

WEATHER WORLD

Mainly dry.
OUTLOOK: Showers.
London area, Central-S. and S.E. England: Mainly dry, rather cloudy. Max. 21C (70F).
E. Anglia, Midlands, E. England: Cloudy, some rain, bright spells. Max. 21C (70F).

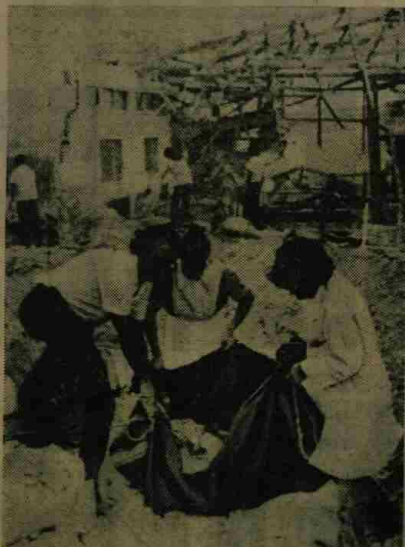
Channel Islands, S.W. England, S. Wales: Cloudy, occasional drizzle. Max. 19C (66F).
SUNSET: Derby, 9.10; Plymouth, 9.16; Birmingham, 9.15; Bristol, 9.14;
HOME

HOME	Max. Temp.	C.	F.	Weather
Blackpool	18	64	Sunny	
Bournemouth	22	72	Sunny	
Brighton	21	70	Sunny	
Cardiff	19	66	Fair	
Clacton	21	70	Sunny	
Douglas	18	64	Sunny	
Hastings	21	70	Sunny	
Jersey	21	70	Sunny	
London	23	73	Sunny	
Lowestoft	23	73	Sunny	
Marple	22	72	Sunny	
Scarborough	21	70	Sunny	
Shanklin	20	68	Sunny	
Tonawny	24	75	Sunny	
ABROAD	Max. Temp.	C.	F.	Weather
Barcelona	25	77	Sunny	
Belgrade	19	66	Sunny	
Geneva	20	68	Fair	
Siberia	23	73	Sunny	
Lisbon	30	86	Sunny	
Majorca	28	82	Sunny	
Malaga	25	77	Sunny	
Nantes	24	75	Sunny	
Nice	26	79	Sunny	
Paris	21	70	Sunny	
Venice	25	77	Sunny	

Blast hits sea oil pipeline

A MYSTERY explosion blasted part of a North Sea oil pipeline in Scotland yesterday. About six feet of the pipe, which leads to an "oil farm" near South Queensferry, West Lothian, was wrecked.

THE CYPRUS WAR



BLITZED: A body is removed after the raid on a Nicosia hospital in which 20 died.

By DENIS MARTIN
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A BLOODY battle for the shattered city of Nicosia was raging last night.

Turkish forces — reinforced on the second day of their invasion of Cyprus — relentlessly closed in on the capital.

In the hot darkness, villages between Nicosia and the northern mountains were reported to be "blazing like beacons."

The Turks now claim that they have captured the vital northern port of Kyrenia.

And they announced that more forces had been landed to link up with paratroopers who were dropped into the plains just north of Nicosia.

But the Turks have had to face determined resistance from the

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Greek Cypriots. They admitted in a communique that the commander and deputy commander of the troops landing at Kyrenia had been killed.

The Greeks strongly counter-attacked at least twice south of Kyrenia—presumably in a battle for the strategic road that snakes over the mountain pass to Nicosia.

Poised

Savage fighting held up the Turkish advance for twelve hours. The Greeks claimed that they shot down thirteen enemy aircraft.

But by darkness last night it was clear that both Nicosia airport—north of the city—and the Greek quarter of Nicosia itself were com-

ing under increasing pressure.

Turkish fighter-bombers swooped over the airport time and again, and paratroop formations were believed to be poised for the kill.

One fighter was reported to have opened fire dangerously near a section of the airport used by the R.A.F. as a helicopter base.

Inside the city, heavily armed mobs of Turkish and Greek Cypriots went into action.

The two communities are normally separated by a United Nations barrier—but fighting still erupted.

Tracer fire lit up the sky, while fields and woods outside the walls blazed.

The city was said to be running short of food and water, and most power lines were down.

Earlier, a massive convoy of British troops escorted hundreds of trapped Britons out of Nicosia to the military base at Dhekelia.

The convoy passed through territory held by both sides, but was not fired on.

There was just one scare when Turkish planes suddenly appeared overhead.

THE 10-year-old son of a British serviceman died from bullet wounds on his way to hospital in Famagusta.

Hospital

And a British soldier serving with the U.N. peace-keeping force was accidentally killed yesterday.

He died while unloading a weapon surrendered by a Turkish Cypriot in the Limassol district.

Twenty patients were killed and about sixty seriously injured when Turkish planes bombed a hospital in Nicosia.

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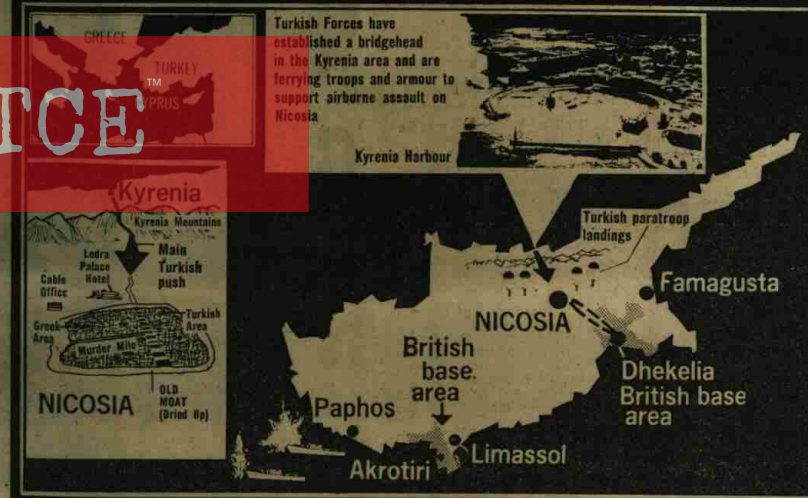
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BATTLEFRONT: The situation in Cyprus last night. Dotted lines show the route of the British convoy which evacuated refugees. Ships denote the sea battle off Paphos.

DAILY MIRROR COMMENT

THE ISLAND

THE tragedy of Cyprus is that whatever happens now, things can never be the same again.

However great the bitterness between Greek and Turk was before, it will now be ten times more intense. Ten times more difficult to assuage.

That is the penalty which those evil men, the colonels who rule Greece, have inflicted on the island.

Archbishop Makarios had contrived, with devious skill, to fudge the hostility between the two communities.

Now, after the fighting, that hostility will be naked. There will be many fresh scores to pay off.

It will be a long road back to any REAL peace in Cyprus.

The immediate objectives are clear: a ceasefire and the opening of talks to bring back the rightful and elected Government of Archbishop