

Greeks, Turks Move Toward Peace in Cyprus



MAID OF COTTON — Sue Meredith, 21-year-old home economics major at Alabama College, is the 1964 Maid of Cotton. The hazel-eyed beauty is from Andalusia, Ala. During the next year she will tour the world as a goodwill ambassador for the cotton industry. (UPI)

Former Bulgarian Diplomat Receives Sentence of Death

VIENNA (UPI)—A Communist court in Sofia today sentenced to death former Bulgarian diplomat Ivan Assen Georgiev for allegedly spying on behalf of the United States, according to the Bulgarian news agency BTA.

BTA called the verdict "final and without right of appeal." It said the Bulgarian Supreme Court decreed Georgiev should die by firing squad.

Previous Communist news agency reports from Sofia indicated the former diplomat in effect had invited the death penalty for his crimes, which he was supposed to have committed to pay for mistresses on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Georgiev, 56, went to trial for treason on Thursday. BTA had reported previously that he made a full confession the first day and said that Monday state prosecutor Ivan Vachkov demanded the death penalty for him.

Western observers had predicted he would get the death penalty.

Radio Sofia, in broadcasts monitored here, said Vachkov called Georgiev "a traitor to the homeland, a spy of the American intelligence." Even the former diplomat's defense counsel was quoted as saying his guilt was "irrefutable."

But the defense asked the court not to give Georgiev the "heaviest penalty." In Bulgaria execution usually is by firing squad.

BTA said the handsome diplomat, former No. 2 man in the Bulgarian delegation to the United Nations, testified he turned over military, economic and political information to agents of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency during a seven-year period.

Vachkov claimed Georgiev admitted the CIA spent more than \$200,000 "on him and his paramours." Communist news agencies have quoted him as saying the CIA supplied him with Parisian and Bulgarian mistresses while he worked in New York.

American officials have branded the proceedings a "show trial." A few Western newsmen in Sofia attended the trial but they were barred on several occasions on the ground that state secrets would be discussed.

Atlanta Woman Hotel Fire Victim

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI)—An Atlanta woman died today, raising to 22 the toll in the Roosevelt Hotel fire.

Mrs. Josephine Dupre, 35, whose husband died in the blaze Sunday, was pronounced dead at St. Luke's Hospital at 4:45 a. m. EST. She had been in critical condition since being rescued from the smoking building.

Mrs. Dupre was the ninth Georgian to die as a result of the fire, which injured 59 other persons.

Authorities believe they know the cause of the fire, but continued checking the building today to make their finding definite.

Investigators went on with minute inspections and questioning of employees in the smoke-blackened 13-story structure, but still were not ready to announce their theory of what caused the fire.

NEWS BRIEFS

BRANDT TO CONTINUE QUEST FOR TALKS
BERLIN (UPI)—West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt tonight served notice he will continue to campaign for direct talks with East German Communists.

In the face of growing criticism of his new policy of negotiations with the East Germans on traffic through the wall, Brandt said talks are better than the stagnant status quo.

JOHNSON FACES LEGISLATIVE DECISION
JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson today faced a difficult legislative decision on whether to veto the \$1.4 billion public works appropriation bill or sign it reluctantly with a strong statement of protest.

INTERVENTION ASKED IN TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS
NEW YORK (UPI)—Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union (TWU), today urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to intervene in the "hopelessly deadlocked" transit negotiations before Wednesday's bus and subway strike deadline.

HURDLES REMAIN IN PATH OF COLUMBIA TREATY
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall said Monday there still are some economic hurdles standing in the way of final Canadian-U.S. agreement on the Columbia River Treaty.

FREIGHTER, ORE CARRIER COLLIDE
PILOT TOWN, La. (UPI)—The 485-foot freighter Brinton Lykes and the Norwegian ore carrier Bauta collided near the mouth of the Mississippi River today and fire broke out in the freighter's cargo of cotton bales. The Coast Guard said there were no casualties.

Khrushchev's Message Viewed As Good Omen

Diplomats Notice Lack of Boasts

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's New Year's message to the United States was viewed by Western diplomats today as a good omen for 1964 because of its concrete proposals and lack of boasts or threats.

They said Khrushchev not only issued one of the friendliest messages in years but indicated the Soviets might accept at least one part of Western disarmament plans.

This is a step-by-step approach to disarmament, with adequate controls as each step is achieved. In the past, the Khrushchev line has been to press for sweeping general disarmament at once, with the control systems to come later.

Khrushchev, whose New Year's statement was issued Monday in response to questions put to him by this correspondent, said the new year could bring "decisive change for the better in the entire international situation." He listed a broad range of issues on which East-West agreement might be possible.

Range of Issues
They included:—Measures aimed at slowing down the arms race and at further alleviating international tension.

—Reductions in armed forces and military spending by both sides.

—A non-aggression agreement between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) nations and the Warsaw Pact members.

—Agreement not to spread nuclear weapons to countries which do not have their own.

—Establishment of nuclear-free zones.

The lowest priority was given to a Berlin settlement, although Khrushchev warned that "it would be unwise and I would say dangerous to put this matter off for future years."

Feature Statement
Soviet newspapers spread Khrushchev's statement over front pages Monday and today and Moscow Radio broadcasts featured it.

The Western press also welcomed Khrushchev's stand. "Moderate and hopeful," London's Daily Mail said. The Guardian of Manchester said the West will agree with many of Khrushchev's plans, and said "the vital one is to keep nuclear weapons in the hands only of those now possessing them, and if possible, in fewer hands still."

The London Daily Sketch said, however, that Khrushchev's "noble sentiments" must be set against his actions twice since Cuba Nikita Khrushchev has also brought the world closer to war "by blockades of roads to Berlin."

The Times of London speculated that "domestic reasons also lead him to seek an easing of the tensions."

Peace Plans
The sources said that the broad lines of the Western peace plan are these:—Arrangements to bar the spread of nuclear weapons.

—An early start to disarmament by levels. On the first level, conventional arms would be reduced, with nuclear weapons and the means for their delivery to be retained until the last stage. This would avoid giving the numerically stronger communist forces an advantage.

—Non-aggression agreements, but only if linked to guarantees of access to Berlin.

—International controls to safeguard any reduction of arms.

General Shoup Leaves Marines
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Gen. David M. Shoup, commandant of the Marine Corps for the last four years, said farewell to the Leathernecks today in retirement ceremonies ending his colorful military career.

Shoup turned the command over to Lt. Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr. who will be sworn in for a similar four-year term Wednesday. Shoup celebrated his 59th birthday Monday.

Shoup, born in Battleground, Ind., is a veteran of 37 years in the Marine Corps. He plans to continue to live in the nation's capital after his retirement.

In World War II Shoup won the Medal of Honor for heroism at Tarawa.

Greene, native of Burlington Vt., and a 1930 graduate of Annapolis will serve as Marine Corps leader for a four-year term.

Texas Governor Needs Operation
AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI)—Texas Gov. John Connally may lose some of the mobility of his right wrist unless he undergoes surgery this spring to correct a slippage of bones, doctors said Monday.

Connally's wrist was shattered Nov. 22 by a bullet fired by the sniper who killed President Kennedy.

A Connally spokesman said, "The governor is continuing to regain more strength each day and is feeling well."

INJURIES FATAL
SALEM (UPI)—A six-year-old Turner girl, Carrie C. Binning, died today of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car near her home Monday.

WOEFUL FISHING TALE WINS LIAR CHAMPIONSHIP

BURLINGTON, Wis. (UPI)—Even the worst fishing conditions could not be as bad as those described by Richard Burlin, of rural Chatham, Mass., the Burlington Liar's Club decided today.

Burlin was named "World's Champion Liar for 1963" for this woeful fishing tale: "Fishing around here was so bad sometimes this summer that even the biggest liars didn't catch any."

Another tale which won honorable mention in the 35th annual competition for the world's tallest story of the year was sent in by Rondla Johnson, Seattle, Wash., who said: "It was so cold here one winter that we all took steam baths by crawling into the refrigerator."

George Lowrey, McIndoe Falls, Vt., claimed: "It rained so hard for the last two weeks in Vermont that the Vermont side of the Connecticut River was four feet higher than on the New Hampshire side."

A complaint about mail service by John Zepczyk, Phillips, Wis., also won honorable mention. He said: "I hope

this arrives in time for the 1964 contest for liars, but the mail is so slow here that all of the mailmen have moss growing on the north side of them."

A New York City schoolgirl, Sara Barbosa, wrote that she knows a "girl in our neighborhood whose mouth is so small that in order to say 'three,' she has to say, 'one, one, one.'"

Finally, this story about weather by W. Y. Brown, Brenson, Mo.: "It has been so dry here in the Ozarks for so long that we have frogs two years old that don't even know how to swim yet. Yesterday, I saw two men cleaning a string of fish with a whisk broom."

Plans Beginning To Take Shape for East-West Talks

Warning on Optimism Told By Diplomats

LONDON (UPI)—Communist and Western plans were beginning to take shape today for peace talks in 1964, with the first round scheduled for the Geneva disarmament conference Jan. 21.

Diplomatic sources warned that despite the optimism generated by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's New Year's message, no quick or easy solutions appeared in sight.

Khrushchev, in a statement to United Press International in Moscow Monday, outlined a five-point plan for easing the cold war.

The Western plan is now under discussion among the Allies and is expected to be completed shortly, the sources said.

Both aim at easing international tension by taking up cold war issues and trying to negotiate settlements. But neither Khrushchev's program nor the known details of the Western plan appeared to offer any startling change from previous positions, the sources said.

Slowing of Arms Race
Khrushchev listed a slowing down of the arms race, cuts in armed forces and military spending, a NATO-Warsaw Pact non-aggression agreement, reduction of foreign troops in other countries, and a ban on the spread of nuclear weapons as his major points for the tension-easing talks.

In the past, Moscow has attached conditions to some of these points which made them unacceptable to the West. Khrushchev gave no indication of any change. But diplomats in Moscow welcomed his willingness to proceed step by step instead of demanding immediate agreement on sweeping general disarmament measures, as he has in the past and which the West considers unrealistic.

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Sendoff Planned For Pope's Trip
VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The city of Rome will give Pope Paul VI a hero's sendoff Saturday when he leaves for his Holy Land pilgrimage and historic meeting with the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople.

The spiritual head of 500-million Roman Catholics will be the first Pope to visit Palestine and the first in 525 years to meet a supreme leader of the Eastern church.

His meeting with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople comes Sunday on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, where Christ prayed on the eve of His crucifixion.

Clemente Cardinal Micaela, papal vicar general for the city of Rome, Monday ordered the bells of Rome's 500 churches to ring for 10 minutes when the Pope leaves the city and again when he returns on Monday. He asked Romans to turn out in force for the Pope's departure and especially for his return.

Man Pinned in Garage As Car Slips Off Jack
Wilbur Reed, 54, of 211 Vancouver Ave., Medford, was pinned between his car and garage when the car fell off a jack about 4:15 p. m. Monday, police report.

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LARGEST IN HISTORY—Joann Ferlita, 10, a native of New Orleans, La., makes the first snowman of her life on the roof of an auto in front of her

of the largest snowfalls in the history of the city fell. By northern standards the fall was light, melting almost as soon as it hit the ground. (UPI)

Miss America Convalescing

MIAMI (UPI)—Donna Axum, the current Miss America, was confined to bed today by doctors who said she was suffering from the effects from the Roosevelt Hotel fire in Jacksonville Sunday.

Dr. Robert Farrington, who examined Miss Axum this morning, said she was suffering from burns of the nose and throat and chemical tracheo-bronchitis from inhaling smoke during the blaze that killed 22 persons.

"The condition is not serious in itself," said Farrington, a local physician.

He said Miss Axum, of El Dorado, Ark., will have to stay in bed about three days for a complete rest.

Farrington said the condition could lead to pneumonia.

New Traffic Signals Near Completion

Traffic signals at the intersection of Riverside Avenue and Barnett Road are near completion, according to Roy W. Norton, resident engineer for the Oregon State Highway Department.

The signals were placed on flashing yellow and red today. The timing device has to be set by a representative from the Salem office, and it is expected to be completed and in operation next week, Norton said.

Honor Camp Escapees Still At Large Today

YREKA—Two men who escaped from an honor camp work party along the Scott River Saturday were still at large today.

The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department reported that nothing has been heard regarding the whereabouts of the two, Norman Kurich, 39, and Walter Leonard, 32.

The men, who were inmates of the Deadwood Honor Camp at Scott Valley, were believed to be driving a light blue pickup truck which was taken from the Etna area Monday.

Snow Falls in Deep South; Northern Records Broken

In the North, winter was as wintry as ever. The temperature plummeted to 23 below at Johnsbury, Vt., and Lebanon, N.H. Watertown, N.Y., and Lone Rock, Wis., recorded 21 below readings.

The mercury fell to an official 2 below at Chicago to set a record for the day and the Indianapolis Weather Bureau said Indiana had its coldest December readings.

Freezing rain swept the Carolinas, southern Georgia and northwest Florida. A storm off Florida's southwest coast sent heavy rains spilling inland. Vero Beach, across the peninsula, reported nearly 1 1/2 inches of rain in six hours today.

Theft at Bowling Alley Is Reported

Thieves broke into the Roxey Ann Bowling Lanes, 2375 South Pacific Highway, Medford, early this morning, and took \$15 to \$20 from pinball machines. Jackson County Sheriff's deputies reported.

Pennies also were taken from the cash register.

The building was entered by removing the cover to an air vent in the roof, deputies said.

Employees returned about 3:15 o'clock this morning to clean up the alleys, but did not discover the theft until later.

Americans Prepare for Boisterous Welcome at Midnight for New Year

By United Press International
Americans collected hats and horns today for that most raucous of holidays—the welcoming of the New Year, arriving at midnight.

The millions of celebrations will have one thing in common—noise.

Many Americans will greet the New Year in ballrooms, restaurants and night clubs. Many others will await the event at private parties. Some will attend special church services. A few will spend the evening quietly at home, perhaps sharing vicariously in the frivolity by means of radio or television.

New York's largest celebration—and perhaps the largest in the nation—will be in the Grand Central railroad terminal, where 3,000 guests were expected to pay from \$35 to \$100 to dine and dance to the music of Guy Lombardo in a mental health benefit. Private railroad cars will shuttle the socialite guests from the suburbs to the affair, which will be televised.

Elsewhere in New York, Delmonico's Restaurant offered dinner, dancing and entertainment for \$30 and Hawaii Kai scheduled a luau at \$17.50.

San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel offered dinner and dancing for \$25 a couple and to insure that no one would miss the significance of the occasion, scheduled a parade of waiters bearing letters carved in ice and spelling out "Happy New Year 1964."

Dallas the Stalter-Hilton prepared to greet 500 revelers with a \$20 a plate dinner, dancing and a floor show headlined by flamenco expert Jose Greco. But the city's biggest party will be in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, where the Cotton Bowl Association prepared for 700 guests.

Tucson, Ariz., reported its nightclubs lowered their prices from previous New Year's Eve levels, offering dinner, dancing and entertainment for as little as \$7.50 a couple. Prices in neighboring Phoenix ranged from \$5 to \$15 a person.

The National Safety Council estimated that from 140 to 180 persons would die in traffic accidents during the 30 hour holiday period, beginning at 6 p. m. local time today.

Chicago ran its string of sub-zero days in December to 12, five more than the record set in 1905 and tied three times since.

Milwaukee, Wis., had its 13th sub-zero day this month, breaking a record of 10 set in 1876 and tied in 1916.

San Diego, Calif., reported its second successive day of record heat when the temperature reached 82 degrees, 5 degrees above the mark set in 1881. Authorities predicted large crowds at the beaches New Year's Day from Los Angeles southward.

In the Pacific Northwest, light rain began falling and winds mounting due to a storm approaching the coast.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Valley fog and smoke tonight and Wednesday. Hazy during the afternoon hours. Light rain Wednesday afternoon and night. Low tonight 35. High Wednesday 45.

High Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	35

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:11 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 6:28 p.m.
Last Quarter Jan. 6.
PROMINENT STARS
The Twins, lead the Moon.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Mars, in southwest 6:01 p.m.
Venus, sets 8:18 p.m.
Jupiter, high in south 8:13 p.m.

Hostages Held By Both Sides Being Released

Exchange Follows Bitter Gun Battle

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI)—Greek and Turkish Cypriots today began releasing refugees and hostages held by both sides in a step toward restoring peace to this bitterly-divided island republic.

The exchange began shortly after a new gun battle marred the uneasy cease-fire.

A British military spokesman said the shots were fired in the Omorphita area of Nicosia when Greek Cypriot police ran into three Turkish Cypriots trying to return to the quarter. No injuries were reported. Two Turks were taken to police headquarters and the third disappeared.

Sandys Visits Hostages
British Commonwealth and Colonial Relations Secretary Duncan Sandys personally visited the 470 Turkish hostages at the Greek Kykko School just before they were let go.

Cyprus has been torn by violence between the two communities for more than a week. About 200 persons are believed to have been killed and many wounded.

British troops moved into the neutral zones between Turkish and Greek communities in an effort to end the bloodshed.

Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou, a Greek Cypriot, raised the question of Cyprus' status Monday by calling for an end to the island's treaty ties to Turkey and Greece. He also suggested a government by the Greek Cypriot majority instead of the present Greek-Turkish mixed administration.

Scranton Eyes Oregon Primary

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI)—Gov. William W. Scranton will not withdraw if his name is placed on the ballot in next May's Oregon Republican presidential primary, his office said Monday.

Jack Conny, news secretary to the vacationing governor, said Scranton would not file a disclaimer which would not only take him out of the primary but could take him out of the entire presidential picture.

Under Oregon law, the secretary of state can place on the primary ballot names of those who have been "generally advocated" in news media.

Scranton has denied any presidential aspirations but has said he is open to an "honest and sincere draft." He also has expressed a willingness to be the "favorite son" of Pennsylvania's 74-vote convention bloc if the delegation so desires.

BULLETINS

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson today vetoed a bill which would have required marking all sawed lumber and wood products with the country of origin. He said this would have violated a long-standing trade agreement with Canada.

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson today reluctantly signed into law the \$4.4 billion public works appropriations bill, with a firmly worded reservation that a section dealing with the Panama Canal Co. is unconstitutional.