

TERROR

EUROPE'S BIGGEST DAILY SALE

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BOMB IN JET

Cheers as the Greek Colonels step down

THE Greek military junta has fallen. The Colonels decided last night to hand over power to a civilian government.

Only hours before, their puppet President of Cyprus, Nicos Sampson, handed over his power—to Glafkos Clerides, the man who had been deputy to Archbishop Makarios.

The two developments brought joy to the streets of Athens—and soaring peace hopes in Cyprus.

The end of the Colonels seven years of power came after a day of rumour and counter-rumour in Athens.

Invited

Then suddenly Greek President General Pafelton Ghizikis announced:

"The Greek armed forces, in view of the situation in which the country finds itself, has decided to entrust a civilian government with the running of the country."

It was also announced that former Premier Constantin Karamanlis was being invited back from his self-imposed exile in Paris.

Mr. Karamanlis was the leader of the civilian government when the

Colonels seized power. In PARIS, spokesmen for Mr. Karamanlis said that he had been invited to form a government of national unity.

He decided to return to Athens immediately.

Soon after the news, Greeks were dancing, and cheering in the streets.

Thousands were chanting "Fascism is dead" and "Long live democracy."

Police warned one crowd to disperse—and told them military law was still in force.

The joyful crowd ignored them and the police took no action.

The change of power brings King Constantine hope that he may regain the throne he lost while the colonels were in power.

Last night, Premier Harold Wilson suddenly invited the King, who has been living in Britain, to see him.

One of the Prime Min-

ister's cars collected the King at Claridge's Hotel and took him to No. 10 Downing Street. The King refused to talk to reporters. But friends said that he was delighted with the news.

King

Mr. Karamanlis is a fervent monarchist—and he and the King have been in constant touch since the coup in Cyprus.

Fighting died down in Cyprus after the news that Nicos Sampson, the former EOKA gunman, had resigned as President.

Sampson took power last week when a coup led by Greek officers drove Archbishop Makarios into exile.

The new president Mr. Clerides was sworn in yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Clerides, a Greek Cypriot, is well respected



GHIZIKIS: Announced junta's fall.

in the island's Turkish community.

And soon after he took office he contacted their leaders for talks.

Mr. Clerides was shot down while flying with the RAF in 1942 and spent the remaining war years in a prisoner of war camp.

In NEW YORK last night Archbishop Makarios said that he expected to return to Cyprus as its president within the next few weeks.

Talks

He said that Mr. Clerides was acting as interim President on his behalf.

Foreign Secretary James Callaghan was trying last night to arrange a conference in Geneva with Greek and Turkish leaders.

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The bomb parcel is carried from the plane by police.

ULSTER terrorists yesterday launched their most horrifying mass murder attempt . . . on an airliner with ninety-two people on board.

They planted a bomb on a British Airways Trident jet flying from Belfast to London.

Passengers and crew were saved from death only because the bomb's trigger mechanism failed.

The bomb was not found until after the plane had made an emergency landing at Manchester Airport.

The bomb was believed to have been planted at London's Heathrow Airport before the Trident made an earlier flight to Belfast.

On board on its return trip was Ulster's Chief Constable, Mr. James Flanagan, and his wife, on their way to a Buckingham Palace garden party.

Calm

With them were three Royal Ulster Constabulary men travelling to receive bravery awards from the Queen.

An alert was flashed to the pilot ten minutes after take-off from Belfast's Aldergrove Airport.

An anonymous woman caller had telephoned a Belfast newspaper office saying that the bomb was on board and would go off in 15 minutes.

The pilot calmly told his passengers that there had been an emergency, then he switched course for Manchester.

A full-scale emergency operation went into

Sky alert as blast threatens to kill 92



James Flanagan

action at the airport, with ambulances and fire engines ringing the runway as the plane touched down.

The passengers, including a number of children, scrambled to the ground through emergency chutes.

But it took two searches to uncover the bomb.

After the first search passengers were allowed aboard again.

They were sitting strapped in their seats ready for take-off when the pilot announced: "I want the aircraft searched again."

The plane was emptied and the 2lb. bomb, wrapped in paper, was

found under a seat near where Mr. Flanagan had been sitting.

Police chiefs in Belfast said last night that they did not believe Mr. Flanagan was the bombers' target.

Conclusion

But a British Airways spokesman said: "We can only assume that the bomb was meant for an important person."

"If the Chief Constable was on the plane, we can only draw one conclusion."

Also on board was Ulster Unionist MP James Molyneux.