



GREEK REGIME ACCUSED BY MAKARIOS

PRESIDENT MAKARIOS SAID YESTERDAY THE ATHENS REGIME «BEARS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN CYPRUS», AND ACCUSED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT OF TRYING TO INTRODUCE DICTATORSHIP AND TURNING THE NATIONAL GUARD INTO AN «ARMY OF OCCUPATION».

Greek Ambassador returns to Nicosia

THE GREEK Ambassador, Mr E. Lagakos, returned last night from Athens unexpectedly, in advance of his expected return today.

Mr Lagakos left Nicosia last month for Athens and then the Ottawa conference of Nato Foreign Ministers, where the Greek and Turkish Foreign Ministers discussed the Cyprus problem.

The extension of his absence gave rise to rumours that this expressed Athens displeasure at the Nicosia decision regarding the National Guard and criticism against the Athens regime.

Athens has not yet expressed any official reaction, and it is not yet known whether the Greek Ambassador is conveying any formal reply from Athens.

Before his departure from Athens yesterday Mr Lagakos saw the Greek Premier, Mr Androusoylos, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Tetenes.

President Makarios asked yesterday whether he expected a reply to his letter to General Gizikis, the Greek President, said he was not sure whether a reply will be sent, but added: «I expect that a reply will be given either in writing or in practice».

Talks uncertain

President Makarios expressed serious misgivings about the chances of the Cyprus talks leading anywhere, in the light of the document submitted to the plenary session by the Turkish Cypriot leader and vice President Mr Denktaş.

«Mr Denktaş's document containing the Turkish views practically eliminates all grounds for optimism for a successful outcome of the talks», he said.

Mr Denktaş and Mr Clerides had submitted separate documents at last month's sessions when the talks were adjourned indefinitely pending the arrival in Cyprus of the new U.N. special representative, Mr Luis Weckmann.

Mr Weckmann will be calling on President Makarios today when he is expected to convey a personal message from the U.N. Secretary-General, Dr Waldheim.

11 charged with conspiracy

Eleven men were charged in the Famagusta District Court yesterday with conspiracy to use armed force against the Government, conspiracy to prepare war, seditious conspiracy, armed violence, being members of the outlawed Eoka B organisation, and possession of arms and ammunition.

The President at his monthly meeting with the Press said he had sent a letter to the President of Greece, General Phaedon Gizikis, about the present crisis which, he said, had been caused largely by the attitude and conduct of the Greek officers in the National Guard.

However, President Makarios did not reject outright the idea of a visit to Athens for talks if he were invited by the Greek Government.

In answer to a question about the possibility of such a personal visit, the President replied: «To use a popular saying, nobody goes to a wedding uninvited».

GREECE TELLS TURKEY TO RECONSIDER ITS STAND

ATHERS, July 5 — A government newspaper today called on Turkey to reconsider its attitude towards Greece, following a recent deterioration in relations between the two countries.

In an editorial by editor Savvas Constantopoulos, the extreme rightwing Eleftheros Kosmos commented on a recent diplomatic incident which is expected to further harm relations between the two Nato allies, strained over a dispute on oil exploration rights in the Aegean Sea.

Greece demanded the immediate recall on Wednesday of the Press Attaché of the Turkish Embassy in Athens for the circulation of a bulletin allegedly containing criticism of the Greek Premier.

Turkey had claimed that the Press Attaché, Mr Dundar Arcayurek, issued the bulletin without prior consultation with the Turkish Ambassador, and accused Greece of turning what it described as an administrative error into a political move.

But Eleftheros Kosmos, which often reflects the views of the government said: «The Press Attaché was rather called on to play the role of a scapegoat».

«The whole affair of the Aegean has become the cause of repeated Turkish failures. The Turkish Government has lost face both internally and internationally», the paper said.

«Turkey must reconsider her attitude. She has made a wrong start in the wrong direction», Eleftheros Kosmos said.

«But she has still time to recover. Greece neither threatens nor provokes her. Ankara, therefore, has all cause to restrain itself and cease to add new errors to those she has already committed», the paper concluded. (Reuters)

Austrian probe of mine explosion

Vienna, July 5 — Austria has sent a high-ranking member of the Army General Staff to Damascus to take part in an investigation into an incident on Mount Hermon 10 days ago, when four Austrian soldiers were killed by a mine explosion.

More deaths in renewed rioting in Bangkok

Bangkok, July 5 — POLICE opened fire on gunmen and rioters attacking a battered police station in Bangkok's turbulent Chinatown tonight, killing at least two people and wounding several more.

The latest outburst of rioting around the beleaguered police station brought the casualty toll in the past 48 hours to 22 dead and about 80 wounded.

Newsmen at the scene saw the bodies sprawled in one of the streets surrounding the station, which first became a scene of violence last Wednesday night when a Chinese taxi-driver was arrested for illegal parking.

Police cordoned off roads leading to the station, while hundreds of youths hurled

bottles and other missiles at the police post.

Occasionally a sniper in the crowd fired a quick shot at the hundreds of police.

The crowds would then retreat, apparently afraid of a repeat of the last two nights of violence, when police opening fire on charging mobs.

Minutes later they would surge back towards the police cordon.

After bloody battles last night in which one policeman and 13 other people were killed, Prime Minister Sanya Charmasakti declared a state of emergency in the Bangkok area.

The also warned that rioters would be firmly dealt with by the Government. (Reuters)



FOREIGN MINISTER Mr Ioannis Christophides yesterday received the new American Ambassador, Mr Roger Davies. The Ambassador will present his credentials to President Makarios next Wednesday morning.

National Guard staff will be Cypriots

PRESIDENT Makarios made clear yesterday that in the long run the National Guard will be manned and run by Cypriot officers.

He was asked during his meeting with the Press yesterday whether Cyprus was a position to fill the gap which will be created after the withdrawal of Greek officers serving in the National Guard.

The President replied: «For a time we shall have some difficulties. Our intention, however, is that in the future the National Guard will be manned and run by Cypriot officers».

He indicated that the Government's decisions on the National Guard would be implemented even if Greece were to break off diplomatic relations. Asked about the possibility of such a decision from Athens, the President said: «Such a decision by the Greek Government would be a sad development. In any case, the measures decided upon for the purging of the National Guard will be implemented, and the Greek Government would be making a serious mistake if it were in any way to give the impression that it seeks to have or has control of the National Guard. Apart from anything else, it would provide arguments and grounds for exploitation by the enemies of Cyprus».

Reorganisation
He thought that the reorganisation of the Cypriot armed forces would render them more ready to carry out their mission rather than weaken them.

The President also stated that refusal by the leadership of the National Guard to implement the Government's decisions would almost mean the dissolution of the Cyprus State, and such a development could not possibly be allowed to occur.

He denied that the Cyprus Government had decided to set up a militia. «No such decision has been taken, and I do not think that there is need to set up such a force», he said.

The President agreed that the National Guard Commander, General Denisis, in a letter had put forward arguments against any reduction in the National Guard.

He indicated that 500 more policemen will be recruited to the Cyprus Police force and a number of these will serve in the Tactical Reserve Unit.

Newspaper chief charged again
Criminal proceedings were filed in the Nicosia District Court yesterday against the director of Ethniki newspaper, Haralambos Haralambous, in connection with an article per on June 17 allegedly under the title «He will reap tempests» published in the paper on June 17 allegedly encouraging violence and advocating the commission of illegal acts by the outlawed Eoka B organisation and generally by persons belonging to the opposition.

The Nicosia District Court yesterday adjourned until Monday the delivery of its judgment against the same accused in connection with the publication of two articles tending to insult President Makarios.

Eoka B pursuit to continue
The security forces will continue to hunt down Eoka B until its complete dissolution, President Makarios said yesterday.

As long as Eoka B is not disbanded there is always the danger of its returning to terrorist activities, he said.

Russian cosmonauts join space station

Moscow, July 5

RUSSIA'S two cosmonaut colonels were orbiting the Earth in their roomy Salyut-3 space station tonight after a good gentle docking with their Soyuz-14 spacecraft.

«The atmosphere inside here is fine, exclaimed stip's captain, Colonel Pavel Popovich, a veteran of earlier space flights with a liking for singing Ukrainian folk songs.

Tass news agency said all systems aboard both spacecraft were working reliably, and that Popovich and his space colleague, Colonel Yuri Artykhin, both felt well.

The agency said Soyuz-14, which was blasted off from the steppes of Kazakhstan on Wednesday night, caught up with the space-lab early today in an orbital chase of 2,100 miles.

U.S.-Soviet link-up

«It was a soft link-up», Popovich told his ground control. A Tass correspondent said the news of the link-up caused «joyful animations» at the Baikunur control centre.

Apparently the Soviet spacemen achieved their docking in roughly 26 hours — well within the 30-hour docking time frame set for next summer's planned Soviet-American link-up in space.

The quick space link-up is presumably intended to demonstrate Soviet space mastery to Americans and others after a period of setbacks in orbit-docking.

General Vladimir Shatalov, chief Soviet cosmonaut trainer, told Tass yesterday that the spacemen would test methods and systems and exploration of new possibilities of using both separate craft and groups of space objects.

Observers speculated that the space objects could be capsules used in a first-ever trial at space messengers to send back space studies to Earth.

Ten orbits

Alexei Yeliseyev, a cosmonaut and flight director, said the Soviet Union was steadily improving its procedures in orbit-docking.

He said he thought the gap of 2,100 miles when Soyuz-14 joined orbit with the space station, could well have been made shorter.

Tass reported tonight that the cosmonauts had made ten orbits in the space station and the ship's systems were functioning normally. (Reuters)

Cyprus «part of Greek nation»

Cyprus is part of the Greek nation, President Makarios declared yesterday.

He was asked at his Press conference whether he agreed to and accepted references to him as «leader of all Greeks».

«No, I do not accept it. I am the elected leader of a section of the nation», the President replied.

Asked about reports that he had called on America and Russia to see that the dispute between Greece and Turkey over the Aegean should not be transferred to Cyprus, the President replied: «These reports are all together unfounded».

Asked for his assessment of the Greek-Turkish over the Aegean, crisis President Makarios said: «I believe that the Greek Government will continue maintaining a firm stand on the matter. The extent of Turkey's audacity will depend on the firmness and determination of the Greek Government. The Aegean is and must continue to be a Greek sea».

Sea freight charge removed

The Cyprus Shipping Association has announced that the «Conference Lomera», serving sea trade between U.K. ports and Cyprus, had decided to remove demurrage charges for ships calling at Famagusta port as from July 1.

The charge was imposed on freight because of delays in unloading.

The «Conference Continent», which serves Northern Continental port and Famagusta, will remove the demurrage charge for Famagusta callings from July 8, and similar decisions has been taken by other lines.

In this respect the Shipping Association stressed the efforts of its members to influence the favourable decision of the shipping lines.

Foreign-based company's plea fails in court

THE SUPREME Court in its original jurisdiction has rejected an application by Lanitis Bros Co. Ltd, seeking the cancellation of a decision of the Central Bank not to allow the grant of unlimited bank facilities to the company by Barclays Bank in the form of loans etc., and in particular not to allow the grant of bank facilities to the company up the sum of £400,000 for the period ending February 28, 1974.

The Central Bank in its decision had considered the applicant company, for the purposes of the Foreign Exchange Control Law, as controlled by people not residing in Cyprus, that is Food Products Ltd., registered in the Bahamas Islands.

The company admitted in its application that since the year 1964, 93 per cent of its shares belonged to Food Products Ltd, but it alleged that since the majority of the shares of the Bahamas Company was found in the hands of Cypriot citizens, the control of the company ought to be considered to be with these citizens.

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In its ruling the court adopted the view of the Central Bank that, since the foreign company consists in itself a legal person independent of its shares, its control of the Lanitis Bros Co. Ltd should be considered as being by a person not residing in Cyprus, and consequently any bank facilities to the latter company required a prior licence by the Central Bank.

Any other interpretation, the court ruled, of the provisions of the relevant laws, would be contrary to the aims of these laws, that is the protection of the national economy, and would permit the refusal at will of the legal personality of one company by its shareholders for their own benefit.

Mr Loukis Loucaides, Senior Counsel of the Republic, appeared for the Central Bank.

At the same time assurances were given that no short-weight bread will be allowed to be sold after the increase.

Difficulties

Meanwhile President Makarios at his meeting with the press expressed his confidence that Cyprus will be able to overcome present economic difficulties.

The Government, he said, had been carefully watching the whole economic situation with a view to anticipating unpleasant developments.

Good chances for graduates

The prospects of employment of the Higher Technological Institute graduates are very bright, and most of the graduates are securing remunerative jobs within a few months of their graduation, the Director of the Institute, Mr G. Christodoulides, said at a graduation ceremony this week.

There were 242 students in the Institute during the current year, he said, 65 of whom are graduates.

Trade unions state policy

The right wing Sek trade unions remains faithful to their policy of submitting reasonable demands with due regard to the economic potentialities of the country, the Sek federation said yesterday.

The effort, it said, is to maintain the purchasing capacity of wages and ensure a fair distribution of the national product.

Chance to prove innocence

President Makarios has announced that steps are being taken to give dismissed public servants, policemen and teachers the chance to prove their innocence of charges of anti-government activities.

Those dismissed, he said, may ask to be given the opportunity to prove their innocence.

A committee including the Attorney-General may be set up for this purpose, he declared.

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