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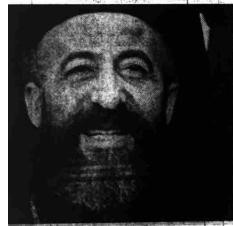
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MAKARIOS GETS SANCTUARY



THE deposed president of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, has been given sanctuary in a British base on the island.

Foreign Secretary Mr James Callaghan made the surprise revelation in the Commons this afternoon. The move had been at the 60-year-old archbishop's request.

"It appears that the National Guard are at present in control of parts of the island and that fighting continues among the Greek Cypriot population although the Turkish population is not at present involved." The situation, added the Foreign Secretary, "clearly contains grave risks and it is of great importance that peace be restored as soon as possible."

The Greek Government has been urged by Britain to state unambiguously to observe her international obligations over Cyprus—in other words, to observe and safeguard its independence.

Mr Callaghan's statement followed a long and anxious meeting of the Cabinet at which fears were expressed that the island could become Britain's Mediterranean garrison.

Sir Alec Douglas Home asked whether President Makarios's request meant he was seeking political asylum.

He warned that it would be inadvisable for the President to remain on the base for very long and that the present situation was full of risks.

Mr Callaghan said that it was not a political asylum. Mr Makarios was asking for political asylum.

"These messages are passing very quickly at the moment but the fact that he is asking permission to enter a sovereign base area and we are granting his request points in the direction of seeking political asylum."

The Foreign Secretary agreed with Sir Alec that it would be wrong for President Makarios to stay on British soil for a long period, although he added that the first concern was the President's safety.

GREEKS
 Mr Callaghan told the House that the British Ambassador in Greece was also informing the Greek Government that the British Government believed the best way of reducing tension on the island would be the speedy withdrawal of the Greek officers at present in command of the Cypriot National Guard.

Repeating earlier assurances that all British holidaymakers on the island were believed to be safe and uninjured Mr Callaghan said the Foreign Office and Commonwealth Office was keeping in close touch with the various travel organisations concerned.

"The travel organisations have plans for bringing the tourists out of Cyprus as soon as the airport is safe and open again. Alternative arrangements will be made if it remains closed," he said.

Earlier today, in a broadcast, a defiant President Makarios told the Cypriot people that he lives and fights "at the ramparts of the struggle against Greek military dictatorship."

Broadcasting in Greek, he appealed for military assistance to the military coup launched against him yesterday. And reports emerged of continued bitter fighting. He issued a series of messages over loyalist radio from the island, in Paphos, southwest Cyprus, his birthplace.

"I am addressing you to assure you that I am standing at the ramparts of our struggle, against the Fascist powers, against the dictatorship which the Greek British is attempting to impose on Cyprus," he declared.

PRESIDENT MAKARIOS
 ...deposed, but fighting on

...of the first RAF land in Britain Cyprus since the began said today... evidence to that British families roved.

...said Servicemen confined to their any were separated their families, who homes outside the

...the situation seemed normal" in the areas, said the air-captain, Sqdn-Ldr. Ness.

...as speaking shortly e jet, carrying 133

...passengers from Hong-Kong to Cyprus, touched down at RAF Fairford, Glos.

...Squadron Leader Ness, of Witley, Oxfordshire, said more people were staying on the giant Akrotiri base, but "it seems all fairly normal in the base area."

...He added: "Many of the people who have had to stop on the base are sleeping in safari beds while their families are down town. But we could hear no shooting or explosions."

...He said there had been no interference so far with RAF flights.

...All flights to and from Nicosia Airport were at a standstill again today.

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Mrs Kathleen Low pictured after her court appearance

House bribe bid costs woman £100

A MOTHER'S instinct drove an Aberdeen woman to offer a £350 bribe to a city housing official.

She was trying to "buy" her daughters' way up the council's homes priority list, Aberdeen Sheriff Court heard today.

For she was anxious and distressed at her pregnant daughter having to struggle up and down seven flights of stairs at her rented flat, it was said.

Silver-haired grandmother Mrs Kathleen Low wept in the dock as Sheriff Russell fined her the maximum £100 in what he called "a very very serious matter indeed."

He had to restore "the confidence the public must have in the running of local authority services, which such an act undermined, he told her."

Mrs Low (64), 37 Stockhill Crescent, admitted twice corruptly offering a senior clerical assistant in the Aberdeen Town Council housing department money as an inducement to obtain a council house for a daughter of hers.

It was her mother's almost natural reaction to do something for her daughter," said Mrs Low's agent, Mrs Vivienne Ouston.

This time she did not mention any money, said Mr McLeay.

When charged, Mrs Low replied: "Yes I did do that, I can't lie about it. It was to get a house for my daughter, but she knew nothing about it."

Mrs Ouston said: "It seems that this very unfortunate case follows on her anxiety about her daughter."

The daughter who had one child aged two and was expecting another in November, lived in a council flat and had seven flights to go up whenever she needed to hang up washing.

"At the time I never entered her head that she was doing anything wrong," she said. "She is very distressed and has been ever since the whole matter came to light."

Sheriff Russell said that under the original Act Mrs Low would have faced a maximum of two years in jail and a fine of £500.

But on the schedule presented to her the maximum penalty was three months or a fine of £100.

He imposed the maximum fine, saying: "And at that I think you have little to complain about."

After the court hearing Mrs Low talked tearfully of her desperation to get her daughter a council house.

She told the "Evening Express" that her daughter Kathleen and her husband had stayed in their rented flat since they were married six years ago.

"They have tried everywhere to get an exchange and one thing or another because of the stairs," she said. Mrs Low broke down as she added: "It became of all the stairs and because Kathleen is going to have a baby that I did it."

Mrs Low said that the couple could have got a place of their own six years ago but the present housing situation in Aberdeen made it impossible.

"They just can't afford to buy a flat in Aberdeen now," she added.

YOU'RE A DUMPLING!

Court told of taunt to Celtic player that started fight

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New blow for Labour as Baroness Stocks quits

LABOUR was today hit by a second defection within a week with the news that 82-year-old Baroness Stocks—the economist and broadcaster—is quitting the party.

But she is not following the footsteps of MP Mr Christopher Mayne who last week left Labour to join the Liberals.

It is understood that Lady Stocks will sit on the cross benches—the

neutral position in the Lords—when she returns to the Upper House after her present illness.

Lady Stocks, who became a life peer in 1964, has issued no official statement and was not immediately available for comment.

But it is understood that she is not happy with Mr Wilson's leadership or Government policies—including nationalisation—and Labour's relationship with the unions.

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