

CYPRUS

One place in the world where this is not a Happy New Year--is the beautiful Mediterranean island of Cyprus. As 1964 begins--the Cyprus agreement of 1960 appears to be headed for limbo. The treaty guaranteed by Britain, Greece and Turkey--that was supposed to settle the Cypriot crisis by preventing the union of the strategic and rich island--with either Greece or Turkey. Also guaranteeing the rights of the Turkish minority --while granting the political wishes of the Greek majority; while taking a firm stand--against partition.

Now that fighting has erupted again--only the British are urging for observance of the treaty. The Turks want--partition; while Archbishop Makarios, the Greek president of Cyprus--wants full Greek authority over the island.

The balance worked out in delicate negotiations less than four years ago--is threatened tonight.

JOHNSON

It is said that when President Lyndon Johnson makes up his mind to take action--he's a hard man to stop. So it will be interesting to see how the battle goes--as the President wages what he calls his "unrelenting Peace Offensive"--in 1964; that Peace Offensive he hopes to wage--in order to improve relations with Russia.

The time for simply talking about peace--has passed; he has told Khrushchev--in an exchange of New Year greetings.

Adding:--Let's do.

B and K

Remember the "firm of B and K?" It was reunited today. Bulganin and Khrushchev Russia's "Touring Twins"--~~most~~ of the fifties. B--then the Soviet Premier. K--head of the Communist Party.

But Bulganin took the anti-Khrushchev side in 1958, and got the boot--when Khrushchev won the battle in the Kremlin. B--in disgrace ever since.

Today Bulganin turned up--at the New Year celebration and received a big "Hello" from Khrushchev--to the astonishment of the newsmen present. Are B and K really together again? Maybe

CHOU

Dispatches from Albania continue to feature the name of a man who has been dead for ten years. The name of--Salin.

Here's an example. The premier of Red China talked to a mass rally--at an Albanian factory that bears the name--"the Stalin Textile Complex." And the list of portraits decorating the streets of Tirana--includes Stalin right along with Marx and Lenin.

As for Khrushchev, the Albanian comrades--continue to jeer at him as they give Chou- En-lai a boisterous demonstration --of their solidarity with Red China. Chou reciprocating--with a pledge to oppose all "revisionists"--meaning Khrushchev.

TRANSIT

New Yorkers are happy tonight -- in spite of the weather. At least, they don't have to walk! Or rather skate on the sheet of ice that coats the streets of Gotham.

That transit strike that would have crippled New York bus and subway traffic -- averted at the last moment. Cost of the settlement -- thirty-three-million-six hundred and eight thousand dollars. That's the price of the wage package -- accepted by the Transport Workers Union. Instead of its original demands -- of over two-hundred and fifty million.

The union has agreed -- to continue its forty hour, five-day week. But there will be a wage increase of thirty-five cents an hour. And, additional fringe benefits.

Mayor Wagner says there will be no increase -- in bus and subway fares.

WEATHER

The weatherman celebrates the New Year with snow, sleet, rain, and gales. All the way from New York to the Gulf with the deepest snow ever seen in parts of Dixie. Can you imagine highways blocked with snow in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi? Fifteen inches at Meridian, Mississippi--three times the previous record. Cars abandoned, hospitals filling up with traffic casualties.

In the east, gales from Maine to Georgia--sleet and rain battering the coast. Huge tides flooding areas from New England--to North Carolina. What next? More of the same--says the weatherman.

Meanwhile out here in the Rockies and the Wasatch it's like Spring. Snow, yes? But the West wants a lot more. Today I've been skiing in a new area, Park City, Utah, where they have just installed one of the longest gondola lifts in the world--two miles. Park City, an old mining camp, famous for its Silver King Mine from which 3/4's of a billion dollars worth of rich ore was taken.

It's a town with a lot of western mining camp atmosphere. Some of it the real thing. Safe-crackers-- pros evidently--blew the Silver King Safe and made off with nearly \$6000--the first weeks receipts. Leaving only one clue--one lone foot print.

There are some 500 miles of tunnels, shafts and stopes in the Silver King and mines nearby. Ex-mining engineer Jim Hogle tells me some of these are going to be used in getting non-skiers to the top of the range.

HOLIDAY

Fire, and ice, and snow -- have boosted the total of accidental deaths during the ~~ix~~ holiday period.

The National Safety Council gloomily says that -- ~~traffic~~ ^{traffic} deaths will equal its most pessimistic predictions.

So far, more than one-hundred and twenty deaths from traffic accidents -- and about twenty from fires. Nearly one-hundred and fifty casualties in all. So the customary exhortation is much to the point tonight -- do drive carefully! Dick Noel is out with a No'el Xmas cold -- and here's Art Hannes.

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Oh yes, and the annual Tournament of Roses in Pasadena-- as you know, with former President Eisenhower, as grand marshal attracted over a million and a half spectators.

Bigger and better than ever -- as it celebrated its diamond anniversary with lots of sun and clear blue skies -- temperatures around 80. And -- no smog!

As for football -- the Cotton Bowl held the center of the stage today -- with Texas giving Navy and Stanbach a rough day -- Texas 28 -- Navy 6. The Sugar Bowl, Alabama 12 -- Mississippi 7. The Orange Bowl -- Nebraska 13, Auburn 17. The Rose Bowl -- Washington -----; Illinois -----.