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CYPRUS

The reaction on the island of Cyprus to the British execution of two young terrorists today was unexpectedly quiet. A surprising calm - perhaps an ominous calm has settled over the island. Greek stores, cafes and other businesses closed one by one and the life of the community came to a halt.

There were only a few brief demonstrations of ~~xix~~ violence - stone throwing and a tear gas engagement between security forces and cyprriot youths. Several of the youths were jailed and there were no apparent injuries.

The two young terrorists who were hanged had been convicted of shooting a cyprriot policeman and a british civilian. The policeman was killed. the civilian recovered.

After the execution, the word of the hangings was passed across the island from one cyprriot to another. Greek flags flew at half mast from churches, schools and homes. A nd church bells tolled 'n mourning through most of the day.

~~on Cyprus will worsen the relations between Britain and Greece.~~

In both Washington and London, the statement was made that American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asked the British to delay the hangings. Dulles presented the request to British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd at the Nato meeting in Paris last week. But the British government refused.

PALESTINE

More violence

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ along the Gaza Strip ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ today,

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ The Egyptians claim that two Israeli soldiers crossed the border, today, ~~and~~ killed an Arab farmer, with bayonet thrusts, and fired on two Arab National Guardsmen, wounding one. The retort of Israel is that the border was violated by the Egyptians, ^{- that} infiltrators crossing ^{ed} into Israel - ^{were} and driven back.

Israel also claims that Arab marauders blew up a railway line two miles north of Beersheba last night. They reported this to U.N. officials for investigation.

Two aerial incidents are in the news from Palestine. Egypt claims that an Israeli plane flew over Gaza. Earlier - a British airliner was forced down by an Israeli fighter plane. The British airliner, they say, violated the air space of Israel, and was compelled to land at the Lydda Airport. There it was found - that its cargo consisted of eight hundred monkeys, bound for England for the production of Salk anti-polio vaccine. The crew was ~~XXXXXX~~ questioned - then permitted to fly on with the monkeys.

FOLLOW PALESTINE

Tonight, U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold handed in his final report - on the cease-fire agreements he obtained. These, he believes, may be an initial step toward a general settlement between Israel and the Arabs. But he did not indulge in any easy optimism.

BRITAIN

The British Parliament will have a full dress debate - on the subject of ^{the} a big mystery. The disappearance of the Navy frogman, Commander Crabb - ^{near the} ~~while on an under-water mission to the~~ Soviet cruiser which brought Bulganin and Khrushchev to Britain.

The growing belief in London is that, the "frogman" was on a mission of espionage - and, yesterday, Prime Minister Eden declared, a disclosure of the details would not be "in the public interest." But the public uproar is now so great, that he had to bow to the demand of the Labor Party - that the question go to a debate in Parliament. The whole story told - and thrashed out.

In London, today, the U.S. Navy issued a denial of reports that an American was involved in the case. ~~In the British newspapers, the supposition has been raised that American espionage ~~something~~ had something to do with an attempt to take an under water look at the hull of the Soviet ~~warship.~~~~ But the U.S. Navy, today, issued a statement saying: "No American Navy personnel were with Crabb at the time. We know nothing of the case."

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill issued an invitation to Soviet Russia today - suggesting that the Soviets join the Western powers in a grand alliance for world peace. He said - this was the way the men of the Kremlin could prove their loud repudiation of Stalin. By abandoning Stalin's anti-Western policies, and join with the West in an organization for the preservation of peace.

"The main theme of our salvation," Sir Winston declared, "should be the grand alliance of European powers linked with Canada and the United States. The spirit of this arrangement should not exclude Russia and the Eastern European states."

The former Prime Minister spoke at the city of Aachen - as he received the "Charlemagne Prize" for his work in promoting European unity. The ceremony took place in the stately Reichschamber, where medieval German emperors were crowned.

There were ~~EXEN~~ thirty steps to be climbed, and the eighty-one year old statesman was carried up the stairs in a small chair. Doctor's orders, apparently - Sir Winston told by his physician to take it easy.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles foresees the day when Russia will be "a decent state to do business with." -- But he admits he's looking some distance into the future -- ten years, or perhaps a generation, he told the House Foreign Affairs Committee....But to bring that day about, he said, is the long range purpose of our policy. He sees some good signs in Russia -- freer public opinion .. a greater desire for freedom as a result of better education...revusion against the knock on the door of the secret police...a growing disposition of the men in the Kremlin to consult with the layer below....and an increasing demand for more independence from the satellite countries.

But while we are waiting for the day when Russia will be a decent country to do business with, Mr. Dulles strongly^{urged}/~~urged~~ approval of President Eisenhower's almost-five billion dollar foreign aid request -- to keep up the free world's defenses.

DEFENSE BUDGET

The House, today, passed the Eisenhower ^{33-Billion dollar} defense budget - with only minor changes. The Democrats proposed an amendment, which would have added an extra billion dollars for B-52 hydrogen bombers. But that was shouted down, and the bill appropriating thirty-three billion, six hundred million for national defense - now goes to the Senate. Which has been holding an investigation on the state of American air power - versus Russian air power.

"NIKE"

Army Secretary Brucker, today, stated - that the guided missile, "Nike", is, in the Secretary's words - "able to bat down any Russian bomber in existence or heard about."

This reassuring statement comes about in a controversy between the Army and the Air Force, and the Army Chief-of-Staff, General Maxwell Taylor, added the charge - that the Air Force is trying to usurp the Army's mission of national anti-aircraft defense.

There are two rival guided missiles. The "Nike", developed by the Army. And the "Talos" - on which the Air Force is working. The Air Force contends ~~that~~ that the "Nike", while good against ordinary planes, would be ineffective against high speed jet bombers. The Army retorts ~~that~~ ^{with} ^{highly optimistic} the ~~statement~~ ^{statement} made before ^{the} Senate Sub-Committee, today.

The Sub-Committee Chairman, Senator Stennis of Mississippi, repeats a previous proposal - that a duel be staged between the "Nike" and the "Talos". Let the two guided missiles compete in target practice - and see which is the better. But Defense Secretary Wilson has turned this idea down.

ROCKETS

At Selfridge Airbase, Michigan, today - there was a spectacular accident. On the flying field stood a fighter plane, and three airmen were unloading rockets. When - something went wrong with the electrical system. And the mechanism for discharging rockets ~~went~~ ^{was put} into operation.

Twenty ~~four~~ ^{Two} explosive missiles went streaming in the direction of a residential part of the city of Mt. Clemons.

One landed in the back yard of a home. ^{a fragment of} Another ~~rocketed through~~ ^{NIT} the window of a house, ~~just~~ just above a cradle where a baby had been sleeping. The mother had removed the child only a few minutes before.

Other rockets landed at various places - some in the territory of the airbase. Others - in a body of water. The twenty ~~four~~ ^{two} were scattered over a ~~wide~~ ^{WIDE} area.

Eighty homes were evacuated, as a precaution - and ~~the~~ ~~airbase set~~ a search crew of a hundred men ^{RECOVERED THE} ~~rockets~~ rockets.

None of the live missiles exploded, and nobody was injured - except the three airmen. Who were hurt slightly when the twenty-four rockets were launched accidentally.

It is revealed that the F.B.I. is conducting "civil rights schools" for Southern police officers. The statement was made by F.B.I. chief, J. Edgar Hoover, today. He said the classes, which are held in the different states, are for the purpose of explaining to Southern police officers the scope of anti-segregation rulings. What the jurisdiction of the federal government is, and how federal laws operate - in the matter of civil rights, racial discrimination, and so on.

J. Edgar Hoover declared that Southern law officers are much interested in the "civil rights schools". He said they're ^{giving} ~~given~~, what he called - a "tremendous" ^{response,} ~~responsibility.~~

The chief of the F.B.I. went on to denounce "hot heads" on both sides of the segregation controversy. He said reason and moderation would solve the problem.

MONKEY

At Raleigh, North Carolina, the authorities have unraveled the tragedy of Joseph Dean, a carnival man. Who trained a monkey - only too well. He taught the monkey - one trick too many.

Dean was planning a future for himself and the monkey - intending to open a small amusement park - in which that intelligent simian would be a star performer. Meanwhile, he lived in a trailer - teaching the monkey new tricks.

One was especially clever. He trained the monkey to strike matches, and light the gas heater in the trailer.

~~Something to rouse amusement and admiration.~~

Two nights ago, the temperature fell suddenly in North Carolina. The carnival man was asleep ~~in the trailer~~ - and, apparently, the monkey was cold. So the intelligent creature decided - to light the gas heater, and started striking matches.

That night, the trailer was found - a mass of flames, in which the carnival man had perished.

The monkey got out, and hasn't been seen since -
a monkey that knows how to strike matches.

BOY

There was, almost - a pitiful tragedy at Worcester, Massachusetts, when a baby swallowed an atomizer cap, and was choking. Susan Lande, nineteen months old, had the metal object in her throat, and her mother couldn't get it out. The ~~mother's~~ mother's fingers were - too large. The baby was turning blue, and Mrs. Lande was telephoning frantically - for help.

That was when Johnny Lande intervened - Johnny, who ^{is} ~~was~~ four years old. He went to the baby, opened her mouth, and pushed his own small fingers down her throat. AS if there were nothing to it, Johnny pulled out the metal object - and the baby was okay.

Then, having saved his little sister's life, Johnny went out to play.

BERLIN

The U.S. Commandant in Berlin sent a protest to the Russians, today. Which may not sound like news, but it is - because of the mild, conciliatory tone.

This is in the case of two U.S. Army officers, who drove into the Red sector - in a car equipped with radio. They were arrested by the German Communist police, because of the radio - and were detained for three hours. Until a Russian officer appeared - and ordered them released.

So now American Major General Dasher addresses a note to Soviet Major General Dibrova, saying - he's sure the arrest of the two officers was a mistake. ~~And~~ He thanks the Russian General for their "prompt release" - and hopes that such an incident will not happen again.

This is in contrast to other incidents of ~~the~~ sort in the past - when Americans were locked up in East Berlin. Resulting - in heated controversies.

INSURANCE

The big insurance companies have rejected a proposal made by President Eisenhower. Who suggested - that they should pool their resources for expansion of health insurance.

In a message to Congress in January, the President noted - that individual companies might not feel able to undertake the risks of a major ^{improvement} ~~approval~~ of health insurance. Hence the pool idea - the large companies to combine resources for the purpose.

Ever since then, Marion B. Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has been discussing the scheme with insurance officials. But, after much consideration, they reject the risk-sharing plan.

The reason? They were afraid the "pool" might violate anti-trust laws, and they would get into such legal ~~complications~~ complications that federal interference would come about.

Such is the report from Washington, which adds - of that big firms are now studying the possibility ^{of} providing broader health insurance - without a pool.