

NATO Mediation On Cyprus Due

Paris—(UPI)—Reports that Britain, Greece and Turkey have agreed in principle to a NATO mediation conference on Cyprus were greeted here Tuesday as a major step toward solving the island's crisis and averting a possible threat to the NATO alliance.

The reports said agreement was reached Monday night at a meeting of the permanent NATO council, but that arrangements for the conference were delayed pending ratification by the three governments involved in the dispute. Sources said the answers could be expected by next Wednesday.

The plan was reported to call for a meeting of official delegates from Britain, Greece and Turkey and members of the local Greek and Turkish communities on Cyprus.

Other members of the Atlantic Pact, presumably the United States, France and Italy, were to attend the conference as "mediators."

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Ketchikan Closest Thing To Self-Supporting Alaska City

Editors note: This is the third of four dispatches on Alaska's cities.

By HAL WOOD
UPI Correspondent

Ketchikan, Alaska — (UPI) — When you travel to Alaska, the first city of any size you will come to is Ketchikan, population 7,800, nestled between the mountains and the sea on the island of Revillagigedo.

At first glance, it is a pioneer, western village, featuring oldtime saloons with saw dust on the floors and tinkling pianos.

But this is Alaska's great industrial city — and even the residents of big, far-away Anchorage admit to that.

"We claim we are the closest thing to a self-supporting city in Alaska," said Bill Boardman, an insurance salesman and secretary of the local chamber of commerce.

"Of course, we have to import nearly all our food, except fish, but we have a well-balanced economy otherwise," Salmon Capital.

The city of Ketchikan bills itself as the "salmon fishing capital of the world." And for many years the huge canneries here were the main source of financial support.

They still are an important factor. Their business this year will run between \$15 and \$20 million.

But a new pulp mill, built several years ago, has become the big industry. Last year it grossed \$26 million. It em-

ploys 400 men and keeps another 400 busy in the logging camps. The pulp mostly is used for making rayon.

Ketchikan is an "all-American City," winning that honor from Look Magazine in 1957 — and it is mighty proud of the fact.

It has a newly-completed glass and aluminum \$3 million high school with a beautiful gymnasium. The city has an assessed valuation of \$40 million.

About 2000 Cars
While the island, which is 55 miles long and 45 miles across, has only 37 miles of paved roads, there are about 2,000 cars registered in the city. So Ketchikan has traffic jams, too. Also parking meters.

The city is only 800 miles north of Seattle — but there is no way to get here unless you fly in or come by boat.

There is not a level spot on the whole island, so planes land at nearby Annette Island, and the passengers transfer to little eight-passenger seaplanes, which land on the Ketchikan waterfront.

All this sounds picturesque — and it is. But before packing the family off and heading for this booming city, consider these factors:

1—The annual rainfall is 160 inches a year, more than twice as much as any other place in the United States.

2—The ground is sour, because it never dries out. As a result, there is no grass.

3—There are no cows or

horses on the island. There would be no way to feed them, short of shipping in hay.

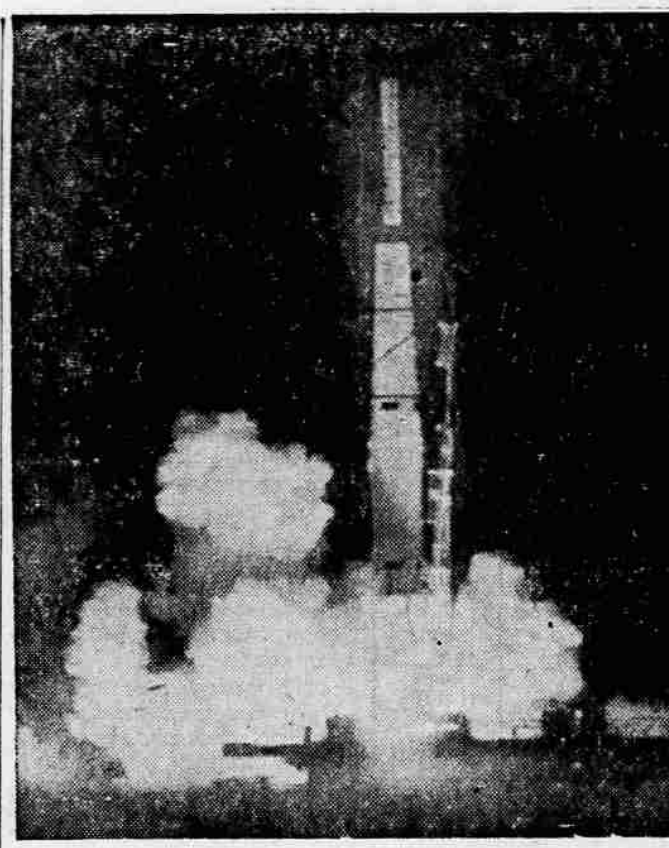
Prices Higher
The prices, natives proudly proclaim, are "only" 22 per cent higher than in Seattle. But Seattle prices are among the highest in the nation, so the average may be only 10 per cent higher than most places in the U.S.

The temperature is moderate. The average is only five degrees cooler than Seattle. Last year there was no snow at all, although most years some snow falls.

The price of food, all shipped in from Seattle, would make the average housewife hysterical. Lettuce sells for 33 cents a head, watermelon 11 cents a pound, tomatoes 47 cents. Strawberries are 79 cents a box, bread 40 cents a loaf and bananas 33 cents a pound. Tap beer sells for 30 cents a glass.

"We have a fine economy now," said Boardman, "but I think it will get better. The statehood vote has resulted, already, in a few more visitors. By 1960 we expect to have a car ferry running from Prince Rupert, B. C., a distance of 90 miles. It will only take six hours for the trip. Then we will hope that the tourists become another major industry."

(Next: Palmer, in the Matanuska Valley).



BLAST-OFF—The lunar probe missile named "Pioneer" leaves its launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., at 4:42 a.m., EST. The Air Force hopes that the Thor-Able rocket will reach the moon in about 2½ days.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Georgia S. — I have a right to tell mother.

Stephen S. — She has always been a stool pigeon.

Georgia S. — I am a 19-year-old girl with a terrible problem on my hands. It involves my 16-year-old brother, Stephen.

I recently learned by accident that Stephen is carrying on with a married woman with a bad reputation. He tells my mother he is going to a scout meeting or to visit one of his friends, and he goes over to see her.

I don't want to be a stool pigeon and I don't want to upset our mother (our father died less than a year ago), but I feel somebody ought to know about this.

I told Steve I'd keep quiet if he stopped. He promised, but he went back on his word. I feel that since he broke his promise I have a right to tell, but I am so afraid of upsetting Mother, who hasn't been well.

Stephen S. — Georgie always has been a stool pigeon and I know her big thrill comes when she gets me in Dutch. She says it's all for my sake and that kind of baloney, but I know she really wants to see me in the doghouse with my allowance cut off, etc.

Anyway, I don't think this thing is anyone's business but my own. I'm a man now and no woman can stop me from doing what I want. I'm too old to be tied to my mother's apron strings. In another year or so I'll be in the Navy and I'll be strictly on my own.

Our mother is too sick to be bothered by any of this. If Georgie tells her and anything bad happens to her, it will be all Georgie's fault. The trouble with Georgie is she doesn't know how to keep her nose in her own business.

The Council: Georgie certainly has a big burden on her shoulders. She does need help with it from an adult. She should not fear the title of stool pigeon. The problem involved is not minor. Stephen is too young to pursue his merry way without any adult interference.

Woman as President Seen in 50 Years
Los Angeles — (UPI) — Katie Louchheim, the vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, believes that a woman might become president within the next 50 years.

"Even now," Mrs. Louchheim said, "most wives are more informed on politics than their husbands—primarily because women have more time to read the paper and listen to the radio."

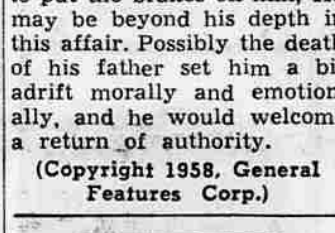
However, a woman is not likely to become president until "more competent women are in politics than men—maybe in the next 50 years," she said.

In an ordinary case, we'd say the only one to whom Georgia should bring such a problem would be her parent. In this case, Georgia should try to size up the situation as well as she can. If she believes her mother would suffer serious physical damage from hearing this news, she should talk it over first with some other intelligent and responsible person in the family.

Georgia should realize, however, that her mother is probably not totally unprepared for information of this sort. Most mothers of teen-age children are to some degree expectant of such problems, and will not be completely thrown by them.

For all his bold, he-man talk it is quite possible that Stephen would like someone to put the brakes on him. He may be beyond his depth in this affair. Possibly the death of his father set him a bit adrift morally and emotionally, and he would welcome a return of authority.

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by
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Republican

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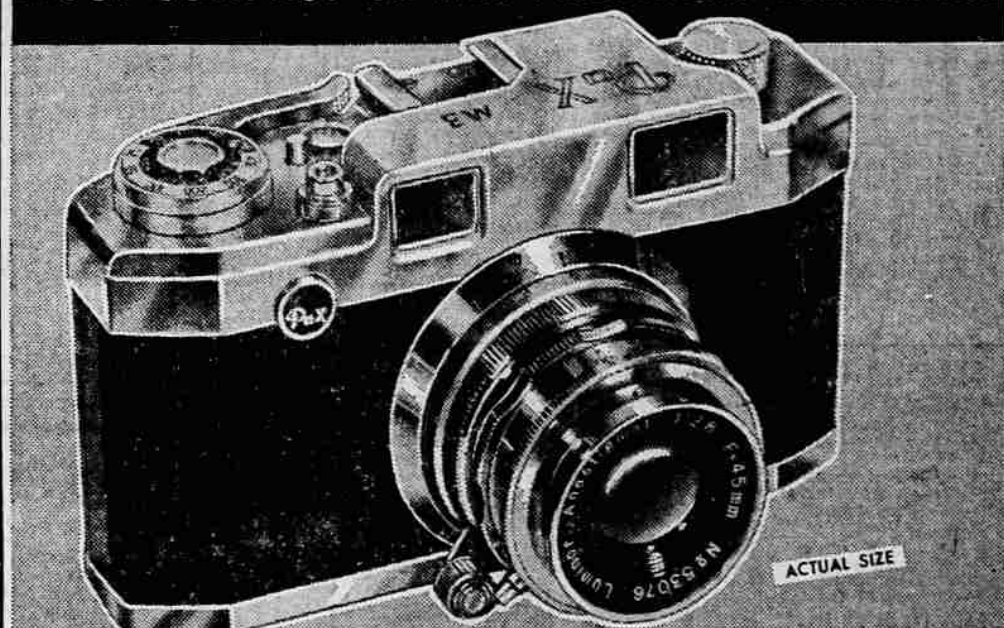
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Sugar Quotas Up To Curb Prices

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department has added 100,000 tons of U. S. sugar quotas in an effort to hold down prices.

The increase brought to 9,200,000 tons the amount of sugar that can be marketed in the United States this year. It was the fourth increase since the beginning of the marketing year last December when the quota was set at 8,800,000 tons.

The department said the quota was increased in order to stabilize prices for both consumers and dealers, particularly along the East Coast and Gulf areas.

The department allocated the increase to include: Domestic beet sugar, 43,209 tons; mainland cane sugar, 13,319 tons.

Britain Accuses Russia Of Ultimatum on Tests
United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — Britain has accused Russia of laying down an ultimatum to the West on nuclear weapons tests, and said that if the planned three-power Geneva talks succeed there will be no reason for any power ever to hold further test blasts.

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