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Turkish Civilians Clash With Greeks In Cyprus

U. S., Britain In Appeal To Bring Tense Situation Under Control In Nicosia



PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON gathered his family at the LBJ Ranch at Johnson City, Tex., for Christmas Day and assembled them for this photograph. Seated in front are his youngest daughter, Lucy Baines, 16, Mrs. Johnson, President Johnson and daughter Lynda Bird, 19. Among more than a score of relatives is Johnson's only brother, Sam Houston Johnson, standing with cane behind Lucy. (UPI Telephoto)

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI)—Turkish Cypriot civilians attacked Greek Cypriot civilians in Nicosia for four hours today, breaking a cease fire agreement.

The situation remained tense as the British army took command of Greek and Turkish military forces stationed in Cyprus under terms of the agreement under which Cyprus won independence three years ago.

The United States and Britain joined in appeals to bring the situation under control, and the British disclosed they were flying in troop reinforcements from their strategic reserve in England.

A government statement said the Turkish civilians opened fire on the Greeks this morning, using heavy weapons. The government said the Greeks respected the truce reached at 7:30 Wednesday night and did not return the fire.

There was no indication that the detachments of Greek and Turkish regular army units stationed on this island by treaty were in any way involved in this morning's shooting flare-up.

Unconfirmed reports said that since fighting began Saturday an estimated 200 persons have been killed or wounded. Official figures report 17 killed and 50 wounded.

(In London, the Cyprus Turkish Association said it had received reports from Turkey that 60 Turkish Cypriots had been killed and that the Turkish fleet was "awaiting orders" at ports on the south coast less than 100 miles from Cyprus.)

When Cyprus was granted independence, Britain retained two big bases here as sovereign territory. Turkey also was allowed to station 650 regular army soldiers here, and Greece a force of 950. None of the forces is at full strength, but Britain, Turkey and Greece are bound by treaty to guarantee the constitution of Cyprus.

When Greek Orthodox Archbishop Makarios proposed certain changes in the constitution, the current outbreak of violence followed. The Turkish Cypriots, who are vastly outnumbered by the Greek Cypriots, felt their constitutional guarantees would be weakened by the changes.

British Take Command

Following an emergency meeting Wednesday, it was agreed the British would take command of its own and the Greek and Turkish regular forces here.

The British then decided to fly in 150 men of the Foresters infantry regiment from England "as part of the general contingency plan" and to "guard installations" on this island.

As the British acted and the new fighting erupted, U.S. Ambassador Fraser Wilkins delivered a personal message from President Johnson to Makarios. Its contents were not disclosed.

At the same time, British High Commissioner Sir Arthur Clark and Greek Ambassador Miltades Delivanis drove under armed military escort to the Turkish quarter of Nicosia to discuss cease-fire terms with Turkish Ambassador Mazhar Ozkol.

Enforce Cease-Fire

British armored cars were ordered into position between Greek and Turkish Cypriot positions to enforce the cease-fire. (Ankara Radio charged that Greek Cypriots clashed with Turks in a suburb of Nicosia and that women and children were among those killed.)

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The clashes on the three-year-old island republic had these international repercussions:

—In Paris, NATO officials said the NATO permanent council met secretly yesterday to study the crisis. NATO sources said partly as a result of this session, the plan to place Greek and Turkish forces on the island under British command was developed.

—In London, the Foreign Office announced the command agreement and urged that the combined forces be used to preserve the truce.

—In the United States, President Johnson was keeping in close touch with Secretary of State Dean Rusk over the crisis.

Confront Each Other

Wednesday night, Greek and Turkish forces stationed on the island under the 1960 independence agreement confronted each other on the streets of the capital. There were no reports of firing between them, and a government spokesman denied a report that police took 500 Turkish Cypriots hostage.

Cyprus' population is 80 per cent Greek and 20 per cent Turkish. Britain is involved because the island's government, headed by Greek Orthodox Archbishop Makarios as president, is a British Commonwealth member. Britain also retains bases here.

Turkey, only about 50 miles from the island, sent two fighter planes over Nicosia Wednesday as a warning.

LBJ Seeks Cuts In Federal Jobs

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson had breakfast in his ranch house kitchen before sun-up today and went deer hunting.

With him was his old friend and political adviser, former Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington.

Clad in khaki slacks, shirt and zippered jacket, with a broad-brimmed Texas hat and boots, the President and Ellington left the LBJ Ranch by helicopter for the neighboring ranch of A. W. Moursund. They had their choice of hunting grounds on three pieces of ranch land Johnson owns.

Two business problems awaited his return. He was keeping in close touch with the State Department about the explosive situation in Cyprus and he had under constant study administrative moves to hold the 1965 budget to the lowest possible level. As part of this, Johnson on Wednesday ordered department and agency heads to eliminate unnecessary federal jobs.

East Berlin Guards Slay Teen-Ager

BERLIN (UPI)—More than 50,000 West Berliners crossed the Communist wall into East Berlin for Christmas visits today, many of them angered and saddened by the killing Wednesday of an East German teen-ager who tried to flee to the West.

The wall was opened for the visitors because they had Christmas passes issued by the Communists. Border guards waved them through politely and speedily on the second day of the holiday.

But one of those guards Wednesday shot and fatally wounded 18-year-old Paul Schultz, who apparently tried to take advantage of the mass border crossings to escape. A companion, also 18, made it to the West safely.

"This has spoiled everything," a young West Berlin mother said as she crossed the wall today. "I will not be able to bear looking at the Communist guards as I pass through. They are murderers."

"It could have been one of my sons," an old lady said. "They are over there and want to get out, too."

The Western Allies condemned the killing. "The incident speaks for itself," a U.S. spokesman said. A Western diplomat said the murder should erase the impression that the passes represent a humanitarian move on the part of the Communists.

It was the first known death since the Communist wall was opened to Christmas visits a week ago under an agreement providing West Berliners with one-day passes to see their East Berlin relatives. The Communists made no provisions for East Germans to go to the West, because they would have no way of making them return.

Similar Moves Expected

The President announced his action personally to a group of reporters who called at his ranch Christmas afternoon. The President indicated privately to associates that there will be other similar economy moves between now and when Congress reconvenes Jan. 7.

His memorandum urged department and agency heads to set up new targets for functioning with fewer employees.

12 Children Die In Early Yuletide Fire

CHARLESTON, S.C. (UPI)—Twelve sleeping children never awoke Wednesday to receive the Santa Claus surprises arranged for them.

A portable oil heater tipped over by their parents as they put gifts under the Christmas tree spewed flames throughout the wooden tenement where the children slept, killing them as they lay in their beds.

The children, ranging in age from 20 years to two months, were all brothers, sisters and cousins.

They were asleep in one room on the upper floor of the two-story structure in a slum section of this old city at the time of the pre-dawn fire.

Fire department officials said the fire apparently started when either Walter Johnson, 51, or his wife, Mary Lee, 47, attempted to move the portable heater and it tipped over.

Flaming liquid spread throughout the structure. Bodies of the children were found in bed—five on a studio couch, two on a single bed, three on a folding cot and two more on a pallet on the floor.

An electric train stood on its track in the burned-out shell of the home and charred dolls and trucks were strewn among the debris.

Johnson was critically burned in the blaze. His wife was the only other person to escape. She was not injured.

The victims were:

Mildred Wilson, 20, Lelia Wilson, 19, Thomasina Wilson, 17, Irene Wilson, 13, Benjamin Johnson, 12, Annette Johnson, 11, Raymond Johnson, 10, Athamedes Johnson, 6, Zoraida Johnson, 2 months, Jerome Wilson, 4, Jacquatta Wilson, 2 months, and Anthony Wilson, 8 months.

Tippitt's Widow Hurt In Mishap

PARIS, Tex. (UPI)—Mrs. J. D. Tippitt, whose husband was killed by President Kennedy's accused assassin, was injured Wednesday during a Christmas trip to visit her husband's family.

She received a small cut and a bruise on her head when the car she was driving collided with another car as she was turning into a service station.

Police Sgt. Steve Dockery said Mrs. Tippitt required a stitch for her head wound, but that her three children were not hurt in the accident.

The driver of the other car, 22-year-old Delbert Miller of Paris, was uninjured in the wreck.

Mrs. Tippitt and her children were driving to Clarksville, Tex., to visit the Edgar Tippitts, her slain husband's parents.

Dockery said about \$400 damage was done to the Tippitt car, and that \$50 damage was done to the Miller vehicle. He said Mrs. Tippitt's father-in-law drove from Clarksville and took the family to his home. Dockery said the accident was still under investigation.

Many Visit Grave

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An estimated 15,000 persons visited the grave of President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery on Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve Fire Hits Sutherlin Family's Home

A Sutherlin family now in Canada for the holidays is in for a sad homecoming as a result of a Christmas Eve fire which completely destroyed their home. The vacationing family is that of Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Wheeland and their children, reportedly eight of them, who at latest reports had not been reached with word of the blaze.

The home destroyed—a large, two-story older structure—was located on E. 6th Ave. on a hill which cut off view of the house from neighbors living on lower levels nearby. The fire was first sighted about 6 p.m. by a resident located on a similar rise on the other side of the city. The Sutherlin Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire call but the fire was reportedly too far advanced to be contained. According to Mrs. William Blakeley, correspondent, the house burned to the ground. Investigation into the cause of the fire began Christmas day and is continuing, Mrs. Blakeley said.

Because of the somewhat secluded location of the residence, neighbors were unaware of the exact date the Wheeland family left on the Christmas vacation and the date set for their return is likewise unknown. Efforts to locate the family had not been successful up to mid-morning today.

Chou En-lai Ends Visit To Algeria

ALGIERS (UPI)—Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai wound up his six-day visit to Algeria today with a final round of political talks aimed at bringing closer ties between Peking and the government of President Ahmed Ben Bella.

Chou, apparently ignoring Arab quarrels which have split Morocco from Algeria and the U.A.R., planned to fly to Rabat Friday on the next stop of his African tour.

The probable results of his visit here will be an increase in Sino-Algerian trade. Chou has visited Algerian industrial and agricultural complexes, including the Bertiet truck factory and a petroleum and chemical plant near Oran.

Unconfirmed reports said a deal for Chinese purchase of Algerian wines and Algerian-made trucks was being considered.

Holiday Road Mishaps Snuff Lives Of 226

By United Press International

Traffic accidents killed a total of 226 persons across the nation during the 30-hour Christmas holiday, final tabulations showed today.

The toll was far below the record of 253 for a one-day Christmas holiday set in 1948. But the National Safety Council said the death rate jumped 220 per cent from the normal during the period from 6 p.m. Tuesday until Christmas midnight.

The United Press International tabulation, adopted by the safety council as official for this holiday, showed a total of 288 holiday fatalities from various causes.

The breakdown:

Traffic	226
Fires	35
Planes	7
Miscellaneous	20
Total	288

Fires ranked as a major cause of holiday tragedy. The victims included 16 children and teen-agers.

California, with 33 fatalities, had the nation's worst record of automotive deaths over the holiday. Texas followed with 16 and there were 14 in Kansas, 13 in Michigan, and 12 in both Florida and North Carolina.

Eight states escaped traffic deaths over the holiday. They were Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire and North Dakota.

The National Safety Council predicted that between 200 and 250 persons would die between 6 p.m. local time Christmas Eve and Christmas midnight in the first 30-hour Christmas holiday since 1957.

The Safety Council also said 11,000 to 13,000 would receive injuries disabling beyond the day of the accident. The numbers for a 30-hour non-holiday period at this time of year would be 85 deaths and 5,000 injuries.

Ex-Colonel Stands Trial For Attempt Against De Gaulle

PARIS (UPI)—Former Col. Antoine Argoud, his face a tight-lipped mask of defiance, sat stubbornly silent refusing to answer his judges today when he appeared before the state security court on charges of treason and plotting to overthrow President Charles de Gaulle.

Argoud, 49, a former crack tank brigade commander, is alleged to have been chief of the terrorist Secret Army Organization (OAS) in metropolitan France. The OAS tried by terrorism and violence to overthrow De Gaulle and prevent Algeria from becoming independent.

"Accused, kindly state your name and date of birth," asked court president Andre De Chezelles. His hands thrust into his grey overcoat pocket, Argoud said nothing.

"Accused, stand up," ordered De Chezelles. Argoud scratched his head, looked around the court but did not budge.

Questions Lawyers

"Defense attorneys," De Chezelles continued, turning to Argoud's three lawyers, "to your knowledge is the accused here present Antoine Argoud?"

"Yes," answered chief defense counsel Jean-Louis Tixier-Vignancour.

"What is his address?" the judge continued.

"At the moment it is at Munich."

Tixier-Vignancour's remark touched off a stir around court. It marked the opening gambit in a defense battle to prove Argoud allegedly was kidnapped illegally in the south German city and that the French court is incompetent to try him.

Ten months ago to the day Argoud was found bound and gagged in a small truck near the Palais de Justice in the heart of Paris.

He claimed subsequently he was kidnapped in a Munich hotel by French secret agents, bound and gagged and driven across the border into France in violation of international law and dumped outside the Palais de Justice here to be found by regular French police.

Argoud was clapped into gloomy Fresnes jail on the southern outskirts of Paris to await trial. Throughout preliminary hearings he maintained a stubborn silence refusing to answer any questions.

Originally, he had planned to refuse to attend the trial. But under Article 411 of the French penal code this would have barred his lawyers from representing him and they talked him into coming.

Already Sentenced

Argoud already has been sentenced to death in his absence by a military high tribunal on charges of plotting against the state.

After the opening brush between Argoud and the judges, the court heard the clerk read the charges in a high monotone. This took nearly an hour.

Among the charges were that he took part in the April, 1961 "generals' revolt" in Algiers and that after he escaped in February, 1962, from the Canary Islands, where he was exiled by Spanish authorities he plotted against the state security as OAS boss for metropolitan France.

The defense announced it has cited some 30 witnesses, including Premier Georges Pompidou, Interior Minister Roger Frey and Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville. But all three sent letters saying they can not attend.

Yule Day Mishaps Claim Two Lives

By United Press International

Two persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in Oregon on Christmas Day.

Gilbert Toll, 50 Redmond, was killed when his truck ripped through a guard rail on the North Santiam Highway and went into the Big Cliff Dam reservoir about 10 miles west of Detroit Wednesday afternoon.

The body of Toll, a rancher, was recovered from the cab of the truck.

Luther McGuire, 23, Madras, died when his car went off a curve on a private road at the Round Butte Dam near Madras early Wednesday.

McGuire was thrown from the car. He was employed by the Utah Construction Co., which is the prime contractor for the Round Butte hydroelectric project.

Congress Sets Brief Session

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate and House, their Christmas holiday marred by the foreign aid bill tieup, will hold brief sessions Friday. But it's only for the record and no business will be transacted.

The "pro forma" meetings are necessary to conform with legal requirements. Only a very few members from each house are expected to be on hand.

For all practical purposes, the House has shut up shop for the year and members won't return until Jan. 7 when the second session of the 88th Congress convenes.

But the Senate plans to meet Monday to take final action on the foreign aid money bill if a quorum of 50 members can be rounded up. After passage of the aid measure, Congress will adjourn.

Ruby's Attorney Lauds Prosecutor

DALLAS (UPI)—A defense attorney today said chief defense counsel Melvin Belli of San Francisco found District Attorney Henry Wade and his staff "good, hard-fighting lawyers" during Jack Ruby's bail bond hearing Monday.

Dallas attorney Tom Howard, who was among the first to come to the defense of the killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, said he had no criticism of Belli. He described the famed California trial specialist as "a fine lawyer."

The Dallas Morning News quoted Howard as saying Wade's handling of the bond hearing was "quite a shock" to Belli. The hearing ended with a recess until Jan. 10. Ruby was returned to jail.

In an interview with news reporter Larry Dum, Howard was quoted as saying, "I think the big-city lawyer from out-of-state found out that Texas district attorneys can hold their own in a courtroom."

Howard denied the statements in the interview.

He said he did not criticize Belli "in any way."

"We are in complete agreement on the way the case is being handled," Howard said.

He said he stated only that "Mr. Belli said the district attorney and his staff were good, hard-fighting lawyers."

Howard was retained by Ruby a short time after Lee Harvey Oswald, accused presidential assassin, was gunned down in the basement of city hall.

Belli, a spectacular plaintiff's attorney from San Francisco, was later named chief defense counsel. He headed a six-man team, but now the defense lawyers have been reduced to four.

Belli failed Monday to get Ruby released on bond for the holidays.

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Duncan Asks Hearing On VA Property Transfer

U. S. Rep. Robert B. Duncan reports his legislation to transfer certain property from the Veterans Administration Hospital to the city of Roseburg has moved another step forward.

Duncan said Rep. William L. Dawson, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, has referred his bill (H.R. 3125) to the Government Activities Subcommittee.

"I have contacted the subcommittee chairman, Congressman Jack Brooks, and asked that hearings be held at the earliest possible date," Duncan said in a news release from Washington D. C.

"All federal agency reports are in on the transfer and the city of Roseburg has agreed to the terms suggested by the Veterans Administration. There is nothing left now to hold up speedy consideration of the bill," Duncan added.

The bill would provide for gratuitous return of a portion of land originally donated by the city for construction of a VA hospital. Duncan noted that any legislation which included a gratuitous provision always received a certain amount of opposition, but he felt in this case it wouldn't affect passage of the bill.

There are two principal segments of property involved in the transfer. One segment is located generally along the north bank of the South Umpqua River between U. S. Highway 99 and Stewart Park. The other is located generally between the south bank of the South Umpqua from the Fir Grove School to the Veterans Cemetery, excluding the Army and Navy facilities.

Duncan pointed out that the companion bill (S.1203) sponsored by Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurice Neuberger is currently before the Senate Government Operations Committee.

"I am advised that action is expected on their bill early next session. I certainly hope my bill will be reported by the House committee quickly and that this transaction can be effected soon," he added.

City's Part Noted

The city has agreed to erect a chain link fence along the property, to relocate a portion of the golf course in the area,

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Cloudy with occasional rain today, tonight and Friday, little temperature change.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 52

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 39

Highest temp. any Dec. (58) 69

Lowest temp. any Dec. (2) 16

Normal Dec. precip. 5.69

Precip. from Dec. 1 1.13

Precip. from Sept. 1 10.95

Sunset tonight, 4:44 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.