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## Operation standby for British warships

BRITISH warships and aircraft were standing by today to evacuate the 30,000 British estimated to be on the island.

Royal Navy vessels, led by the Commando carrier Herms, with Royal Marine Commandos on board, were understood to be nearby.

RAF VC10s, Britannias and Hercules transport aircraft were on full alert.

But with Turkish jets reported to be streaming over the island, an evacuation seemed doubtful.

Meanwhile all British

service personnel and their families on the island have been instructed to go to Britain's two sovereign bases.

Food stocks have been built on the bases since the coup. There are about 9000 British servicemen and women, 500 Ministry of Defence civilian staff and 6000 family dependants in Cyprus.

There are also about 4000 British tourists and residents.

The Foreign Office today asked dependants of the armed forces to go to the British Sovereign bases.

British residents on the island should either go to the bases or stay indoors.

And tourists are being advised to stay indoors.

Package tour operators

to the Greek and Turkish mainland have been temporarily suspended.

The Association of British Travel Agents said in a statement: "We are in constant touch with the Foreign Office concerning the whole travel situation in that area, and the association's tour operators will meet in emergency session at 11 a.m. to review the latest information."



MR JAMES CALLAGHAN... "strong disapproval"

## Callaghan raps Turk envoy

TURKISH Ambassador, Mr Turkt Memencioğlu, was summoned to the Foreign Office just after news of the Cyprus invasion reached London.

Foreign Secretary Mr James Callaghan expressed "his strong disapproval" at the Turkish action and asked to see senior representatives later today for consultations.

Then Mr Callaghan turned his attention to the Greek charge d'affaires in London, Mr Diamantopoulos.

He told him the constitutional action involving Greek officers in the Cyprus National Guard had precipitated the Turkish invasion.

Mr Callaghan said there must be a return to constitutional paths.

He also asked the Greeks and the self-styled Cypriot President Nicos Samson to

send representatives to London.

The Foreign Secretary was in talks with the Under Secretary of State Dr James Kissinger throughout the night.

The Soviet Ambassador in London, Mr Mikhail Lunin, is calling on Mr Callaghan today and Mr Wilson has cancelled his engagement with the Durham Miners' Gala.

# GREEKS MASS AS THE TURKS INVADE CYPRUS

## HEAVY FIGHTING was raging on Cyprus today after a dawn invasion from air and sea by Turkey. The swoop by troops was heralded by bomb attacks on Nicosia Airport, Kyrenia Harbour and National Guard camps.

Turkish ships shelled National Guard camps along the northern coast. And as clashes between Turkish and Greek Cypriots and retaliation by National Guard soldiers were reported, it was learned from Athens that Greece had declared general mobilisation, heightening fears of war between the two neighbours.

A Greek Government statement said Turkey had acted in violation of existing treaties and obligations and added:

"Greece, denouncing these illegal acts by Turkey, states that it will defend with all its forces the legal rights and national interests wherever she deems they are endangered from the illegal and expansionary Turkish acts."

"In view of the created situation a general mobilisation has been ordered."

The statement came as Greece moved armour and troops to the Turkish border. All traffic was banned on the highway from Serres to the border to allow the powerful 10th division to move to the frontier.

The commander of the third army corps, which comprises the bulk of the Greek Army, including an armoured division, General Ioannis Davos, moved his headquarters near the frontier.

Some of the fiercest fighting on the island was in the heart of Nicosia, the capital. Volleys of heavy machine gun fire and the thump of mortar bombs shook levees all along the "Green Line", the UN policed division between the Greek and Turkish communities.

Two Phantom jets of the invading Turkish Air Force bombed a psychiatric hospital near a Greek Cypriot National Guard headquarters in Nicosia today, Associated Press photographer Paul Roque reported.

"I arrived at the hospital only 10 minutes after it was hit. I saw at least 20 dead and 60 others badly wounded."

"Anti-aircraft fire shot down one of the planes, which crashed behind the hospital," he said.

Some of the Greek Phalanxes rushed in one after the other up the hospital, and hysterical inmates ran aimlessly about or threw themselves on the ground.

Meantime the fighting on the ground, between British and Greek forces using heavy guns, mortars, machine guns and automatic weapons continued, thick clouds of grey smoke drifted across the city.

Thousands of tourists, many of them Britons are still stranded on the island, although others left after last Monday's coup which ousted Archbishop Makarios as President and led to today's intervention.

More than 30 women and children, mostly British, and German hurried in the men's lavatory in the basement of the Ledra Palace Hotel in Nicosia as the clashes grew more intense.

British Forces Radio said attempts were being made to transfer citizens of Britain, the U.S., West Germany, France and Italy to the British sovereign base areas for their safety.

Brigons on the island were told to pack in readiness.

The size of the invasion force was not known for certain but one report put it at 3000.

Israel Radio's reporter on Cyprus said UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim estimated some 2000 Turkish paratroopers had been dropped around Nicosia from three waves of Hercules transport craft.

In reply to the invaders the self-styled President Nicos Sampson ordered general mobilisation in the city.

"All Greeks will defend our country to the last drop of blood."

The British High Commissioner in Nicosia said he had not so far received any reports of British casualties.

**REGRET**  
 Turkey's Prime Minister, Mr Bulent Ecevit, said in Ankara that the invasion forces would do their best to spare the civilian population. He said it was not a waging of war but a waging of peace, and the decision had been made after diplomatic moves failed.

Nicosia Radio claimed six Turkish planes were shot down over Cyprus and that Turkish forces attempted to land near Kyrenia but were repulsed.

"The bodies of the invading enemy troops were floating in the sea," said a military communiqué broadcast by the radio.

The semi-official Turkish News Agency Anadolu said Kyrenia had fallen to the Turkish invaders.

RIGHT: Four members of the Sangster family from North Edinboro, Skeene (left to right) Frances (10), Michael (7), Graham (4), and Robert (14) make friends with Patricia, a four-day-old donkey filly at New Deer Show today.



## Sun out for New Deer farm show

EVERYTHING was set fair for a record-breaking New Deer Agricultural Show today.

The popular Buehan farm event has been plagued with bad weather—two, this time.

After a dull and overcast start the sun broke through in the early afternoon.

Said the secretary, Mr William Anderson: "If the weather keeps up we are assured of a bumper crowd. This is the 12th show, and it never seems to lose its appeal."

The same heat was earlier the cross cattle champion.

Reserve overall was the Hereford champion Rowanwood Ltd. The fifth year-old cow owned by Mr W. H. Hutcheon of Craighill, Turf.

She won seven top titles last year. This is her second success this season after taking the winner's rosette at Eicht show last week.

Reserve was a young bull, Redlam Flash, owned by Mr William Crauchank, Myre of Redlam, New Deer.

The AA championship went to W. R. Matthew and Sons, Flowerybrae, Memisc, with Pinkie Poppy of Kincurdie, the same seven-year-old cow who took the title last year.

It was the third time the family had won the supreme AA title.

The reserve champion came from a neighbouring farmer, Mr Richard Fraser, West Croft, Memisc, with a cow.

Top Pristean was a three-year-old cow, Battrra Myrtle, shown by W. G. Hutcheon and Co. of West Pitoultze, Auchterless, who only started a Friesian herd in March.

Reserve was a 14-month-old bull, Pitoultze Pride, shown by the same firm.

In the sheep classes champion Cheviot was a tup shown by Mr James Strimling, of Greenfield, Monadhuffet.

Reserve was a ewe lamb shown by Mr W. Slater, Townhead, Fyvie.

Champion and reserve Suffolks were shown by Mr James Wilson, Barnyards, Mintlaw.

The Border Leicester class saw a win for Mr Robert Greenlaw Junior, Ladybank. In-kerbyth, Second prize went to Mr J. W. Fraser, Winhill, New Deer.

## Conflict poser for Britain

A statement that Britain had not played any part in the invasion was made by Air Marshal Sir John Aiken, commander-in-chief of the British Forces Radio.

"I am making this statement with the authority of Her Majesty's Government in London," he said.

"I want to make it absolutely clear to you, of whatever nationality, that Britain is not involved in any way in the invasion which is being carried out in the Republic of Cyprus at dawn this morning."

Air Marshal Aiken ordered all British personnel to obey orders broadcast by the British Forces Broadcasting Service.

The radio warned British and American nationals to pack essential belongings and be ready to take shelter in the event of serious fighting.

## Greenland, here we come

THE Aberdeen University expedition to Greenland was finally set to get under way today after weathering a night on Atlantic Wharf.

The 12-strong group from the geology department, led by Professor Peter Roberts, were to have embarked on their six-day voyage to the remote Watkins Mountains region yesterday on board the former Norwegian seal-hunting vessel, Signalhorn.

But en route for Aberdeen, the 70-year-old, 100ft, wooden-hulled ship had engine trouble and returned to Norway.

She eventually put in at 4.30 this morning and was sailing at noon, said the harbour pilots today.

## Mission worker

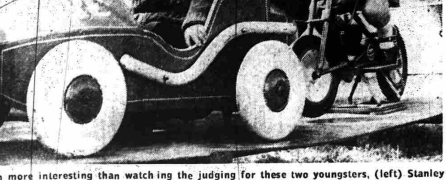
A Fraserburgh woman who gave a lifetime of service to the Royal National Mission to Deny Sea Fishermen, Miss Elsie "Gracie" Wood, 235 West Road, has died. She was in her 80s.

## Army tops

The Army won the United Services team rifle match at Biskay, scoring 1312 out of a possible 1600.

## Amanda to wed

Commonwealth Games swimming gold medalist Amanda Radgate (22) is to marry West Yorkshire county councillor Nils Purser.



The roundabout was much more interesting than watching the judging for these two youngsters, (left) Stanley Farrow, aged four, and three-year-old Kelly Holden, at New Deer Show today.

## CITY SKIPPER



SKIPPER ANDERSON

**FINED £4280**

AN ABERDEEN skipper, James Anderson, 123 Granpian Road, was fined £4280—£2800 in Thorshaven, Faroes, today for fishing illegally within the 12-mile Faroes limit.

Anderson, who is 27, is skipper of the Milwood, belonging to the John Wood Group (Aberdeen) Ltd.

He was arrested north of Faroe yesterday by a Danish fishery protection frigate.

An alternative jail sentence of 60 days was imposed and the Milwood's catch of 23 tons and gear were confiscated.

Anderson immediately lodged an appeal to a higher court in Copenhagen and paid a deposit of about £7000 into the court to have the trawler released.

Judge Bjorn Opreman ruled that the catch and gear must be taken ashore before the Milwood is allowed to sail again.

Anderson, who pleaded not guilty, said the Milwood was at least 200 yards outside the limit when it was hailed by the Danish frigate and boarded. She was towed to Thorshavn.

In reply to questions, Anderson said his navigation instruments were not checked before he left Aberdeen early in July. He had been fishing in the Faroes for nine days.

The whole trawler was very amicable," he added.

In 1962 the trawler was held under arrest in Reykjavik for more than four months following an alleged violation of Icelandic fishing limits.



MR NORMAN SIMPSON

## N-east couple 'glad to be home'

"Glad to be back" was the message received in Aberdeen today from Mr and Mrs Norman Simpson, Glenhome Gardens, Dyce. The Simpsons arrived in London on a flight from Famagusta and will be at Aberdeen tomorrow night on a scheduled flight.

They have been in Cyprus for a fortnight on holiday and should not have left the island until tomorrow, Mr Simpson said.

Photo Engravers, Rosemount Viaduct, had returned to the island with his wife, Joyce, to visit the places where he had been while on National Service.

Mr Simpson had received by Mr Neil Duzid that his parents have also arrived in his country.

Neil was worried, when the troubles broke out, that they would not arrive in Aberdeen in time for his wedding on Friday.

This morning, however, he had a phone call from his mother that they had flown out from Nicosia.

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## -dangerous DRUGS STOLEN ON SHIP

DA NGEROUS drugs have been stolen from a ship in Aberdeen Harbour.

And police warned today that the six ampoules of the pain killer Omponon—270 mg—could be dangerous to children.

They were stolen from the m.v. Radiation at the herring market on Mearns Quay, between 4.45 p.m. on Thursday and 11.30 a.m. yesterday. The medicine cabinet had been forced.

Police appealed for anyone with any information about the theft or the drugs to contact them.