

Revolutionist Dies At 69

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Gen. Nicholas Plastiras, 69, veteran soldier and revolutionist who often headed Greece's government, died here yesterday. He had been stricken by a heart attack a week ago.

The tall, white-haired leader—often considered leftist and anti-royalist—served his last term as Premier from Oct. 27, 1951, to Oct. 7, 1952. At that time his coalition government with Liberal leader Sophocles Venizelos was defeated by the present regime of Alexander Papagos.

With a serious heart ailment, Plastiras retired last autumn to a rented summer home in an Athens suburb. He never had married.

His earlier brief terms as premier were from January to April in 1945 and from April to August in 1950. He wielded top power in several prewar regimes.

Plastiras' military career began in the Balkan Wars of 1912-13. He later commanded Greece's crack battle-trained Evzones on the Allied side in World War I and led Greek forces against the Turks in 1922. The old soldier came off the battlefields with half a dozen wounds, numerous decorations and the enduring nickname "The Black Rider."

He proclaimed the Army-led revolution of 1922 that forced King Constantine's abdication. A year later he deposed Constantine's son, King George II.

Plastiras then entrenched himself as the strong man of Greece by political means. After general elections in 1933 favored the royalists, he seized full power by force. He lasted only one day as a dictator and then fled abroad. He was sentenced to death in absentia two years later.

He returned to his homeland during the Communist civil war following World War II and organized his National Progressive Union party. Although accused of being soft with the Communists, he drew American support and won a landslide victory in the 1950 elections.

In office only about four months, he launched a "sonk the rich" tax program designed to pull the country out of debt and reconciled differences between Yugoslavia and Greece.

Mother, 32, Father, 92, Boy Doing Fine

CLINTON, Ia. (AP)—Dr. John D. Hullinger, 92-year-old Clinton physician, nervously grasped the whopping 11-pound baby boy born to his young wife Sunday and proclaimed, "We're very well pleased."

The doctor delivered his 32-year-old wife's baby at the family home here. It was their first child.

His young wife calls him "a perfect husband." She has a 4-year-old daughter, "Penny" by a previous marriage.

NEW JOB

MOSCOW (AP)—Leonid G. Melnikov, who was fired six weeks ago from his job as Communist Party boss in the Ukraine, has been appointed Soviet ambassador to Romania.

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Promised Bottle of Whisky Awaits War's Actual End

By JOHN RANDOLPH
CENTRAL FRONT, Korea (AP)—I had promised Item Company I would bring them a bottle of whisky the minute that agreement was reached on the armistice.

They didn't see me coming until the last 20 yards on the steep and muddy hill northeast of Kumbwa.

Under my arm, like a football, I was carrying the fifth of 100-proof bond, wrapped safely in a dirty GI khaki towel.

Sgt. Ippolito spotted me floundering and gasping up the final slope. He looked a long moment—then he started to yell, his voice breaking with excitement.

"He's got it! He's got the bottle! It's an armistice, by God—they've got an armistice!"

Helmeted heads craned out of bunkers and foxholes and dirty bearded faces turned my way and Ippolito ran down the slopes to meet me.

A horrible suspicion of doubt crossed his face and he stopped short.

Midwest Becomes Generally Cooler

By The Associated Press
Widely scattered showers areas dotted the otherwise fair weather map of the nation Monday.

There were general light showers in Nebraska and Eastern Colorado and Western New York, scattered light showers in parts of Northern Illinois, Florida and the Rocky Mountains.

Cooler air overspread Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota, but it continued hot and humid to the South and East. Pleasant temperatures were the rule in the Far East and extreme Northeast.

Fog was general in Southern Wisconsin and adjacent areas.

Milwaukee Brewery Agreement Reached

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Leaders of Local 9 of the CIO United Brewery Workers Union and six Milwaukee breweries reached an agreement Sunday night in a 74-day old strike which had cut off 15 per cent of the nation's beer production.

Karl Feller of Cincinnati, the union's international president, said the strike will not be over, however, until Local 9 membership approved the settlement. The 7,500 striking members of the local are expected to vote on ratification at a mass meeting Tuesday.

FIRST FOOD ARRIVES

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)—The first air cargo of American food for hungry East Berlin and the Soviet Zone arrived here Monday.

The U. S. Freighter American Inventor with the first shipment of food was reported heading upstream to Hamburg harbor.

"You wouldn't kid us, would you? It's true, ain't it?" "I wouldn't kid you," I said. "It's true, it's official. The U. N. Command and this afternoon announced an armistice and now agreed upon. They sign it tomorrow at 10 a. m. The cease-fire is 12 hours later—10 p. m. tomorrow."

Another and deeper shadow crossed Ippolito's face. "Tonight . . . You mean we gotta sweat out tonight . . . Jesus Christ, I hope we make it." Then he showed the awful fear out of his mind, brightened again and shouted:

"The lieutenant! Lieutenant! They got an armistice—he brought the bottle just like he said."

The others were crowding around now, maybe a dozen of them, and I was escorted to the muddy hole covered with logs that was the company command post.

Lt. Don C. Patton, the company executive, leaned out from under the sandbagged logs. Patton is a bronzed young man with a big brown moustache and a sweaty, mud-stained face.

We shake hands. Ippolito explains our bargain. I hand over the bottle. "Whenever you think best," I tell him.

Patton considers. It is 5 p. m. now, Sunday evening. For 29 hours still these men will be at war—while all the world relaxes and rejoices. Twenty-nine hours, 29 eternities, on a hill in North Korea, where death counts out the seconds, one by one.

"We'll drink it tomorrow night—at 10 o'clock," Patton decides, and he puts the bottle carefully in an old ammunition box underneath his field telephone and the mud-stained battle map.

"Thank you very much," he said. I am invited into the tiny bunker and the small group gathers around as the news is relayed to other company positions and outposts on the field telephone.

I have come back to Item Company at a terrible moment. Only two hours before, in a tragedy almost beyond bearing in the last hours of the war, two rounds of American artillery have landed by accident in the middle of the company.

In two seconds a sergeant was dead and 10 other men were wounded, some very seriously.

Just the night before, this company and King Company, its neighbor, fought back a savage Chinese attack that was launched with 5,000 rounds of Communist shellfire.

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Sgt. Robert Mitchell of New York City talked about the Chinese across the hill.

"You know, I don't think they want to fight any more than we do. I hope they stay in their holes tonight, just like we will. A lot of men here are going to be jumpy tonight."

On my way back I talked to Cpl. Manuel Rose of Bessemer City, N. C., the company's senior medical aid man who hands out pills and bandages cuts and carries the dead and the wounded in battle.

"It's really wonderful—if it's only true," he said. "I feel better tonight than I have ever felt before. All I want to do now is to go home to my wife—yesterday was our fifth anniversary."

One last look back—at the red cocoa-colored mud, the primitive holes and bunkers on the reverse slope, the rocks, the torn scrub, the thin radio antennas trembling observation post, at a helmet here and there against the sky, and at the lush green hills beyond, rich and green in the rain season.

A man always feels cheap to walk away from an infantry company on the line. On the way down I meet an outpost patrol coming up the hill. We are talking in a ravine when the old terrible whistle shrills. We fling ourselves to the ground and two Chinese shells crash a hundred yards beyond us.

The war is not over here. It is the deep dusk when I reach the jeep at the bottom of the hill. The warm summer rain begins to fall in torrents.

I see men approaching—another outpost patrol from King Company. They are marching single file, each man 50 feet apart, hugging the sheltered side of the road in

World To Burn

By Geo. N. Taylor
God is to burn this present world and all that is therein. Then he is to create a new heaven and new earth wherein dwells righteousness.

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case of artillery fire. I pass them very slowly, for it is an unpardonable crime to splash foot soldiers with mud. Then I stop and look back. The rain is driving, and already the night and the mist are closing in. Already the head of the little column has disappeared in the gloom and the rest are hastening away into "ie darkness."

I think of the hour. It is 8:30 in the cities at home, hurrying along in the summer rain and the lamplight, and the noise of their feet on the pavement. And I watch these silent men disappear down the lone muddy road, tall helmeted figures, rifles slung, riding along to the last patrol of the war.

And I think of all the men who have marched down all the sad, sad roads of Korea, and all their stories now forgotten, impossible to tell. And I think of the words of Opl. Turner . . . "It'll be a long night till daybreak comes."

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