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WAR TREATY
Greece has threatened to declare war on Turkey unless Turkey withdraws all invading troops from Cyprus within 48 hours. Athens Radio quoted diplomatic sources as saying:

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Trevor Homer turns pro

By DAVID DAVIES
Trevor Homer, the Staffordshire and Walsall golfer who has twice won the Amateur Championship in the last three years, has turned professional.
Homer, who is 30, has applied for a place on the American Professional Golfers Association School in Florida in November, and if he succeeds in qualifying will move to America and stay on the circuit there.
This is the same school that Peter Oosterhuis, winner of the Order of Merit for the last three years in the Open Championship at Lytham, attended. Homer failed to qualify in last November.
Homer is one of the oldest amateurs to attempt a step of this kind, although Arnold Palmer was 25 when he turned professional and Kel Nagle, who won the Centenary Open at St. Andrews, was also 30 when he turned.
Homer's decision was reached, in part, at August in the U.S. Master earlier this year when he finished with the best score by any of the eight amateurs, winning by 11 strokes.
His scores of 77.72 left him one of the best amateurs in the world 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.

Safety sail
The British yacht Gumboats dropped out of a 150-mile offshore race yesterday to save seven people, including four children, who left their blinding vessel after an explosion.
Gumboats, competing in one of five races in the One Ton Cup series, went to the rescue of the yacht after 14 miles of the Lizard after spotting red flares.
The crew, including a 12-year-old boy, were picked up by the seven people from a life raft.

Tidy step
The 128 directors and officials of the Balaclava Ball left London for Hereford yesterday, without a demonstration, to support the party's election campaign.
The only people who arrived to witness their departure were a handful of ball enthusiasts from the Anna Pavlova Memorial House in London.

'Crucial fight'
Control of Scotland's natural wealth by a democratically elected Scottish government will be made a plank of the Scottish National Party's local general election campaign, party chairman William Wolfe said yesterday.
In a message to party members, Mr. Wolfe said the party's election campaign would be the most crucial in Scotland's history.

Dropping-off
When Don Thorpe got that falling sensation in his leg he suddenly remembered he had done off a river bank.
Mr. Thorpe, aged 42, splashed into the water and began to swim. After being stuck up by a pleasure craft, Mr. Thorpe, of Michigan, York, Yorkshire, turned over the wrong way.

Off the wing
The birdmen of Selkay took to the wing yesterday in an attempt to win £20,000. But their hopes were crushed when they ended in the sea off the Shetland shore.
About 20 birdmen and two birdwomen tried to win the prize by flying 200 miles from Selkay's lifeboat station. Six of the men crashed in the sea. The contest was abandoned for safety. No-one was hurt.

Director dies
Mr. Alan Grime, a director of the Press Association, and a member of an old Blackpool newspaper family, died suddenly yesterday at his home in Blackpool. He was 54.
Mr. Grime, general manager of the Lancashire Evening Post, Preston, was president of the Federation of Weekly Newspapers and a former council member of the Newspaper Society.

War hero
A man who died when his car plunged into a river was identified last night as Maj. John Healey, a former Royal Marines officer and war hero.
Maj. Healey, aged 66, was killed when his car plunged into the Tamar alongside the Torpoint ferry on Saturday night.

Envoy shot
Four armed people shot and seriously wounded the Chilean Ambassador in Beirut, Mr. Alfredo Canales Marquis, yesterday, police sources said.
The Ambassador was returning to his home in Beirut's Magnat district when four shots were fired. He was taken to hospital where his condition was said to be serious. — UPI.

Not more Britons to die 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 U.N. peace-keeping force in Cyprus was accidentally killed while unloading a weapon on the island.

The identity of the soldier was not disclosed immediately, but his unit is reportedly based at the Pafos camp. He was the first member of the 2,300-man, eight-station, peace-keeping force to die since the British troops had escorted a mercy convoy of 4,500

civilian refugees to safety yesterday — while the battle for Cyprus between Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces raged on.
The convoy of frightened men, women and children, 1,000 vehicles long, was shepherded from the Nicosia base to the British sovereign base at Dhekelia, about 30 miles from the capital.
A police detachment, consisting of Episkopi, said that 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 building. Thousands of British and foreign civilians were trapped on the firing line and the aim of the Dhekelia convoy was to pull them out.

The convoy assembly point was Nicosia's Hilton Hotel, considered safer than the Ledra Palace Hotel, in which about 200 people were sheltering and which the Greek extremists had turned into a stronghold.
People in the Ledra Palace, which stands right on the "green line" — the cordon separating the Greek and Turkish Cypriot sectors of Nicosia — were offered escape in a Canadian-led U.N. convoy to the Hilton, where the British troops took over the duty.
Many of the evacuees came from the British High Commission building in 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-staircase and the leading armoured car had to burst the gate open to let the convoy roll forward.

The commander of a Greek Cypriot anti-aircraft unit set up in the garden of the Ledra Palace Hotel insisted that no one could leave until he had specific orders to that effect.
But finally the officer allowed everyone to leave, including the hotel staff, and the Ledra Palace was left as a Greek Cypriot military stronghold.
Officials said that the convoy reached Dhekelia 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 been completed for the day.
The announcement indicated that there were 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. H.M.S. Andromeda and H.M.S. Dryad will

move in close to the shoreline east of Xerona at dawn.
British tourists and residents have been told by British Forces Radio bulletins to gather on the beaches and display the letters "U.K."
The Defence Ministry in London said last night that the stranded people would be picked up either by helicopter or in outboard-powered rubber dinghies and ferried out to the waiting ships.
More than 1,400 Britons and other foreign civilians were evacuated by air from Cyprus yesterday, Mr. Brynmor John, the C.A.P. 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 Britons and other nationals, had been brought into the safety of the British sovereign bases on the island. This was additional to the 4,500 people rescued by the Nicosia convoy.

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Greece and Turkey clash in sea battle

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.

Callaghan urges ceasefire talks

By JOHN LEWIS
Birmingham Post Political Correspondent
Mr. James Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday made a personal follow-up to the urgent requests for Greece and Turkey to hold ceasefire talks in London.
He spoke to the Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Bulent Ecevit, in Ankara, and the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Kyprianou, in Athens, to reinforce the pressure being put on the two Governments.

Drop-off
In the background, the United States Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco, was travelling between the two capitals to the persuasion.
Mr. Callaghan telephoned Dr. Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, several times during the day.
He expressed the hope that these efforts would bring together the two Governments.

Blow to wedding after fire
A 22-year-old Birmingham bride-to-be lost all her wedding clothes, burnt up in a fire at her home in St. Thomas.
A wedding dress and going-away outfit, which Miss Eileen Hughes was to have worn in less than two weeks, were among the items. Bridemaids' dresses were also burnt.

'All gone'
She and her fiancé, Mr. Stanley Kujawski, aged 23, of St. Thomas, Road, Perry Barr, are to be married at St. Theresa's Church, Perry Barr, on August 3.
Miss Hughes said yesterday: "I don't know what we're going to do. I've got all the clothes I stand up in. The others — they must be about £200 worth — have all gone."
The fire also destroyed furniture in her bedroom and left a 2ft hole in the floor.
Miss Hughes added: "I went up into my room, put on my nightgown, and it all happened about half-an-hour later."

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British Army vehicles escort foreign nationals out of Nicosia yesterday in a massive convoy operation to the Dhekelia base in the south of Cyprus.

Tourists tell of horror

Britons blown from the battlements
The 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 20 people — service personnel and we could hear gunfire and bombing in the distance.

After landing at RAF Loxham, Wilt, one man, Mr. Derek Reed, aged 31, who was last heard of on Saturday when he was trapped in the Sandy Beach Hotel, said he had seen a mass grave near Paphos after the evacuation of the Greek-occupied National Guard on Cyprus, in which President Makarios was ousted.
"People who were told by Makarios to lay down their

weapons were shot out of hand by the National Guard," he said.
Miss Heather MacKinnon, of Warwick Road, Solihull, who was in the hotel, was staying in a friend's apartment when she escaped from the town with a British convoy during fierce fighting.
She said last night: "When we joined the convoy the sky was full of black smoke and we could hear gunfire and bombing in the distance."

There was still no news last night of 13 Midlanders who were last heard of on Saturday when they were trapped in the Sandy Beach Hotel. The Mullenders were on a Sunlight Holiday Ltd. package tour organised through M.A.T.O., the Birmingham-based tour operator.
Representatives of the tour operators spent most of yesterday trying to tell the news yesterday that their 33-year-old daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellis, was safe in her way home.
Mrs. Ellis, a widow, went out to Cyprus a month ago to see her son, who is serving with the 9th Signal Regiment.

Healey likely to tackle jobless

By NEVILLE BOVD 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 could give a new twist to the process by which the most widely desired concession is a cut in the present ten per cent rate of V.A.T.
This has the attraction of foreign investment, by encouraging people to buy while at the same time cutting the cost of living index and so reducing the chance of yet another set of threshold wage increases next month.
It would also fit Labour's social contract.
But for fear of encouraging purchases of imports and

damaging the pound, Mr. Healey may temper his generosity by increasing the V.A.T. on so-called luxuries like watches, cameras, jewellery, or restaurant meals.
The recent statistics showing sagging sales in the shops may also encourage Mr. Healey to think again about his purchase controls.
Industry and the City are taking it almost for granted that Mr. Healey will relax the investment control, which forbids companies to invest their profits in the country by more than 5p in the pound, a measure which increases their profits before tax.
This has discouraged investment and played a big part in the collapse share prices.

Peril warnings
Now that wage control has been abandoned, Mr. Healey will probably feel free to take an easier line on the dividend controls which were imposed as part of the Heath Government'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, warnings of the perils of stoking up inflation, and himself only fifteen minutes to make his speech.
John Lewis writes: Mr. Healey's proposals will come under particularly searching scrutiny from Conservative and Liberal M.P.s ready to seize on anything which suggests a pre-Budget Budget.
Conservative back-benchers have already warned their leaders to watch out for this kind of manoeuvre.
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Piggott to issue writ

A writ will be issued today on behalf of Mr. Piggott, the former West Midlands County Council member, dismissed for alleged irregularities, claiming damages for unfair dismissal.
The writ will be issued in the High Court in Birmingham by a solicitor, Mr. Frederick Owen.
Mr. Owen said last night: "I shall be issuing a writ tomorrow on behalf of my client, Mr. Piggott, for damages against unfair dis-

missal." Mr. Piggott was dismissed from his £4,000-a-year job with the West Midlands County Council six days ago. He is suing the council for unfair dismissal.
Information about the writ was obtained from the point of view of the way they were obtained.
No details of the allegations against Mr. Piggott, of Hillier Lucas Road, King's Heath, have been announced officially. He is supposed to have full pay to serve eight weeks' notice and has retained his pension rights.
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Mr. Piggott denied the allegations made against him. He said that the writ was issued to protect himself from any action that could be taken against him.

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