



Trevor Homer turns pro

By DAVID DAVIES

Trevor Homer, the Staffordshire and Wales golfer who has twice won the Amateur Championship in the last three years, has turned professional.

Mr. Homer, who is 30, has applied for a place in the American Professional Golfers Association tour in Florida in November, and if he succeeds his qualifications will move to America and play on the circuit there.

This is the same school Peter Osterhuis - winner of the Order of Merit for the last three years and second place finisher in the Open Championship at Lytham last week - failed to qualify last November.

Mr. Homer is one of the oldest amateurs to attempt a step of this kind, although Arnold Palmer was 28 when he turned professional and Kai Nagai, who won the Centenary Open at St. Andrews' was also 30 when he turned.

Mr. Homer's decision was reached, in part, at Augusta in the U.S. Masters earlier this year when he finished with the best score by one of the eight amateurs competing.

His score of 77.72 left him one shot away from competing for the final rounds - the nearest any British amateur has ever come to it - and wiped away the memories of his disastrous debut in the event when he took 81.88.

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Safety sail The British yacht Gunboats dropped out of a 150-mile offshore race yesterday to save seven people, including four children, from their blazing vessel after an explosion.

Gumbos, competing in one of five races in the One Top Cup series, were to the rescue of the Amphion 14 miles off the Lizard, seeing red flares. Her crew picked up the seven people from a life raft.

Triple crash The drivers of two cars were killed and 12 people were taken to a Worthing hospital last night after three cars collided on the A33 London-Worthing road at Fimons.

The accident, occurred when one car came from the side and crashed over the central reservation, struck an oncoming car and then the third car head on.

Tidy step The 128 dancers and officials of the Bolshoi Ballet left London for Moscow yesterday, without a demonstration in sight.

The only people who arrived to witness the departure were a handful of ballet enthusiasts from the Anna Pavlova Memorial House in London.

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Scot hero is first Briton to scale in Cyprus fighting

The ten-year-old son of a British soldier died from gunshot wounds in Cyprus yesterday.

The boy, the first British casualty of the fighting, died on his way to hospital in Famagusta, an official at the Episkopi British base said.

Later a British soldier serving with the UN peace-keeping force in Cyprus was accidentally killed while unloading a weapon supervised by a Turkish Cypriot in the Limassol district, a UN spokesman reported.

The identity of the soldier was not disclosed immediately, but his unit is reportedly based in the Polisshia camp. He was the first member of the UN force to be shot.

Earlier, heavily-armed British troops had escorted a convoy of 4,500 civilian refugees to safety yesterday - which the battle for Cyprus between Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces began.

The convoy of frightened men, women and children, 1,000 vehicles long, was escorted to the Nicosia battle zone to the British sovereign base at Dhakelia, about 20 miles from the capital.

A pooled despatch from correspondents in Episkopi said one section of the convoy, including 25 lorries and private cars escorted by armoured vehicles, met sniper fire as it left the British High Commission in Nicosia.

Thousands of British and foreign civilians were trapped in the firing line and the aim of the Dhakelia convoy was to pull them out.

The UN assembly body was Nicosia's Hilton Hotel - considered safer than the Ledra Palace Hotel, in which about 350 people were sheltering and which the Greek defenders had turned into a stronghold.

People in the Ledra Palace, which stands right on the "green line" - the cord separating the Greek and Turkish Cypriot sectors of Nicosia - were offered escort in a Canadian-led UN convoy to the Hilton, where the British troops took over escort duty.

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Officials said the convoy reached Dhakelia safely - indicating that there were no casualties on the way.

Meanwhile, British Forces radio reported that evacuation of tourists, British Service personnel and staff from Famagusta, on the east coast, had ended for the day.

The announcement was made in Cyprus last night, and it was still people trapped there, and said that more evacuations would take place today.

Two Royal Navy frigates will try today to rescue up to 500 people cut off by the fighting in the north of Cyprus. It was this additional to the 4,500 people rescued by the Nicosia convoy.

More than 1,000 British and other foreign civilians were evacuated by air from Cyprus yesterday, the spokesman John, the R.A.F. Under-Secretary, announced in Cyprus last night.

Speaking over the British Forces Radio, he said that by 8 p.m. BST 11,000 more dependants of British servicemen and British civil employees, and more than 2,000 British and other nationals, had been brought into the safety of the British sovereign bases on the island.

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Nicosia where they had taken shelter. Some had to escape when their homes were hit by gunfire.

At the last minute, the High Commission staff could not find the key to the front-side padlock and the leading armoured car had to burst the gate open to let the convoy roll forward.

The Paphos battle appeared in last Turkey's Greek forces toward a head-on collision.

Troops of both nations are reportedly massed on the border in Thrace and there have been reports in Ankara that Greece has been building up troop strength on the Turkish coast.

Threat of an all out war In Athens last night the Greek government and military authorities had threatened to declare war on Ankara after a naval battle between the two countries.

Efforts to bring about a ceasefire in Cyprus were stepped up last night in face of a growing threat of all-out war between Greece and Turkey.

Turkey's military and civilian leaders met in Ankara yesterday and apparently carried by the Prime Minister, Mr. Demirel, to the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Hattatler, Minister of State coordinating arrangements for the Turkish forces in Cyprus.

Mr. Brynmor Jones, a junior Defence Minister, is in Cyprus to make decisions on the spot.

Consultations The operation involved 4,500 people, mostly British, and was supervised by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, returned hurriedly from London yesterday when reports of the fighting in Cyprus.

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Turkey and Greece battle off mainland

Turkish air and naval forces intercepted a Greek flotilla off Paphos in Cyprus and there were heavy casualties on the Greek ships, the Turkish general staff in Ankara said last night.

The battle was the first known encounter between Turkey's forces and Greek forces from the mainland. The announcement said the action occurred while the Greek ships were attempting to put troops ashore at Paphos on the western coast of Cyprus.

The general staff said the landing operation had been halted. It said the ships had come as far as Paphos before being intercepted by Turkish warships early yesterday morning.

It was announced after the announcement of the naval battle the Turkish State radio gave instructions to the public to take the case of raids.

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Tourists tell of horror

British holidaymakers from the hotel-turned island of Cyprus yesterday told grim tales of the terror of the past few days.

The first flight out of the island since the Turkish invasion began on Saturday brought about 90 people and Service personnel and children.

After landing at RAF Larnaca, one man, Mr. Derek Reed, aged 31, a production director in Dublin, said he had been buried in a mass grave near Paphos after last Monday's Cyprus, in which President Makarios was ousted.

People who were told by Makarios to lay down arms.

Heather MacKinnon, of Warwick Road, Solihull, who is visiting Cyprus, was staying in a friend's apartment at Limassol when the Turkish forces moved with other Europeans to one of the British Service bases on Cyprus.

Representatives of the tour operators spent most of yesterday trying to reach the Harborne, Birmingham had been hit by a moderate to heavy rain, but it was not possible to get a message through.

It is believed, however, that the holidaymakers were moved with other Europeans to one of the British Service bases on Cyprus.

Callaghan urges ceasefire talks

By JOHN LEWIS Birmingham Post Political Correspondent

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Healey likely to tackle jobless

By NEVILLE BOYD MAUNSELL

Mr. Denis Healey is expected to make an attempt to ward off rising unemployment and restore the flagging confidence of British business men in his long-awaited mini-Budget this afternoon.

At the same time, he will seek to avoid any action that might lead to a price-wage spiral.

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LATE NEWS BRIAN CLOUGH Brian Clough appointed Leeds' manager early today. Peter Taylor stays at Brighton as manager.

2 p.m. WEATHER FORECAST (Down to dusk) Birmingham area: Rather dry, very slight rain or drizzle at times, few sunbursts. Max temp 21deg C. (70deg F). Moderate to fresh, south-westerly wind. Further details—Page 8

Peril warnings New that was control has been abandoned, Mr. Healey has been told to take an easier line on the government controls which were originally part of the Heath dividend's prices and incomes policy.

But he has not much room for manoeuvre. For the past three weeks he has been bombarded with a flood of economic advice warning of the perils of stoking inflation and he is striving himself only fifteen minutes to announce his proposals.

John Lewis writes: Mr. Healey is under particular searching scrutiny from the Conservative and Liberal M.P.s, ready to seize on anything which suggests a pre-election Budget.

Conservative Back-benchers have already warned their constituents not to let this kind of manoeuvring. Agonising dilemma—Page 5 City Notes—Page 4