

# The Birmingham Post

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### Marriages

**BURROWS-CRUMP**—On July 20, 1974, at Selly Oak Methodist Church, Lanbury Road, Birmingham, by the Rev. C. Hughes Smith, M.A., Peter J. H. Burrows, to Nina Margaret, only daughter of the late Mrs. H. A. Crump.

### Deaths

**ASH**—Olive Irene, passed peacefully away at her home on July 19, followed by her husband, Geoffrey, sadly missed by her sister, Doris, and her sons, Beattie and Neville and her grandsons, Geoffrey, Thomas and Wendy. Flowers to Ambler's Funeral Home, 304 Alexander Road, Crematorium, at 12 noon, Wednesday, July 24.

**CHANDLER**—Wilfred Thomas (Tom), on Friday, July 19, 1974, at 17 Wychwood Road, Weoley Hill, Birmingham, followed by his wife, Elizabeth, a dearly loved husband and father of Maizie and Margaret.

**CHANDLER**—On July 19, Wilfred Thomas, aged 67 years (retired) of 1211, 200th Street, Lymm, Cheshire, died peacefully at his home, followed by his wife, Elizabeth, aged 65 years. Burial at Wychwood Hill, Walsley, on Wednesday, July 24, at 12.30 p.m. Sadly missed by all who loved him.

**COX**—Dr. Ursula, aged 83 years (retired) of 12, South Road, Harewood, Birmingham, died peacefully at her home, followed by her husband, Geoffrey, aged 83 years. Burial at Wychwood Hill, Walsley, on Wednesday, July 24, at 12.30 p.m. Sadly missed by all who loved her.

**FARMER**—Arthur Harold, beloved husband of Mrs. Beatrice, died peacefully at his home, followed by his wife, Beatrice, aged 83 years. Burial at Wychwood Hill, Walsley, on Wednesday, July 24, at 12.30 p.m. Sadly missed by all who loved him.

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## Goaded to war

War, it has been said, is an extension of politics. If the Turks have transgressed in their invasion of Cyprus, it is because they concluded, too soon, that the politics had failed to preserve, or even establish, the 1960 constitution of the island and to safeguard the Turkish community, and that war was a necessary development of the situation.

This was not entirely the case for, after the ousting of President Makarios, diplomatic pressure was being put on Greece to withdraw her forces on the island, and it had not been established whether or not the Athenian military junta would respond.

It was an act of sheer desperation to risk a full-scale conflict between two Nato countries and the Ankara Government must take blame for precipitating it. The chances of that major conflict occurring increase with every hour that the fighting on the island goes on. As has already happened, naval and air forces supporting the opposing forces become embroiled and destruction of aircraft to the two mainlands becomes all too likely.

But there is little sympathy anywhere for the Greek cause. The clique of colonels who have overthrown the former president are up the dangerous and fanatical Nicos Sampson as their puppet. Under such leadership, the independence of the island, the safety of the Turkish minority and possibly that of other nationals would be in jeopardy. The takeover looks like a direct slap in the face for Three-Power control. Merely, large numbers of British tourists and Forces' families have been conveyed to the state of safety but it is the future fate of those who live in Cyprus that is of paramount importance.

Once more, in the absence of any really positive action from the United Nations, it is the U.S. State Department which is taking the initiatives, with Mr. Sisco continuing his chief, Dr. Kissinger, in communiting between capitals. With the Greeks believed to be poised for a strike across the Turkish border in Thrace it is imperative that he, or someone, should succeed in restraining the rash military adventures. From Nato's point of view it would mean the disintegration of its vital south-eastern flank, which could cause satisfaction in Moscow but it would be equally tragic for two civilised nations to embark on an internecine war over an off-shore island which has little or no strategic or economic strategic value. The Greeks are patently at fault but it has become no longer a question of who started the fighting but how quickly the fighting can be brought to an end.

The Greek colonels have been relentless in their demands for the Makarios regime and have caused dismay and resignations among their civilian advisers. They must be persuaded that they cannot continue to defy the will of their fellow guarantor Powers without bringing a risk of death and destruction to their own land. Turkey will not be persuaded to withdraw their forces from Cyprus until they feel that a political solution is possible. The Greek position has been defeated, but it must be made clear to them that a military solution is out of the question.

## Greeks fighting for what

by JOHN SLIM

Strife, in one form or another, has been a feature of Cypriot life at intervals throughout its history, and almost a constant factor for the last half century. The immediate reaction was a strenuous opposition from the Turkish Cypriot minority — and the stage was set for the assistance of British Service personnel and establishments. The island's way of life until Britain granted it independence in 1960.

Then, at the beginning of this month, the Greek President, threatening to withdraw the Greek National Guard on the grounds that Greek officers had supported Greek attempts to found an illegal organisation, and, severe enough, it was these officers who had overthrown him last week in the recent coup. The Greek Government has had to face the fact that it had allowed its early EOKA enthusiasm.

His replacement by Nicos Samson, self-confessed murderer and admitted terrorist who is unwaveringly committed to Greek Greece, was the signal for Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, to protect the interests of the Turkish Cypriot community — both Britain and the United States have failed to give any assistance with diplomatic pronouncements.

**Guerrillas**  
There were persistent efforts to smuggle in arms and explosives to the island before the conference between the British, Greek and Turkish foreign ministers in 1963 proved abortive. It is now understood that EOKA has been reorganised and is now active in the island. The Greek community was born into an atmosphere of unrest and uncertainty. It was not long before Greece's guerrillas were active in the island. The Greek community was born into an atmosphere of unrest and uncertainty. It was not long before Greece's guerrillas were active in the island. The Greek community was born into an atmosphere of unrest and uncertainty. It was not long before Greece's guerrillas were active in the island.

## The sensible way to deal with the IRA

Sir—The recent horrifying bomb outrage will justify further and more determined measures to be taken against those who are engaged in this heinous crime against the innocent. It is very likely too that there will be a resurgence of terrorism in the Republic of Ireland in the near future. The Government must take the lead in this matter and should be given the necessary powers to give to the security forces the necessary authority to deal with the problem.

**In Memoriam**  
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## Theme for the day

By Canon Donald Foster, former Rector of Kingsway Church, Birmingham.  
We are thinking of these themes of the love of Christ compelling us to love as He loves. The Bible Reading Fellowship says that the love of Christ is the greatest love.

## Head's broken promises

Sir—Of the many broken promises made by Mr. Heath, the most important was his promise to reduce the cost of civil service. Instead we had increases in both salaries and government expenditure. The reorganisation of local government has cost a lot of money and has done little except to add to public expenditure. A common belief that politicians regard the public purse as bottomless.

## Spared the blushes

Sir—When the new Birmingham Heritage Theatre was built, a lot of people were disappointed to see that it was not called the Sir Barry Jackson Theatre, as a tribute to him.

## Oppression

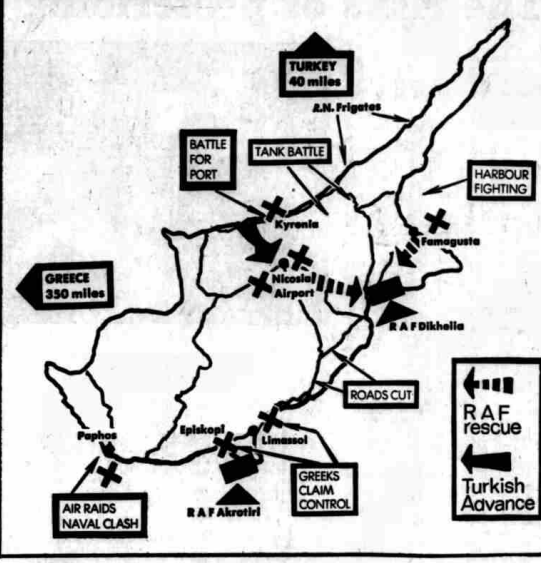
Sir—It is a privilege to be able to write in the Birmingham Post. It is a privilege to be able to write in the Birmingham Post. It is a privilege to be able to write in the Birmingham Post.

## Involve the people

Sir—We congratulate the Birmingham Post on its editorial (July 20), on Stand-Order. Liberal Party policy advisers are aware that maximum opportunity must be offered at all levels for involving citizens in the running of their community.

## Weather: Today's forecast

Location	Forecast
London	Partly cloudy with rain
Birmingham	Partly cloudy
Manchester	Partly cloudy
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## FORCES POISED TO STRIKE

Total forces: 157,000 (Greece) / Total forces: 449,000 (Turkey)

**ARMY**  
1 armoured divn, 11 infantry divns, 1 commando brigade, 12 light infantry battalions. Two surface-to-surface missile bn, 1 surface-air bn, 105 and 160 med. tanks, M24, 26, 41 light tanks, 49, 155 and 203mm artillery.

**NAVY**  
4.5 submarines, 8 destroyers, 24 escort/patrol/torpedo boats.

**AIR FORCE**  
Three fighter-bomber squadrons with F4U Sabre jets of Korean War vintage; 2 with F104 Starfighters, 4 squadrons F5 interceptors; one surface-air missile bn.