

### Greeks Wait Truce Answer

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The Greek underground EOKA waited today to see whether Turkish Cypriots and British officials would accept its offer to halt violence on this strife-ridden Mediterranean island.

Col. George Grivas, EOKA leader, announced in leaflets that he had ordered attacks on Britons and Turks stopped in an effort to end communal violence which has cost more than 100 lives since June 7. Five persons died yesterday.

But Grivas warned: "If provocations by British and Turks continue in any way... I shall be free to order immediate operations against both of them."

Turkish Cypriot leader Fazil Kutchuk welcomed Grivas' statement and said Turks would "have no reason to take any action for self-defense" if EOKA attacks stop.

There was no official comment from the British.

It was the third cease-fire in two years proclaimed by Grivas, who has led the Greek underground's guerrilla war to unite Cyprus with Greece. The previous two truces were scrupulously observed.

The Greek Cypriots contend that the Turkish minority broke the last truce and started communal violence to support their stand that the two communities cannot live together. The Turks demand that the island be partitioned if the British pull out.



FRED W. PAGE, airman second class and son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Page of Gilchrist, was chosen airman of the month in competition with 500 other airmen at Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington.

### Equalization Board Plan Protested By Legislators

SACRAMENTO (AP) — State legislators and irrigation districts have joined the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in protesting a Board of Equalization plan to tax electrical power generated at irrigation districts' projects.

Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton Jr. (D-Merced) said Monday the board would be "circumventing the power of the Legislature and possibly the people" if it taxed irrigation district projects.

"It is such a serious step in a new direction it is not up to your board to make it in an administrative decision," Winton said.

The Board of Equalization has said it will assess the PG&E for the Tri Dam project on the Stanislaus River in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties.

The two irrigation districts which own Tri Dam—the South San Joaquin and the Oakdale—sell project power to the PG&E on a long term contract. The board contends the contract is in

effect a lease on the Tri Dam property, and thus the company has a taxable interest in the project.

PG&E argues that since it neither owns, operates for maintenance the project, but merely buys power, it has no taxable interest in Tri Dam. A PG&E spokesman said the assessment would total between \$200,000 and \$250,000 a year. The company buys about two million dollars worth of power a year.

PG&E attorney Malcolm H. Furbush said taxation of the Tri Dam project and others like it would cause the cost of water to "soar so high—if the projects can be built at all—that not only will water development in California be jeopardized but a painful blow struck at the state's farmers and their continually growing demands for water."

Son, James A. Cobey (D-Merced), representing the Merced Irrigation District, told the board his district has earned 40 per cent of its total income since 1925 from the sale of power, and that the income is needed for improvements and new projects.

The result, he said, has been a lower price for irrigation water to farmers.

Sen. Richard H. Dowlig (R-Redwood City) said the new tax could have "far reaching effects on all the people of the state."

The tax would become part of the utilities' rate base and would request in higher rates, he said.

P. J. Minasian, attorney for the Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District, was one of seven irrigation district representatives who spoke against the tax. All said power revenue is essential to irrigation projects.

Minasian asked if the board also proposed to tax irrigators, saying: "If the PG&E has a possessory interest in these projects then so does every irrigator who buys water."

### Widow Guards Home As Freeway Building Starts

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Grandmother Lomie Pucket, rifle-packing widow of a police officer, stars today in a new reel of a little western saga entitled, "Showdown of the Golden State Freeway."

Mrs. Pucket, 57, a determined, Texas-born property owner who says she can not be rattled by 30 yards, stood guard over her home in the route chosen by the state for a high-speed road.

For nearly a week now, she has stood or sat in front of the house, grimacing at the steady approach of heavy earth-moving equipment gouging out the freeway roadbed.

But she hasn't been idle. She has taken the opportunity to tell the world that the state's offer of \$8,000 for her house, which she

rents for \$70 a month, simply isn't enough. She wants at least \$12,500 or another house which she can rent for the same amount of money.

Mrs. Pucket was joined Monday by her 23-year-old son, Ross, who set up a cot and joined his mother, newsmen and speculators in staring at the road crews.

Meanwhile, back at the State Division of Highways, the top kick, attorney George Hadley, prepared a writ of assistance for signature by Superior Judge Clyde C. Triplett.

When signed, sheriff's deputies will be asked to go on over to Mrs. Pucket's and take possession of her little old house, regardless of her telescopic 30-30 rifle.

There didn't figure to be a showdown that would even come close to the "OK Corral."

"After all," Mrs. Pucket said, "my husband was a police officer."

However, she added that if they take her away, her son will hold the house and if officers take him away, friends will take over the job.

The jailhouse figures to get a little crowded.

### School Board Mulls Budget

DUNSMUIR — Final consideration of a \$249,510 budget for the Dunsmuir Elementary School has been scheduled for the school board meeting at the school on the evening of August 5.

Gasoline bids for school bus service will also be opened at this meeting.

The elementary school teaching staff is complete, Roger Ellis, school superintendent said, with no changes except the addition of Mrs. June Hale who will teach fourth grade.

Kindergarten registration is currently under way and Ellis reminds parents a great deal of confusion and time can be saved if kindergarten students are registered prior to the opening of school.

A program of general improvements will be completed before the opening of school on September 2. The playground is being resurfaced, the roof of the main building has been replaced, the office remodeled, the auditorium building painted and several classrooms painted.

About 75 students participated in the summer school program with classes averaging about 15 students. Parents, teachers and the students themselves found it a successful undertaking, Ellis reported.

### Israel Asks French Help

PARIS (UPI) — Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir plans to ask Gen. Charles de Gaulle for guarantees the West will not sell Israel short at a Middle East summit conference, informed sources said today.

Mrs. Meir meets first today with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and then with Premier de Gaulle.

The meetings fitted into the round of talks France has been holding with her allies in advance of an expected East-West meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

France has been Israel's staunchest ally since the Suez crisis of 1956.

Mrs. Meir flew to Paris Monday. Informed sources said Israel wants assurances the West will not enter into any deals with Russia that would weaken Israel's position in relation to the position of Israel's Arab neighbors.

HAS ALL THE EXTRAS — DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — Better days are in store for home owners.

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### Law Seeking Comic's Kin

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Red-haired Barbara Ann Burns, 20-year-old daughter of the late comedian, Bob Burns, was sought by authorities today on a bench warrant issued when she failed to appear at a Probate Court hearing.

Superior Judge Burdette J. Daniels issued the warrant Monday when the trouble-beset Miss Burns failed to show up at a final accounting of a \$20,000 fund set aside by her mother after a financial dispute.

The court had been charged with supervising the fund until the young woman's recent marriage to film technician David Mack removed her from consideration as a minor.

Mack was convicted of giving drugs to Miss Burns, whom he married in a quickie wedding between court sessions. She was convicted on a misdemeanor narcotics charge.

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### Nun Wants Space Trip

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — Sister Mary Aquinas, "the flying nun" from Green Bay, Wis., says she would like to make a flight into outer space but as for being first, no thank you.

"I want to be sure they retrieve me when I go into space," she said. "I have work to do on earth."

The sister, who holds a masters degree in electronics from Notre Dame, is the supervisor of science teaching in the diocese of Green Bay. She now is teaching summer school at San Diego's College for Women.

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CHIEF BRUCE THUM And Sunshine Party

### Cherokee Indian Chieftain, Appearing Here This Week

Indian Chief Bruce Thum, appearing this week in Klamath Falls, is the son of a Cherokee Indian princess from Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He is a direct descendant of Chief Pathkiller, originator of the Cherokee nation. He wears his colorful headdress (eagle war bonnet) and beautiful costly beadwork costume each time he appears in public gatherings. He was ordained at 18 years of age and has preached to capacity crowds coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf, also has made two missions to Cuba and Jamaica.

The Sunshine Party, radio, TV and recording artists appear with the chief each night. They play a "truckload of musical instruments."

This talented and versatile gospel team have a rare and costly instrument in their possession. They call it the "Sacred Singing Hearts" and Charles Verness, their manager, plays it without even touching it! Simply by waving his hands at it!

Ruth Thum, the chief's wife, is a scintillating gospel song stylist known as "the little girl with the big voice."

The Sunshine Party make their headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Sunshine Party has appeared on TV and radio stations from coast to coast, and will be heard over KOTI, and KFJI in Klamath Falls. They will appear at Klamath Temple nightly at 7:30 except Monday night, and will have a full musical program nightly. The ministry of Chief Thum is different, and unique in style. The public is invited to hear this outstanding group of singers, musicians, and a versatile ministry. His subject tonight will be "The Crises in the Near East—Will It Produce World War III?"

### Singer Baffled; Girl Says He Must Know Maid

DALLAS (AP) — A little girl, about 8, approached singer Johnny Ray as he sunned beside a swimming pool. She wanted his autograph.

While he was writing, she asked importantly: "Do you know Elma Johnson?"

Ray confessed later it sounded like someone he should recall, and he relayed the query to several fellow members here in the cast of "Guys and Dolls."

"No," he admitted finally. "Who is she?"

"That's our maid," piped the youngster. "She knows all the Hollywood stars."

### Postal Change-Over Running Smoothly

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield reported Monday night the change-over to new postage rates was "proceeding smoothly" throughout the nation.

Summerfield said supplies of 4-cent first class regular delivery and 7-cent airmail stamps were plentiful in all post offices.

Wall Street broker Jerry Richards says the first thing he ever sold was the first advertisement to appear in New York taxi cabs.

MUSIC DEGREE

A Klamath Falls student, John Ely of 814 Lincoln, will be graduated from the University of Portland Saturday, August 9, with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Ely will join 47 other degree recipients at the morning commencement exercises on the university campus.

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