

Leader of Cypriot Rebels Says New Government May Be Formed

Editor's Note: George Pipal, United Press business manager for Europe, has obtained an unprecedented and significant interview with "General" George Grivas, hunted leader of the Greek Cypriot rebels seeking union with Greece. Pipal obtained his interview through Greek sources able to get in touch with Grivas. They submitted his questions to the rebel leader and returned with the written replies. Pipal's dispatch follows:

By GEORGE PIPAL
United Press Correspondent
 Athens, Greece — (U.P.) — "General" George Grivas, leader of the outlaw Eoka guerrillas in Cyprus, Saturday declared war against the British government. He said it was "most probable" that a government will be set up by the Cypriot rebels in the near future.

Grivas made his unprecedented statement to the United Press in written reply to a question naire submitted to him at an "unknown place" through Eoka channels in Athens last week.

At the same time, Grivas said that the "single step" by Britain of granting self-determination to Cyprus would "bridge the gap and solve the problem peacefully."

Price On His Head
 The British authorities on the island in the Mediterranean have placed a price of \$28,000 on Grivas' head. His capture was the objective of the unsuccessful encircling operation by British troops in the Troodos Mountains of Cyprus earlier this month. Twenty-one British soldiers were burned to death by a forest fire believed set by the Grivas forces to cover his escape.

Grivas was trained by the British for guerrilla fighting against the Nazis during the occupation of Greece in World War II. He also led anti-Communist troops in the 1944 Greek Civil War.

Grivas denied reports circulating in Athens that he directs the rebellion from Rhodes or another location outside of Cyprus.

"The leadership of the revolutionized Eoka is definitely on the island," he told the United Press.

Answers Questions
 Following are the questions submitted to Grivas through the underground channels and his replies:

Q. Does Eoka plan to achieve belligerent status — and thus place its members under the acts of war — by adopting uniforms with an open show of arms and by declaring open war against the British government?

A. Eoka has declared war against the conqueror of Cyprus; its objective and aim is therefore the liberation of the island from

the British yoke. We will do anything to gain freedom.

Q. Has Eoka undertaken any military or para-military operations against the British government outside of Cyprus — for example in the United Kingdom, as London newspapers reported recently?

A. Eoka is a revolution and can be found everywhere ready to claim the just right of the Cypriots and the freedom of its fatherland. We do hope that the occupation government will not force us to use our power outside Cyprus.

To Form Government
 Q. Do the Cypriots engaged in open rebellion against the Crown government intend to establish a government in the near future? If so, is it likely that the government would be formed in Cyprus, on the mainland of Greece or on one of the Aegean islands?

A. It is most probable, as we don't exclude anything.

Q. There are reports that "Dhigenis" the non-de-guerre signed to Eoka proclamations is a committee of three persons and not general Grivas alone. Are these reports true?

A. Dhigenis is a mythical hero of Cyprus; every Cypriot there is a Dhigenis.



REVERSING THINGS—Just when everyone else is getting into the fishing swing, Walter Hartman, former New York hotelman, is coming out of retirement and will hang up his rod. He will take over presidency of the new \$4.5 million Garden Hotel, Mill Valley Inn, at Mill Valley, Calif. Hartman spent the last seven years fishing while living at Newport Beach, Calif.

Q. There are reports that Dhigenis is not in Cyprus but bases his operations elsewhere. Is this true?

A. No one has contested up to now the existence of liberation centers in many parts of the world. The leadership, in any case, of revolutionized Eoka is definitely on the island.

Q. Archbishop Makarios, in his recent letter to British Laborite member of Parliament Mr. Francis Noel-Baker, said "The Cyprus question is not a military question, but a political matter which can only be solved by negotiations in a spirit of good will and mutual understanding." Does Eoka share this view?

Gap Not Wide
 A. For the leadership of the struggle, this is a political problem of an international character, while for the Cypriot people it is a revolutionary one aiming at the liberation of the island, as guaranteed by Eoka.

Q. In the same letter, the archbishop said "the gap which separated the government's views and ours was not wide." Does Eoka share this view, and if so, what is the present chance of closing this gap by negotiation?

A. Just a single step forward of the British government, by granting the right of self-determination plus showing good will, will be quite sufficient to "bridge the gap" and solve the problem peacefully. And thus, for existing hate between the Greek and British peoples is not yet inextinguishable. There is still time for the Crown government to take advantage of it before it will be too late.

Branch of Library Open Late Mondays

Gold Hill — Beginning Monday, July 2, the Gold Hill branch of the Jackson county library system will be open every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Friday library hours, from 4 to 7 p.m., will be continued as usual.

According to Mrs. Jewel Routh, librarian, the later evening hours are being maintained in order to make it possible for business people to visit the library more frequently. The entire family can now attend together.

Many new books written for men are available, and magazines of interest especially to men are received regularly, as well as a supply of reading materials for women and children.



NO PRIVACY—Actress Marilyn Monroe chats with her future husband, playwright Arthur Miller, in front seat of his station wagon. Marilyn avoided photographers and newsmen as she left her New York apartment. She fled in a taxi and met Miller at a predetermined spot but the press closed in on them and the couple was slightly delayed in departing to the north.

Record High Price Paid for Timber in BLM Oral Auction

A record high bid price for Douglas fir timber in the Medford district was received in an oral auction sale of 11 tracts of timber by the Medford office of the bureau of land management Thursday.

Superior Lumber company submitted the high bid of \$59.10 per thousand board feet of Douglas fir in a tract in the Josephine marketing area.

Average Price
 An estimated 35½ million board feet were sold in the auction for \$1,382,810.40, or an average price of \$38.95 per thousand board feet for all species.

The sale included: In the Josephine area, Brown Brothers Lumber company, 4,570,000 board feet plus 260,000 board feet salvage; Rough and Ready Lumber company, 917,000; Superior Lumber company, 2,400,000; Southern Oregon Plywood company, 5,798,000 board feet of salvage timber in the Sykes creek burn; Fir Ply Inc., 12,237,000.

In the Klamath marketing area, Pickett and Scherer, 1,641,000 board feet.

Fiscal Year Total
 The sale brought the total O&C timber sold in the Medford

district during the fiscal year ending June 30 to 123,000,000 board feet. This is the amount of annual allowable cut under sustained yield calculations now in use.

The timber was sold for a total of \$4,411,582.

In addition, the sale of 2,380 board feet of public domain timber plus grazing leases on over 300,000 acres of land, homestead leases, right-of-way fees, timber trespass collections and miscellaneous fees brought the total sales in the district for the fiscal year to about \$4,550,000.

Purchasers of all timber sales are required to carry on logging and removal of timber in accordance with forest management principles designed by BLM foresters. Every tree sold, this year over 115,000 of them, was selected and marked for cutting by a trained forester, according to the Medford office.

Private Utilities Lose Fight For Exemption from Holding Act

By A. ROBERT SMITH
 Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—Four Northwest private utilities have lost their fight to gain an exemption from the 20-year-old public utility holding company act under a bill which is now before the Senate.

The utilities — Pacific Power and Light, Washington Water Power, Portland General Electric and Montana Power companies — wanted this exemption in connection with their creating jointly the Pacific Northwest Power Co. for the purpose of building Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams on the Snake river.

After holding hearings on legislation which would exempt the utilities involved in such a venture, the Senate Interstate Commerce committee has killed this section of the bill. It reported favorably on the other section of the bill which would exempt utilities when they team up to build atomic power reactors.

The committee's decision is regarded as a defeat for the private utility industry, which backed the proposal, and a victory for public power groups, who opposed it.

The utilities argued that this would aid them in their effort to build new hydroelectric projects in the Northwest, specifically Mountain Sheep and Pleasant, which are now the subject of Federal Power commission hearings in the Northwest.

Most authoritative opposition was voiced by the Securities and Exchange commission, which administers the public utility holding company act. Referring to the Pacific Northwest Power Co., the SEC declared:

"The commission believes that the corporate organization, control and financing of a project of this type create the possibility of evils against which the act is designed to guard. The commission therefore believes that the sponsors of such projects should submit to and comply with the act."

If brought under the act, Pacific Power and Light would have to divest itself of its holdings in Wyoming which it acquired when it merged two years ago with the now-defunct Mountain States Power Co. The holding company act requires utility

holding companies to confine their operations to one geographical region.

Annual Cost
 Montana Power, if brought under the act, would probably have to get rid of gas distributing systems. And all four utilities figure it would cost them something like \$100,000 yearly to comply with SEC requirements of utility holding companies.

Committee aides reported that after the hearings were concluded on this bill, there remained no support from either Democrats or Republicans on the committee for this exemption provision. The committee is headed by Sen. Warren (D-Wash.).

Unless there is an unexpected shift of opinion in the last weeks of this session, the exemption provision is now regarded as dead.

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Fire Record Good In Forests So Far

Salem—The forest fire record for the first six months of the current year on the 13,000,000 acres of forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the state forestry department and its co-operating forest protective associations has been the most favorable since the organization of the board 45 years ago, according to State Forester Dwight L. Phipps.

Up to the present time the total acreage burned was only 40 acres, he added. The forester reported that there had been a total of 146 fires but only 49 of these were man-caused. This in itself is an unusual record since man-caused fires usually run about two-thirds of the total.

"Up to the present time there has been no serious fire weather," Phipps stated, "although there have been a few brief periods of low humidities and west winds. However conditions are becoming hazardous, especially in the open areas and care should be exercised in the woods."

Phipps cautioned vacationists to be especially aware of the fire danger during the Fourth of July holiday period. There will be no forest closures and as a result forest travel will not be restricted. For this reason he added a word of caution as to forest use, urging the vacationists to be careful where they camp and builds his fire.

BRING OWN POLICE
 Chicago — (U.P.)—Forty policemen will accompany the city's 650-member delegation to the national Shrine convention at Detroit July 10-12. "We need protection from pickpockets and other criminals in Detroit," explained potentate Thomas F. Seay.

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