

Young Army Officer Weighs Appeals Of Cypriot Peasantry

By PETER BUCKLEY
KIPRI, Cyprus (CP) — A young Canadian army officer daily weighs complaints and faces flashes of anger from Cypriot villagers caught up in the violent dispute between the Greek majority and the Turkish minority of this Mediterranean island.

Second Lieut. Mike Perrean, 21, commands a platoon of the Royal 22nd Regiment, part of the United Nations peace-keeping force, which is divided into three sections guarding against violence in the village of Kipri, Agriflia and Pleri in the southern foothills of the Kyrenia Mountains.

Perrean, a native of Williams Lake, B.C., makes the rounds of local villages in a jeep over bumpy roads to hear the petitions and appeals of a peasantry dislocated and disrupted by racial hostility.

On one such journey, he stopped first at the Turkish village of Phota, normally a hamlet of 500 but doubled in size by refugees.

In the village cafe, the elders and elders were gathered, squatting on low wooden chairs in a solemn circle. In one corner the village barber—for no apparent reason wearing a dried lilac-like flower behind one ear—clipped and shaved customers throughout the visit.

The mukhtar, or mayor, a man of about 50 with lined face and close-cropped hair, bought a round of black Turkish coffee for those nearest him while a boy went to fetch the school-teacher.

BROWS ANGER
The schoolteacher proved to be an alert young man in khaki shirt and trousers who acted as interpreter between Perrean and the mukhtar and any others with problems.

After arranging to provide the Canadian officer with a list of crops in Greek hands and other property allegedly destroyed by the Greeks, the teacher sud-

denly grabbed a roll of claim papers from the mukhtar's hand and waved them angrily. "You ask why we hate the Greeks? This is why. These papers are about our crops that have been destroyed, our homes ruined, our property stolen. This is why we must have our separate state."

The speech seemed rehearsed. The old men leaning on their canes, long mustaches willing despite a fresh breeze through the doorway that dispersed the smell of coffee and sweat, looked up at the young teacher and they looked away.

From Phota, Perrean's jeep manoeuvred five miles of goat paths, past a Greek machine-gun post on a hill, to the hostile atmosphere of the Greek village of Skyllouras.

Greek Cypriots in the area had fired on two Canadians guarding Turkish harvesters a few weeks earlier. Although the shots missed, Perrean raised a row and Skyllouras apparently had not forgotten him. The young bloods believe the Canadians provide too much protection for the Turks.

HOMES BURNED
A Greek businessman, reasonably friendly, was recruited as interpreter for Skyllouras. He reiterated the Greek Cypriot insistence on majority rule in Cyprus, with protection of minority Turkish rights.

"We do not hate the Turks," he said. "Before the troubles we lived as one. We each went our own ways and there were no problems. That is why it must be again."

But behind him, from the porch of the general store, could be seen abandoned Turkish homes, looted and bombed. Skyllouras used to have 600 Greeks and 250 Turkish residents. Now only the Greeks live there.

A few Skyllouras, Perrean moved to Ayios Ermosos, an obvious oasis of harmony in the general hostility. Some 250

Greeks live with 17 Turks, separately but without apparent trouble.

A high school boy, acting as interpreter over the inevitable cups of coffee, explained that some Turks came to the village and warned their local compatriots that they were in danger. But the village Turks stayed.

"There is no problem," the boy said. "When the Van Doo first came, Perrean says, the villagers applauded as they drove by in their jeeps. Now, the grinning children pause in their games and wave at the Canadians, but the adults generally show only indifference, if not hostility."

POSTPONE CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON (AP) — The opening here of a 16-country conference, including Canada, on organization of a satellite communications system has been postponed until July 21, U.S. state department officials said Saturday. The countries met in London earlier and recessed their talks there June 20 with an agreement to resume discussion in Washington.

Opportunities for Young Men in the RCAP

See the Career Counsellor in: Charlotteville
RCAP Association Club Rooms
TUESDAY, 14 JULY
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Summerside
RCAP Association Club Rooms
TUESDAY, 23 JULY
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
or write
RCAP Recruiting Unit
Saint John, N.B.

McNamara Supports Army In 'Brink Of War' Policies

By SPENCER DAVIS
WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite sharp Senate charges of "brinkmanship," Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara backed two top U.S. military leaders prepared to risk war with Communist China to preserve South Viet Nam's independence.

McNamara told the Senate foreign relations committee at a closed session June 23 that the U.S. effort to save South Viet Nam is "carries the risk of Viet Nam."

In his testimony released Thursday, McNamara defended

statements made in separate interviews by Admiral Harry D. Felt, outgoing commander-in-chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific, and Gen. Paul D. Harkins, retiring commander of the American advisory and training mission to South Viet Nam.

McNamara was questioned sharply about the interviews by both Democrats and Republicans.

Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper, ranking Republican member of the committee, demanded to know "who speaks for American policy?"

FORM OF BRINKMANSHIP
"Isn't that a form of brinkmanship that they are playing?" asked Chairman J. W.

Fullbright (Dem. Ark.). "They don't wish to say that we won't fight under any circumstances and they don't want the president to pledge this."

McNamara told the committee that the U.S. is seeking to develop "a sufficiently strong military posture to deter our opponents from either political or military aggression and through that a deterrence to avoid a breakdown of the peace."

McNamara said no responsible military or civilian official in the defence department has spoken on a foreign policy matter without specific approval from the highest ranks of the U.S. government.

But he stopped short of saying that President Johnson had authorized Felt or Harkins to speak out on risking war with Communist China.

"I simply want to say that Admiral Felt's statement was in conformity with the estab-

lished policy of our government," McNamara said. **KEEP INDEPENDENCE**
McNamara said the U.S. objective is clear — to maintain the independence of South Viet Nam.

He said that to accomplish this objective, the U.S. proposes to follow the least risky and the least costly program and to follow this is the program that now is being followed.

But for the future, "I cannot say . . . It may require some military action outside the borders," McNamara said.

McNamara testified that the U.S. had suffered 144 combat fatalities in South Viet Nam from Jan. 1, 1961, through June 22, 1964, including 97 deaths from aircraft accidents or incidents and 47 from ground action.

MIKE KILLS ADVISER
SAIGON (AP)—An American military adviser was killed Friday when a Communist Viet Cong guerrilla mine ripped through an armored troop carrier during an operation 15 miles west of this south Vietnamese capital. Another American and several South Vietnamese were wounded by the blast, which knocked a track off the heavy vehicle.




ANNOUNCEMENT

Canadian Oil Company are proud to announce that Mr. A. H. (Art) Roper is the new lessee of the White Rose Service Station on the corner of Elm Ave. and Euston St. Art will be pleased to meet his old friends in his new place of business.


• Good Year Tires • White Rose Products

CANADIAN OIL CO.

107th Birthday Sale Winners



<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faye Hayler 100.00 2. J.W. Hogan 250.00 3. Christine MacPhail 100.00 4. Mrs. E. MacPhail 500.00 5. Mrs. John Sanderson 150.00 6. Mrs. Newton Smith 100.00 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Mrs. Jacqueline Wedge 250.00 8. R.B. Simpson 100.00 9. Leo Jeffrey 150.00 10. Mrs. John Forbes 500.00 11. Mrs. L. Elle 100.00 12. Mildred Bernard 100.00
---	--



HENDERSON & CUDMORE CONTINUES TODAY AT 8:30 a.m.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SAVE 20% to 60% - STORE WIDE SALE!

G-I-L TERYLENE WHITE SHIRTS

NEVER BEFORE SUCH A LOW PRICE!

3.69

reg. 6.95 Value

3 for \$10

THOUSANDS OF SPORT SHIRTS TOO INCLUDED AT THIS LOW PRICE. SAVE—BUY 3!

SAVE UP TO \$15.00

SPORT COATS

- reg. to \$45.00
- top brand tailored
- big selection 36 to 44

27.99

TROUSERS

- Entire stock
- Except Daks

20% OFF

SOX

- by Harvey Woods and MacGregor

reg. to 1.50

89¢

3 pr. 2.50

Stanfield's

SHORTS & SHIRTS

- reg. first quality

95¢

Many Towne Hall Tailored!

SUITS

- terylene and wool lightweights
- imported English wool worsteds
- big selection at this low price

Reg. \$69 — \$80

\$49

Entire Stock On Sale 10% to 40% off

GOLF JACKETS

- Scotchgard stain resistant fabric
- guaranteed washable
- specially priced

8.95

FLITE BAGS

- sell-out last time offered
- navy, brown and charcoal
- reg. to 25.00
- 100% nylon

18.99

CANVAS SHOES

- honey foam soles
- slip-on and lace styles
- brown and black, reg. 3.95

2.99

HENDERSON & CUDMORE

WHERE QUALITY IS SURE