el objeto de interiorizarse respecto de las particularidades del aludido emprendimiento industrial.

De la exposición que un ingeniero de la firma brindó al personal del Sector, surgieron aspectos que usualmente son desconocidos en torno a los procedimientos de extracción del cobre y los orígenes de la mina.

En tal sentido, es de destacar que la explotación del yacimiento se remonta en el pasado a casi 3,000 años aunque, claro está, en volúmenes mínimos acordes con las necesidades y las técnicas de esa época.

La etapa actual de la actividad de la mina de Skoutiotissa comenzó en el

año 1992 con Hellenic Copper Mines.

Luego de la breve reseña histórica, pudo observarse todo el proceso de producción del cobre, desde el comienzo mismo de la extracción del mineral del corazón de la montaña.

Desde ese punto, los grandes fragmentos de roca conteniendo cobre en un 7% (una mina se considera económicamente rentable a partir de un contenido del 4%) son transportados en camiones de gran porte al sector de molienda, donde se reduce su tamaño para luego ser depositado en enormes montículos de cara a las siguientes etapas de su tratamiento.

Las técnicas modernas y la experiencia indicaron la conveniencia de dejar de lado la fusión del material en hornos, adoptando un proceso químico que conlleva mayores ventajas.

Finalmente, las placas de cobre que se obtienen en el proceso electrolítico se comercializan, exportándose la mayor parte de la producción a Gran Bretaña, Grecia e Italia.

Esta visita ha sido muy importante para todos nosotros, porque permitió incrementar nuestros conocimientos y comprender un poco más la historia de este encantador país.

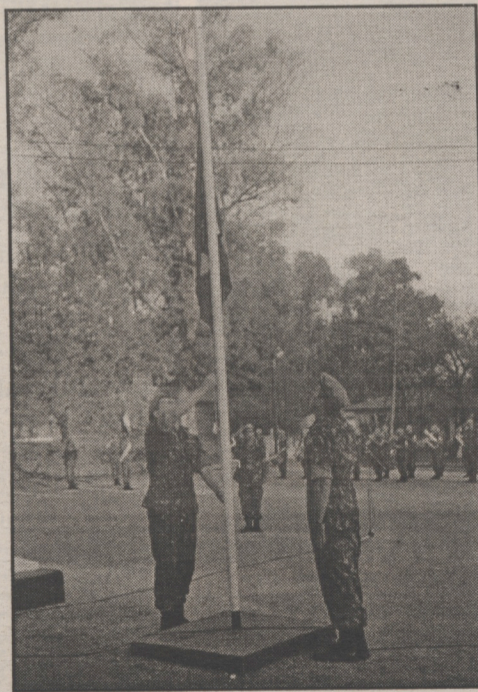
BRAZILIANS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Warrant Officer 1 Pedro Schwerz

In Sector 1, the Argentinian Contingent, there are two members from the Brazilian Republic, Captain Valerio Luiz Lange and myself. For that reason, Lieutenant Colonel Rodolfo Mujica, our CO, led a parade and a ceremony on 7 September at San Martin Camp to celebrate the 177th anniversary of Brazilian Independence Day.

The Brazilian national anthem was played by Sector 1's band as the national flag was hoisted to the top of the pole. Afterwards, Captain Lange addressed the parade. It was a touching experience to commemorate this event, together with Argentinians, Bolivians, Uruguayans and the Paraguayan in our sector.

Many thanks for such a friendly gesture of comradeship, demonstrated on a day so significant for Brazilians.



BRASILEÑOS CONMEMORAN SU INDEPENDENCIA

En nuestro Sector, el contingente Argentino, somos dos los miembros del Brasil, Capitán Valerio Luiz Lange y yo. Por esta razón, el 07 de Septiembre, el Teniente Coronel Rodolfo Mujica, Comandante del Sector 1 encabezó una formación y desfile militar en el Campo San Martín, para celebrar el 177 aniversario del día de la Independencia del Brasil.

Se realizó una formación en la Plaza de Armas del Campo San Martín donde los efectivos fueron presentados al Comandante del Sector, Teniente Coronel Rodolfo Sergio Mujica.

La Banda de Música ejecutó el Himno Nacional de Brasil mientras los Militares Brasileños izarón la Bandera Nacional. A continuación el Capitán Lange realizó una alocución alusiva.

Fue una experiencia muy emocionante la forma en que conmemoramos juntos con los hermanos Argentinos, Bolivianos, Paraguayos y Uruguayos el evento tan profundo a nuestros sentimientos.

Estamos muy agradecidos al Ejército Argentino por darnos la oportunidad de integrar UNFICYP desde la 5a Fuerza de Tarea.

Muchas Gracias por la amistad y camaradería demostradas en ese día tan significativo para el pueblo Brasileño.

CONFIRMATION AT TOMB OF SAINT BARNABAS



An historic moment by the tomb of Saint Barnabas

A holy confirmation was held at the tomb of Saint Barnabas this month. On 19 September, one of Sector 4's soldiers, Captain Valter Bosotina from Slovenia, and three students (one from the Ivory Coast and two from Cameroon), received the holy sacrament.

The site of the tomb of the apostle Barnabas is the most important shrine for Christianity in Cyprus. Barnabas, a Jew from Salamis, was the first known Cypriot convert. He, together with the Apostles Paul and Mark the Evangelist, brought the gospel to the island. They also organised the church and appointed bishops.

When Barnabas returned later to Cyprus, he became the Bishop of Salamis. During the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Nero, he was captured and then martyred. He

was buried with a handwritten manuscript of the gospel by Matthew. His remains were discovered by Anthemios, the Bishop of Constantia in 485 AD.

It is the second time that an officer of the Slovenian contingent has received the sacrament before leaving UNFICYP. Six months ago, Captain Videtic was confirmed, and he also had an Austrian godfather.

This time, Major Volkmar Ertl, the new Oi/c HQ Coy, was the sponsor of Captain Bosotina. Even at home, they are close friends. Valter is from Slovenia and Volkmar is from Carinthia, one of the southern parts of Austria, and both areas neighbour each other.

Captain Bosotina left UNFICYP on 28 September to return to his post in Slovenia.

CLASSIFIED

ITEMS FOR SALE

CARS FOR SALE

Mazda 323, 1987, 4-door, excellent condition. £1,000 duty paid. Ring Wendy on (02) 376544.

Mazda 626 Estate 2.00, 7-seater, d/f, a/c, e/w, sun roof, in excellent condition. £2,500 ONO. Call Bronwyn at (02) 753001 (o) or (02) 660997 (h).

Mitsubishi Lancer 1.5 GLX, Aug 98, d/f, 9,000 km, 2-year manufacturer's warranty, FSH, a/c, pas, c/l, e/w, e/m, CD player, spoiler, outstanding condition, £3,500. Tel Barry (02) 864510 (o) or (02) 359001 (h).

Mazda 323 Familia, white, 1300cc, r/c, new exhaust, d/f £800. Call Sgt Wallerberger, Tel: (03)822670

Opel Ascona 1.6 RH 1985, 4-door, a/c, r/c, good condition, £1,200 d/p. Call Elena (02) 759113 (o) or (02) 526235 (h)

Ford Escort 1.3, 1993 saloon, 75,000 km, diesel, white, d/f £1,400. Tel: Lt Hitz on (03) 822670 or (09)451409.

OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

Bunk beds (Danish made, as new) with mattresses and ladder: £245. **Double bed** (Danish-made, wooden) with two mattresses and side table: £95. **Electric heater**: £15. Tel: (09) 607007 or (04) 642168.

Bargain Prices! Children's clothes from birth to 4 years, summer and winter, from only 20 cents to £5. Also play mats, play pen, sterilizer, bouncy chair, etc. Tel: 670600 from 0730 to 1530 or 351349 after 1600 hrs.

Tomy AFX Scaletic Road Racing Set. 62 ft of track, 2 cars, controllers, transformer and all other accessories. Excellent condition and boxed as new. £35. Tel: Barry on (02) 359001 (h), 864510 (o).

Cannondale racing bike, size 56, dura-ace gear, suspended seat, £600. Tel: Lt Hitz on (03) 822670 or (09) 451409.

ITEMS FOR HIRE

HIVE ITEMS FOR HIRE

The NICOSIA HIVE operates a comprehensive loan store. Items available are: VAX machine, child's car seats, pushchairs, backpacks, high chair, travel cots, children's toys and bikes, cool boxes, sun loungers, golf clubs, radio/cassette players, BBQ, etc. Call the HIVE to check availability.

DISCO FOR HIRE

The UNPA WOs' & Sgts' Mess (The Vic Club) has upgraded its disco equipment to a high standard. This is available for hire for functions etc. The cost of hire is now £50.00 per event. Two DJs are also available and separate arrangements should be made with either DJ regarding fees. Bookings for the disco should be made through the PMC, WO2 Miller on (02) 359760 ext 126 (W) at least seven days in advance.

HAVING A PARTY?

The Youth Club is now available for hire. Many facilities including new disco equipment and lights, barbecue and plenty of space! Contact Pam on (02) 359112 for more details.

PROPERTY TO LET

Flats for rent near UNPA. Very reasonable prices. Tel: (09) 650700 or (02) 355470.

2-storey house (close to Forum) with 3 bedrooms (master with a/c and shower), large, open-plan living area with all electrical fittings in kitchen, c/h, garage (two cars), solar heater. Tel: (02) 352991 or (09) 680551.

Two large luxury 265 sqm 4-bedroom flats in Makedonitissa, one of which has separate 1-bedroom flat, bbq area and a 200 sqm roof terrace. Both have a/c, c/h, satellite dish, modern fitted kitchen, etc. Tel: (02) 351498 or (09) 610646

Fully-furnished flat in Ayios Dhometios (close to UNPA). £300. Tel Angela at (02) 864528.

New house (second storey) in Aglanjia area. Fully furnished, 3-bedrooms (one with private shower). A/c and c/h + private parking. Tel (090) 417416 or (09) 6160824.

3-bedroom ground floor house, fully furnished, in Ayios Pavlos (close to UNPA). Solar water heater and c/h. Tel: (02) 774783.

Two minutes walk to the beach. Amathus (Limassol) area, one-bedroom flat, fully furnished with TV, covered parking, common gardens, tennis court and swimming pool. £15 per day. Only serious enquiries. Call between 15:00-19:00 hrs. No agents please. Tel: (02) 486423.

FACILITIES

WHY DON'T U.NETWORK@THE UNPA?

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 October at 10.00 am in the HIVE.

Come along for a cup of coffee and exchange information with a friendly group of spouses from UNFICYP and diplomatic missions. More info at (02) 591933 or (02) 489553.

THE NICOSIA LIBRARY is located at 23 Sycamore Road, UNPA. Tel (02) 359317.

A new selection of books, audio tapes, videos and CDs have arrived. Language courses available on long-term loans.

STOP PRESS: The Nicosia Library now has Internet facilities available. Come and read your favourite newspapers, research your school or university project, or simply search for news and information in cyberspace.

Change of library hours. From 1 Oct, winter hours are in effect. **Monday to Friday:**

1000-1300 and 1500-1700 daily Please ask Anthe or Rosemary for further details.

Library closed on Friday 1 Oct.

SERVICES

ARABIC LANGUAGE LESSONS.

The Libyan Arab Cultural Centre will hold Arabic language lessons beginning Thurs 23 Sept for a period of six months. For registration, call (02) 757296 from 0900-1300 and 1830-2100 hrs or visit the premises at No 7, Stassinou Avenue, Nicosia.

NICOSIA HIVE NEWS

The NICOSIA HIVE is open for information and advice and is located at 21 Sycamore Road,

UNPA (within the Married Quarters area).

The Nicosia HIVE Coordinator is Karen McCormack.

All nationalities are welcome!

Opening Times: Mon-Wed-Fri, 0930-1230 and 1500-1700 hrs.

Help is wanted. If you have some free time, we are looking for volunteers at the HIVE. For more details, call Karen on (02) 359316.

DECORATIVE ART LESSONS.

Qualified teacher gives daily lessons to children aged 5-12 years in ceramics, drawing and handicraft using clay, paper, wood, etc. Ring Andri on (02) 424598 or (09) 648333.

BEAUTY TREATMENTS BY NIKI.

Niki will be at the HIVE on Thurs 30 Sept and then on 25 Oct. A wide range of facials, manicures, pedicures and waxing treatments available. For appointments or more information, call Niki on (05) 391640 or the Nicosia HIVE on (02) 359316.

GREEK LESSONS start again on Tuesday 21 Sept at the HIVE. Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost: £20 for a course of 10 lessons. Phone the HIVE to register.

SANDRA'S HAIR FASHIONS

Sandra's Hair Fashions is situated at 21 Sycamore Road on the Married Quarters Patch. Open Mon-Fri between 0900-1800 hrs. Tel: (02) 776454.

ENGLISH LESSONS

Qualified and experienced teacher available to teach English to small groups or on a one-to-one basis. Tel: (02) 772991.

EVENING BABYSITTING AND ASSISTING AT PARTIES

Lady available for evening babysitting and assisting at drinks/dinner parties. Tel Maroulla: (02) 330296 after 1600 hrs.

MATURE BABYSITTER Reliable, mature lady available for babysitting. Tel: (02) 623850 after 1600 hrs.

UK-TRAINED SEAMSTRESS

available for alterations, zip replacements, costume making, etc. Also specialises in beautiful creative home fabric decorations. Contact Stella on (02) 491840.

JOB WANTED: Woman is looking for houses, offices and staircases in Nicosia + area to clean. Own transport available. 12 years experience. Call (02) 433811.

BRITISH TRAINED SEAMSTRESS

Specialises in dressmaking for formal occasions, ball gowns, wedding dresses and outfits, etc, also alterations and repairs. Mrs Chris Broad. 28 Vyzantiou Street, Ayios Dhometios, (close to UNPA, near Astra garage). Tel: (02) 773206.

ART FOR PLEASURE

Classes start on Wednesday 29 September at 6 pm until 9 pm. It's a 10 week course, costing £30. Phone Lindsay on (02) 358611 or Karen on (02) 359316

MISCELLANEOUS

BRATCON YOUTH CLUB.

If you are aged between 8-16, and want to have some fun, BRATCON is the place to be seen. We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6-8.30 pm at St Michael's School in the UNPA. Our club is run by volunteers.

We do everything from sporting activities to staging our own pantomime.

Come along and make some new friends. For further information, contact Pam Kingston on (02) 359112, or pop in on one of the nights that we are open and find out for yourself. Membership is £1.50 per term or £4 annually. Nightly subs - 50c for members and 75c for visitors.

CHURCH SERVICES

SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, UNPA: ANGLICAN EUCHARIST:

Roman Catholic Mass, Saturdays: 18:00 hrs.

Sunday worship: 09:00 hrs.

All welcome.

Sector 2 Padre's Office (LPH) tel: 864760/1, Ext 301.

Britcon Chaplain: Padre Philip McCormack.

Dutch Chaplain, Padre Frank Duyvenvoorde.

Log in to NetAid Concerts

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) has joined forces with Cisco Systems to bring together some major performers for a series of concerts to be called NetAid.

The aim: to help end world poverty.

Three concerts will take place on 9 October in Geneva, London, and New York. Performers will include Bush, Counting Crows, Celine Dion, the Eurythmics, Jewel, Jimmy Page and Pete Townsend.

The concerts will be broadcast live on BBC, MTV and other TV stations, and there will be an internet link. Log onto www.netaid.org to find out more.

YMCA NEWSFLASH!!

The YMCA now stocks a range of aromatherapy products from Applewoods of England for men and women.

During September and October, everyone purchasing Applewoods products goes into a draw for a free reflexology treatment.

We also have a wider range of photo albums and frames.

Lots of stock and cards have been reduced by **25% and more**. Come and have a browse and bag a bargain!!!

NB: We are still looking for relief staff for the YMCA. If you fancy working a few hours now and then with a friendly team, contact Rose at the YMCA or ring (02) 359308.

Something new all the time at the YMCA.

We now have a selection of **GERMAN PAPER-BACKS**. Is there anybody in Sector 4 interested? Just give us a call.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT - 7 OCT 99

A Concert featuring the **Band of the Royal Logistic Corps**



will take place on **Thursday 7 Oct 99 at 1900 hours** at the British Married Quarters Site UNPA **Adults: £3, Children over 5: £1** All Proceeds To Charity **Tickets available from: HQ BRITCON and YMCA**

KEEP US INFORMED

Are there any charity functions, concerts, UN-related events, etc coming up in the near future?

Sectors/branches/UN-associated clubs are invited to advertise well in advance all events of interest to our readers.

THE NICOSIA DOG SHELTER



Volunteers needed to help in our charity shop. Can you spare a couple of hours at any time on any day? All money raised is for the Nicosia dog shelter.

Please help. Call the shop on (02) 669568 and support a good cause.

Why don't you join us for a boat trip @ sea?

On Wednesday 20 October U.Network@THE_UNPA is organising a 3-hour boat trip. The total cost, including lunch, will be CP10.

Call for more information and for reservations: Helgard: (02) 591933 Rina: (02) 489553.

To advertise in the Blue Beret, send your ads to the Public Information Office at HQ UNFICYP or e-mail to blueberetcyprus@hotmail.com. NB: Advertisements will be

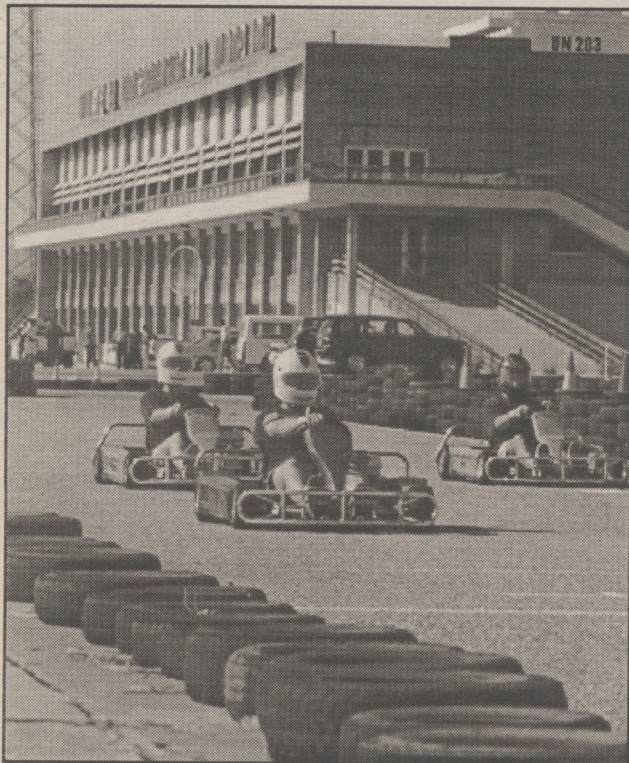
kept in the Blue Beret for a **maximum of three consecutive issues.**

If readers wish to continue to advertise, they are requested to call/re-apply in writing.

BLUE BERET SPORTS SECTION

MONEY RAISED AT GO-KARTING EVENT

By Corporal Damian Faulkner



The Dutch take the lead

The organisational skills of Bob and Wynn Patterson and Major Robert Turnbull of HQ BRITCON were put to the test on 10 September. At 16:00 hrs, six teams all of different nationalities met at the Nicosia Airport for an event which was the brain child of Sergeant Gerry Behan.

This was more than just an ordinary go karting event. A "group a rally" car was on site to give people the fright of their lives, plus a bouncy castle for the kids, a monster raffle, full bar facilities and a hotdog and burger stand with all the monies made going to charity.

The teams consisted of UNFICYP personnel with each team having at least one female member. Teams were provided by HQ BRITCON, Sector 2 (one British and one Dutch), IRCON, the MFR, and last, but not least, UNCIVPOL (who I think left all the best drivers on duty that day).

Each team member started with a practice session of four laps, and then the competition began. Right from the start the Dutch took the lead, maybe because they were put on a starvation diet for two weeks beforehand

because *none* of the team weighed over 70 kg and the lighter you are, the faster you travel. BRITCON put up a brave challenge but one or two members weighed in the same as the complete Dutch team. It is sometimes said that Sector 2 aren't the best drivers in UNFICYP

IRCON had one or two tyre magnets who thought the idea was to burst through the tyre wall and go into a spin, unlike the MFR who had no idea at all. Meanwhile, all UNCIVPOL saw was the back of the other team members' helmets.

At the end of the evening, the flying Dutch men and women came out on top with a very impressive drive by all team members. HQ BRITCON were not too far behind in second, Sector 2 came in third, the very 'tired' Irish team fourth and the MFR and UNCIVPOL teams fifth and sixth.

At the end of the evening, the total monies raised came to over CP800. The go-karting club contributed an additional CP200, bringing the total to CP1,000 to be divided between charities north and south. Apart from a few sore limbs and muscles, all personnel went home unharmed.

UNCIVPOL VS ARGAIR

by Sergeant Nick Moger

A dusty, warm and humid evening was the setting for this month's clash between ARGAIR and UNCIVPOL in a friendly soccer match at the UNPA on Wednesday 22 September 1999.

The Argentinians were the first to take the field to commence their warm-up, whilst UNCIVPOL padded out their team with a welcome mix of Irish Military, civilians and whoever else looked like they could kick a ball. When the whistle blew to start the game, two complete teams faced off against each other in the scorching heat, eager to get the game over with as quickly as possible and get back to the Bandidos bar for a sport better suited to the weather.

The game in the first half was played at a surprisingly brisk pace with possession evenly shared by both sides in turn. Despite the many chances created by both sides the half ended an exciting 0-0.



Who'll get to the ball first?

The second half showed both teams to have settled into a more sedate pace, with the balance of possession shifting slightly in favour of the Argentinian side who showed superior fitness and stamina. The UNCIVPOL goal came under severe bombardment from the South American strikers and the team was saved from conceding a cricket score only by the bucket-like hands of Deputy Sector Superintendent Jim ("the Cat") Hynes.

However, with the constant pressure, something had to give and with 10 minutes to go, a goalmouth scramble ensued following an Argentinian comer. Captain Alberto Sabbatini found a hole through the mass of players, turned on a 50-peseta coin and slotted the ball home with blistering pace past the outstretched UNCIVPOL goalkeeper. The ball kissed the inside of the far post as it went in, causing the near fever-pitched crowd to murmur audibly.

The UNCIVPOL team strengthened towards the end in a last ditch effort to find an equalizer, but the Argentinians held out to take the game 1-0 in a nail-biting finish.

Player of the day was undoubtedly UNCIVPOL's Sgt Jonelle Lancashire, whose lightning runs down the left wing and her unselfish teamwork throughout the game were an inspiration to both sides.

The entire game was played with a tremendous friendly spirit and was enjoyed by all who participated, so much so that it is likely to become a regular fixture.

RUNNING SEASON

All keen runners must be looking forward to autumn and winter. Slightly lower temperatures will provide better training conditions, and almost every weekend there will be a race. When The Blue Beret manages to get the information, you will be informed about upcoming events.

But prior to any competition, train beforehand. To set your goals, here is a run to put in your diary.

On Saturday 4 December, the 12 Support Unit Walkabout competition will be held. This 18-mile team event starts in the beautiful Troodos range, runs via three compulsory manned checkpoints and

ends at the Episkopi Garrison Rugby Club. Each team must consist of three persons, one of whom must be a novice (i.e. not having competed in the two-day event), one a female and one an experienced orienteer. Two of these conditions may be met by one person, i.e. a female who is a novice.

This year there will be a separate male-only competition. Entry forms are available at Diana Bridger's office (UNCIVPOL, UNPA).

A draw for the starting order will be made once the total of 100 teams has been reached, or on Friday 19 November, whichever is the sooner. The participation fee is CP11.

IN FOR THE HIGH JUMP

Foot soldier, general duties, is the job description of Gunner Liam Clarke from 22 Regt RA. Judging by the way he flies through the air with the greatest of ease, he's good off the ground too.

Liam, a high board diver, hails from Bradford. He has been in the British Army for one year. Why did he join? "For a career, a steady income and to get to see the world."

So how does he find mixing with other nationals within UNFICYP. "No problems," says Liam. "In fact, I sometimes get on better with the Dutch in my sector than I do with my own lads."

Having come close to reaching international level before joining the army, Liam intends to enter the army championships next year. If he carries on like this, he should wipe the board.



Don't worry - there's the Ledra Palace pool underneath