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● The winner, Sergeant Arvidsson caught on the track. He was unbeatable and broke the tape more than seven minutes before number two, Swedish Major Ritzén.

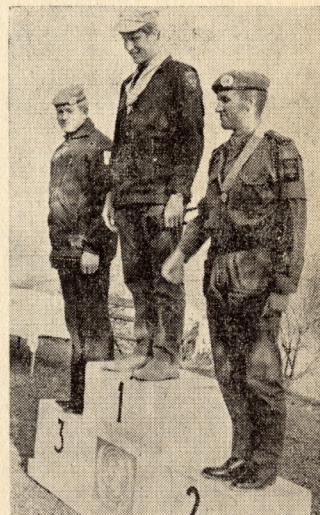
SWEDES TAKE THE LEAD

The inter-contingent orienteering competition on Friday the 12th turned out to be a double success for the Swedes. Their arrangements were good and they themselves took the first prizes in both the individual and the team competition. Fincon took the second place in the team competition very closely followed by the 3rd Queen's Regiment.

The competition took place in the Kyrenia Range with start and finish at the Kantara Castle. A heavy rainfall made the track

difficult and the 47 participants had a hard tour to make; and deserved the hot soup and the warm punch that was served by the Swedish Contingent after the race.

In the individual competition the best results were: Sergeant Arvidsson, Swedcon, 1.05.42, Major Ritzén, Swedcon, 1.13.00, Private Mäkinen, Fincon, 1.13.47, Private Hultman, Swedcon, 1.13.53 and Private Gustavsson, Swedcon, 1.15.16.



● The three best on the platform. From the left Private Mäkinen, Fincon, number three, Sergeant Arvidsson, Swedcon, number one, and Major Ritzén, Swedcon, number two.

AFH ON EXERCISE



● The helicopter is approaching the Field Hospital and as soon as it touches the ground the loading of equipment starts.



On Monday the 8th January the Austrian Field Hospital carried out an exercise which tested the readiness of their Flying Ambulance and the sufficiency of their equipment. Furthermore it practised the cooperation between members of the hospital staff, the helicopters and the Austrian Battalion in Paphos.

The exercise started with a request for medical evacuation of four UN soldiers injured when their lorry was blown up by a mine detonation in the vicinity of the OP Mandria in the Paphos District.

The Flying Ambulance was ready within a few minutes to be picked up by helicopters, and medical aid was on the way to the scene of the accident.

The advantage of the Flying Ambulance is that a doctor comes to the patient, and he and his



● One of the injured has been dressed and is ready for helicopter transport.

troop can on the spot conduct first aid, prepare the injured for transport and so secure the best possible treatment for the patient.

Each Sunday at 2000 hours there is a UN Radio Programme sent out by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation. On Sunday the 21st January it again is the UNFICYP International Radio Programme; this time it mainly deals with an exercise held by the Austrian Field Hospital, and of course, there will be some popular music.

Once again we, however, should like to draw to your attention that there is a UN Radio Programme on every night at 2000 hours except for Mondays when the Irish Programme is broadcast at 1330 hours.

Førleden blev det kors, der i sin tid blev rejst efter ulykken den 10. januar 1965, udskiftet med et nyt, fremstillet af pionersektionen i Xeros og med tekster malet af konstabel H.O. Andersen, Ghaziveran.

Den lange tur til stedet, 108 mile eller 174 kilometer ad snoede jordveje meget af vejen, var i år gjort til en tur for medlemmer af Jydske Dragonregiment, og som naturligt er vidste deltagerne mere om ulykken, end vi andre havde kunnet læse ud af de sparsomme rapporter, der overlevers fra vinterhold til vinterhold.

Under en snestorm mistede de enkelte vogne på en patrulje kontakten med hinanden, og i et sving på en bjergkam lige efter Makheras Kloster tog den sidste af vognene fej af vejen og kørte ud i noget, der viste sig at være sammenføjet sne i stedet for fast vejbane.

Vognen styrtede ned, og sergeant Niels Verner Haahr Larsen blev dræbt, da han blev kastet ud af vognen i faldet, mens føreren af vognen, konstabel Hesselbjerg, fik så alvorlige skader, at han aldrig bliver rask mere.

NØDLANDING MED KONEFLYET!

Vi var mange, der stod og sad og ventede rundt om i lufthavnen, indtil de endelig fik snoylet sig færdige med indvejning, og hvad de nu ellers skal ordne, før en maskine letter.

Vore kære var forsvundet ind bag dørene, luften var ulidelig inde hos dem, og kontakt var kun mulig, hvis man talte op i loftet.

Er der noget værre end at vente, bare vente?

Nå, men omsider kom de altså af sted.

Vi tog hjem.

En lille halv time efter landede de igen - med brandsprøjter susende ved siden af!



NYT MINDEKORS I TROODOS



Når man ser stedet i strålende sol og efter at vejen er udvidet, forstår man næppe, det kunne ske, men alt forandres kolossal, når føret er glat og sneen piskes op over bjergsiderne.

Et stort enligt træ har har måske vildledt fører og vognkommandør her, hvor sneen hurtigt kan have skjult alle spor.

Hvad hjælper det i dag at sige, at man aldrig må miste kontakten med forankrende og efterfølgende vogn, når alle odds var imod overholdelsen af reglerne i det forfærdelige vejr.

Men det må altså aldrig ske.

Patruljens øvrige vogne nåede hjem, før de opdagede, at der savnedes en vogn.

Det var munke fra Makheras Kloster, der fandt de forulykkede, 42 kilometer fra patruljens base i Nicosia.

Måtte en sådan ulykke aldrig igen ramme os.

DANCON NYT

PÅ VEJ HJEM



The 644 Signal Detachment at Dancon is made up of 4 Canadian signals personnel, attached for a six month tour of duty from various bases in Canada.

Pictured are Corporal Mike Kavanagh, Corporal Tom McKay, Private Stan Andrews and Corporal Wayne Donovan.

Last week we acquired the services of Private Malloy, and Corporal Kavanagh moved on to Swedcon.

De canadiske signalfolk er vort forbindelsesled udadtil over det engelsksprogede WHF-radionet til UNFICYP og de øvrige kontingenter og er altså gæster i Xeroslejren af denne grund.

Der var vrøvl med trykket i kabinen - lastelugen var ikke tæt.

Igrunden måtte de slet ikke lande med så mange passagerer og fuld brandstoflast - men de gjorde det altså.

Lidt efter fløj de igen.

Ud og se ned på Xeros for anden gang.

Hvordan mon de reagerede, da de opdagede, at de røde brandbiler fulgte den landing, de blot havde fået oplysning om som en ren rutinesag?

Og hvor mange propper mon der også op af flasker i det utattede lastrum?

Det bliver spændende at høre hjemmefra.



Med i Scacyppen i denne uge var konstablerne H. Brodersen og S.M. Andersen, sergerne R.W. Jepsen og E. Hansen, oversergent J.R. J. Nesgaard og major G. Johansen.

Major Johansen er afløser for H. B. Holst, der afgår fra styrken den 25. ds. og ovenfor ses i samtal med sekondlojtnant E. H. Holstein Johansen.

LINDA LÄMNAR LANDET



CGC:s enda kvinde, den lilla "kortkorta" Linda Rutter är på väg att överge oss. Efter 10 månader på sektion två-expeditionen har hon hunnit bli mer eller mindre ett inventarium på campen och ett mycket populärt och uppskattat inslag i den manliga dominansen.

När hon kommer hem väntar en tre dagar lång test och om hon skulle klara den, en av tre lär passera, blir det skolgång och annan utbildning innan hon blir utnämnd och får sin "commission".

På frågan om trivts hos oss ler hon och svarar att det varit en underbar tid bland fina kamrater.

Enligt vanligtvis välinformet håll lär vi dock inte bli utan "kjoltyg" på campen när Linda lämnat oss. Hon skall nämligen ersättas av en äldre dam från HQ i Nicosia.

På bilden passar några av tvåans grabbar på att ta avsked litet i förväg, de är fr v Kjell Pettersson, Roger Hammarström, Björn Odengård och Per-Olof Ehrlin.

NY LILLSTINKY

Som väl alla noterat vid det här laget har vi fått en alldeles ny "lillstinky". Gamla "lillstinky", den flitige sprutaren Kennert Gustavsson, har helt enkelt bytt tjänst med Hasse Lundberg på Oasis, som alltså nu övertagit "utrotningspatruller ingen" på campen och ansvarer för hälsosörförstådet.

Enligt alla tillgängliga uppgifter trivs båda kontrahenterna med sina nya uppdrag och inga klagomål har inrapporterats från varken sjuka eller förläggningar. På bilden ses en leende ny "lillstinky" i full aktion med sitt trogne aggregat.



SWEDCON NEWS

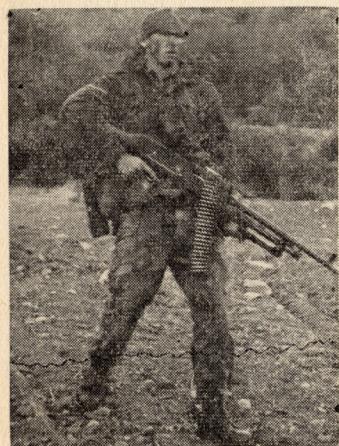
Swedish Forces Photos

HELIKOPTERÖVNING MED AKTION



JUNIOR NCOs CADRE COURSE

The 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment held a rigorous Junior Non Commissioned Officers Cadre Course of six weeks duration recently at Zyyi. On the right we see the Junior NCO's at the half way stage of the training and below is a photograph of Lance Corporal Wellsby taking part in a 48 hour minor tactics exercise.



SPORTS NEWS

3 Queen's Win Griffons Invitation Rugby 7s

The Griffons RFC, mid winter seven a side competition at Happy Valley was won by 3 Queen's who beat Dhekelia 16-6 in the final, a number of Ircon players were playing for the Dhekelia side. In all 16 teams took part. 3 Queen's beat St. Johns and the Vikings to reach the final.

3 QUEEN'S - NEWS IN BRIEF

Limzone Internal Rotation
The rifle companies of 3 Queen's changed locations last week. 'A' Company moving to Kophinou, 'B' Company to Polemedhia, and 'C' Company to Zyyi.

Captain P.V. Panton the

Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment resumed his duties on arrival from England, from Captain G.C. Brown the Regimental signals officer, who has been in the hot seat since their arrival in Cyprus.

BRITCON NEWS

STATISTICS

If you laid the number of toilet rolls held by the Ordnance Detachment — all 37,850 rolls that is, in a line, the line would stretch for 177,422 miles or from Cyprus to England and back about 35 times. Another interesting fact is that if you tied each end of the line to two helicopters, it would take them about 1,000 hours to take up the slack.

"NO - NO - NOOO !
44936,366,001 PIECES
OF PAPER AND HE SAYS
HE ONLY WANTED THE
ROLLS THEMSELVES COUNTED!"



HANDING OVER

Our picture below shows Major Peter French (right) of the Royal Corps of Transport, handing over the duties of Staff Captain (AQ) at Headquarters Britcon to Captain Andrew Dawson of the Queen's Regiment.

Major French after leaving Cyprus is attending a German Language course prior to his posting to the German Staff College in Hamburg.



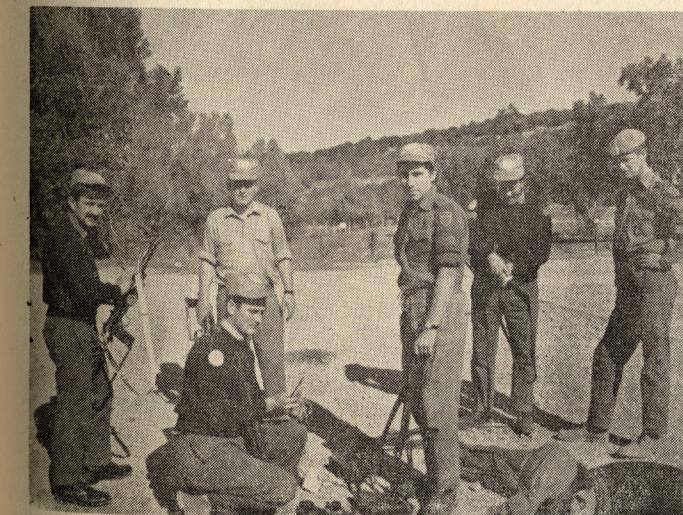
VISIT OF F.C. TO NEW CAMP SITE



• The Force Commander inspects the new camp site with (from the right) Lieutenant Colonel C. Donovan, Commandant J. Burke, Captain C.R. Starwing, Commandant L. O'Connor, Lieutenant R. Twomey and Commandant D. Sweeney.

SOLDIER POET

In addition to shooting and fishing, Corporal Paul Hoare of 23 Infantry Group likes to write poetry. Two of his poems are due to be published in March in "Poet's Galaxy", an anthology of poetry, published by Atlantic Press London, which has world-



CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION

Hand in hand, wide eyes in a night,
We are awaiting resurrection
Of morning in battledress
Of resplendent white.
At first cold white breath,
Frost.
Millions of stars.
Haloed drifting round the moon,
Heaving heartbeat waiting doom,
And fire in the blood.

Not now. The dusty puffs of snow
Fail to surround me.
Failing to meet the glow
Of burning Christmas logs,
I stand.
Hospitality, stretched to the
fullest hand,
Footprints from house to house
Over dead land.
Warm food, warm tea
Wakens the mind of man.



• The Force Commander inspects the Camp Guard, Wolfe Tone Camp, Larnaca.

BLUE BERET CAMP GUARD

• Private Johnny Clancy pictured recently on Guard Duty at HQ UNFICYP. Private Clancy who is

19 years of age and on his first tour of duty overseas comes from Limerick where he serves with 12 Infantry Battalion.



MP NOTEBOOK ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending	
12 Jan 73	— 7
Same Period	
Last Year	— 4
Total This Year	— 15
Same Period	
Last Year	— 10
Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:	
DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION	

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On Wednesday 3 January 1973 the Force Commander, Major General Prem Chand, PVSM, visited the new Ircon Camp under construction near the Artemis Road in Larnaca. The Force Commander was accompanied by the Force Engineer, Commandant John Burke, the Irish Liaison Officer at HQ UNFICYP, Commandant Donal Sweeney and his ADC Captain C.R. Starwing. He was greeted on arrival by Lieutenant Colonel C. Donovan, Officer Commanding 23 Infantry Group and Sector Commander, Larnaca. The Force Commander then inspected the Camp Guard under the command of Corporal Christopher Anderson before he proceeded to the new camp site where he was shown the layout of the camp and watched the work in progress.

IRCON NEWS



● Lt Col Allan greets Lt Col Morneault, Commanding Officer of 3 R22eR at Nicosia Airport.

DENTAL CLINIC

Pictured is the Battalion Cavity Assault Squadron. Conducting the examination is the chief whip of the Dental Clinic Capt Paul Williams. Preparing the "Keo" mouthwash is Sgt Barry Mackie while Sgt Dan Hardy looks on intently. This rather unusual patient reported on sick parade recently complaining of jungle mouth. The diagnosis revealed the dreaded Hawaiian disease — "lakanukki"! Unfortunately the cure is not available in mass quantities until April.

Capt Williams and the re-

mainder of the tooth fairies at the clinic are quite pleased with their Battalion experience. They report that 80% of the Patricia's are dentally fit and that the majority of their work involves preventive dentistry: stressing proper brushing, flossing and oral hygiene habits.

The "dents" went to the front lines for X-Mas and X-Mas eve saw Capt Williams and Sgt Hardy managing outpost duty while Sgt Mackie manned the switchboard. Fortunately no one else manned the dentist's drill.



● Here Capt Paul Williams is treating Cpl "CC" Shaddock with Sgt Barry Mackie assisting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Capt Ed Bucci of the Pay department recently completed his tour. Others who have also left Cyprus are MCpl Savard, and Cpls Pettifer, Crawford and Pelletier.

Capt Rowe arrived 10 Jan and will replace Capt Bucci in the pay department.



● A patient who seems to be very patient!

For 24 years of military service Sgt Ted Lester receives a clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration and congratulations from Lt Col J.H. Allan.

CANCON NEWS

VISIT OF 3 R22eR RECCE PARTY

Last plane day saw the happy arrival of Lt Col J.J. Morneault, the Commanding Officer of 3 R22eR, and his nine man recce party. His Battalion is scheduled to replace the incumbent Patricias commencing in April of this year and his week long visit to 2 PPCLI was in line with his forthcoming tour.

Throughout the week of 10-17 Jan they were exposed to the major aspects of the UN involvement in particular and in general. This was accomplished by ex-

posing him and his staff to a detailed briefing and orientation tour from each company.

The party managed to find time to enjoy Cypriot hospitality but only with help and expert guidance from their Cancon guides. They eventually had a day to themselves and used it to explore and experience the island for themselves.

After an eventful informative week they returned home to Canada and their base in Valcartier Quebec.



Kers Pesonen ja vääp Siitari laulelevant suomeksi



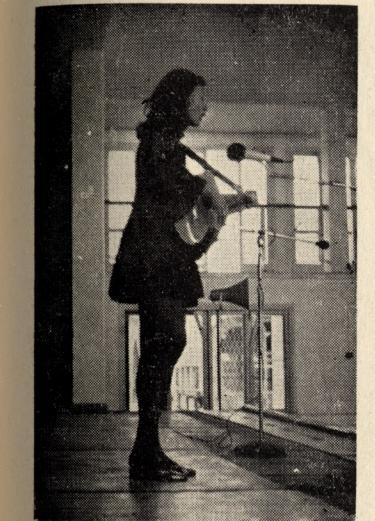
Yleismies, jäälä Mäkelä hausuttamassa yleisöä.



YHTEISPOHJOISMAINEN

Tällaista täytyy saada lisää!

Tuo oli monen mielipide viime lauantaina. Suomalaiset olivat kutsuneet ruotsalaiset ja tanskalaiset juhlimaan pohjoismaisessa mielessä. Ilta alkoi reippaasti Wolsley Barrack"lla tunnin mittaisella show'lla.



... ja miss Monica ruotsiksi.

FINCON NEWS

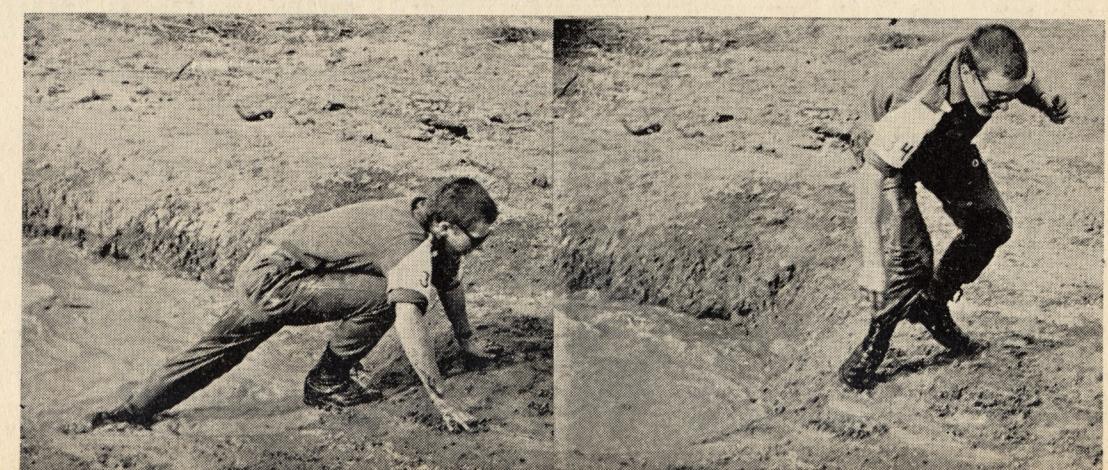


SWEDCON PAREMPI

Kantaran maasto oli raskas ja vetini juuri viime perjantaina, kun suomalaiset suurin toivein ryntäsivät kompassi ja kartta kourassa maastoon. Ruotsalaissunnistajat eivät kuitenkaan antaneet yllättää itseään kotitanttereillaan ja veivät niin kaksos-kuin joukkuevoiton. He olivat selvästi parempia, vaikka hyvällä arpa-ynnä muulla onnella toisinkin oli saattanut käydä. Swedconin kers Arvidsson piti kiireintä hakaten kahdeksalla minuutilla majuri Ritzenin. Jääkä Mäkinen (kuvassa) jäi vain 47 sekuntia toiseesta tilasta. Majuri Matikainen selvisi kuudenneksi, jääkä Vihervirta 7:nmeksi, jääkä Sirkka 9:nmeksi ja jääkä Lehtilä 10:nmeksi.

KUNTOHYPPELYT

Ei mitään yllätyksiä taaskaan. Tietenkin Ykkönen kuntohypeli kotiradallaan muita paremmin, ehkä hieman odotettua selvemmin. Kers Mastokangas on jo vanha konkari kuntoradalla ja nappasi tällä kertaa kirkkaimman mitalin. Alik Leppänen ja jääkä Miettinen kiihlasivat kannoille. Omorphan kuntorataa on nyt paranneltu. Miinakenttä ei enää muodostu kompastuskiveksi, sillä kivien uudelleen sijoitteluun jälkeen rytmä ei sekoa. Kaivuupaikalla sen sijaan nähtiin monen näköistä tvitä, ja monet tulhrasivat itselleen lisä vika yritykseen poimia rautakuilaan ylös. Ja vesieste kasteli kilpailijat entistä märemmiksi.



An Stavrokoно :

HUBSCHRAUBERLANDUNG

5.1.73, 1000 UHR

Der Besuch Generalmajors Prem Chand's im Paphos District war eine normale Inspektionstour und doch wussten alle, dass der Force Commander diese Besichtigung vor der Rotation angesetzt hatte, um sich persönlich von den österreichischen Soldaten zu verabschieden. Nach einem Briefing auf dem einzelnen OP's fand der General herzliche Worte für die Soldaten aller Dienstgrade und zeigte sich informiert und inter-

essiert an allen Dingen des täglichen dienstlichen Lebens.

Generalmajor Prem Chand findet kein Problem zu klein und mit Toleranz und menschlichem Empfängnisvermögen hat er den Weg gefunden, vom "General in den Wolken" zum hoch geschätzten Kommandanten aller Soldaten gefunden, die für ihn durchs Feuer gehen würden und die stolz sind, unter seinem Kommando zu dienen.



● Generalmajor Prem Chand schreitet die Wachgruppe am OP Stavrokoно ab.



● Meldung des OP Kommandanten Vizeleutnant Mandl an den Force Commander Prem Chand.

WELCOME – AND GOOD BYE !

Am 12. 1. und am 23. 1. 73 treffen, im Zuge einer Teilablöse, neue Kameraden aus Österreich in Paphos ein. Gleichzeitig aber verabschieden wir jene Soldaten, die, seit dem Einsatz eines österreichischen Bataillons in Zypern, auf der Insel Dienst versehen haben.

Sie können viel erzählen, diese Zypern-Veteranen. Vom Zeltlager, über einzelne Nissen huts zum Fertigteilhaus war es ein weiter Weg, der den persönlichen Einsatz jeden Mannes geradezu herausforderte. Der stete Ausbau am OP, nicht zuletzt der Erfolg eines konsequent geführten Dienstes, der eine stabile Situation in dem

von den Österreichern betreuten District herbeiführte, waren das Rezept, das auch den Soldaten, die sich erst in die Eigenart des UN-Dienstes eingewöhnen müssen, empfohlen werden kann. Wir "Alten", die wir noch dableiben, haben als "Newcomer" manchen Fehler gemacht und daraus gelernt.

Gerne werden wir unsere Erfahrungen weitergeben, damit die "neuen" Soldaten in Paphos District einen guten Start haben. In diesem Sinn: Welcome — oder Servus, den Ankommenen wie die Zyprioten sagen; Good bye — und auf Wiedersehen, den Freunden, die Zypern verlassen.



● Korporal Luger, am Ausbau des Comcent hervorragend beteiligt, nimmt Abschied. Beschäftigt, vom ersten bis zum letzten Tag. Bei Korporal Luger spürte man in allen Phasen, dass er als echter Tel-Mann Freude am Dienst hat.

● Sergeant Bill, unser englischer Freund und 'Reme' — Unteroffizier beendet mit den Soldaten des UNAB seinen Dienst bei Auscon. Sergeant David Six, sein Nachfolger, fand sofort Anschluss beim UNAB.

EINFACH ZUM NACHDENKEN

Bobby kommt zu Rudi und sagt: "Weisst, jetzt habe ich genug — ich trete von der Kirche aus!" Darauf Rudi entsetzt: "Glaubst du etwa nicht mehr an Gott?" Bobby: "An Gott glaube ich ja, aber dieses ungute Bodenpersonal!" Mit Bodenpersonal sind wohl der Papst, die Bischöfe, Pfarrer und Kapläne gemeint. So mancher Witz hat viel Wahres an sich. Es könnte die Kirche viel besser dastehen, wenn wir Priester die Botschaft Christi besser verwirklichen würden.

Aufgabe der Kirche ist es ja, die Welt menschlicher, friedlicher, besser zu machen — einfach ein Zeichen der anwesenden Liebe Gottes in der Welt zu sein.

Zur Kirche gehört aber jeder getaufte Christ, nicht nur die Priester! Ob nicht dich auch der Vorwurf vom Bodenpersonal trifft?

herzliche Grüsse
Euer Kaplan

WIR FREUEN UNS . . .

....dass Hauptmann Kurt Schön-pflug zum Major befördert wurde. Ein Major der "im Herzen bleibt was er war", ist auch als "Papier-tiger" willkommen.

**AUSCON
NEWS**



Nächste Woche: AFH IM EINSATZ.