

EUROPE'S BIGGEST DAILY SALE

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BURNING: A pall of smoke hangs over Nicosia

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CEASEFIRE OR ELSE!

THE THREAT of a full-scale war in the Mediterranean came a step nearer yesterday after two head-on clashes between Greek and Turkish forces.

Turkey has received an unofficial warning that Greece will go to war within forty-eight hours unless the fighting in Cyprus is halted.

The two NATO partners were massing forces last night on the 132-mile border they share north of the Aegean Sea—the obvious spot for Greece to attack.

The warning came as a furious battle raged off Paphos, in the southwest corner of Cyprus, between Greek and Turkish naval ships.

Massive

It began when the Turkish navy was alerted that a flotilla of Greek ships, believed to be six supply vessels with escorting warships, was trying to put troops ashore.

Turkish warships attacked with massive support from the air, and the Turks claimed that three Greek ships were sunk.

Earlier, contingents of the Greek and Turkish armies were fighting each other in the battle for Nicosia.

Both contingents—950 Greeks and 650 Turks—have garrisons on the island under the 1960

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treaty which made Cyprus independent. As they fought, Turkish warplanes began an unprecedented bombardment of the island's Greek-held areas.

All day long they streaked low across the island, bombing and strafing the Greeks.

Meanwhile, war fever was sweeping through Greece.

Thousands of young Greeks flocked to enlist. Turkey was also being put on a war footing. Main cities were ordered to black out last night.

Only one man in the two countries seemed untouched by the war hysteria — US peacemaker Joseph Sisco.

He said yesterday that he was "making progress" in his efforts to find a peace formula, but time was running out fast as he continued his frantic shuttle between Athens and Ankara.

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Greek move sparks war fear

British tourists told to escape

BRITISH tourists were being warned yesterday: "Get out of Greece if you can."

A notice on the door of the British Embassy said: "No form of evacuation is contemplated at present, but tourists are advised to leave the country if they can."

It will be extremely difficult for Britons stranded in Athens and the Greek islands to find a way out of Greece.

Many trains and most

tourist coaches have been requisitioned.

Thousands of tourists of all nationalities are stranded in the Greek capital — and crowds are forming outside embassies.

British Airways have obtained permission to fly passengers out of Greece from the airport on the island of Corfu, but this permission must be renewed every twenty-four hours.



ENLISTING: Thousands of young men join the rush to sign on for military service as war fever grips Greece.