

Cyprus and Turkey Accept Cease-Fire

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Dependents of American Embassy personnel in Nicosia, Cyprus, leave a U.S. Air Force transport plane at Bierut, Lebanon. An additional 225 American

Government officials and their dependents still are on the island. An American destroyer is standing by for further evacuations if the crisis grows worse.

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From News Dispatches

NICOSIA, Aug. 10—Cyprus and Turkey agreed today to a United Nations call for a cease-fire in the fighting on the island.

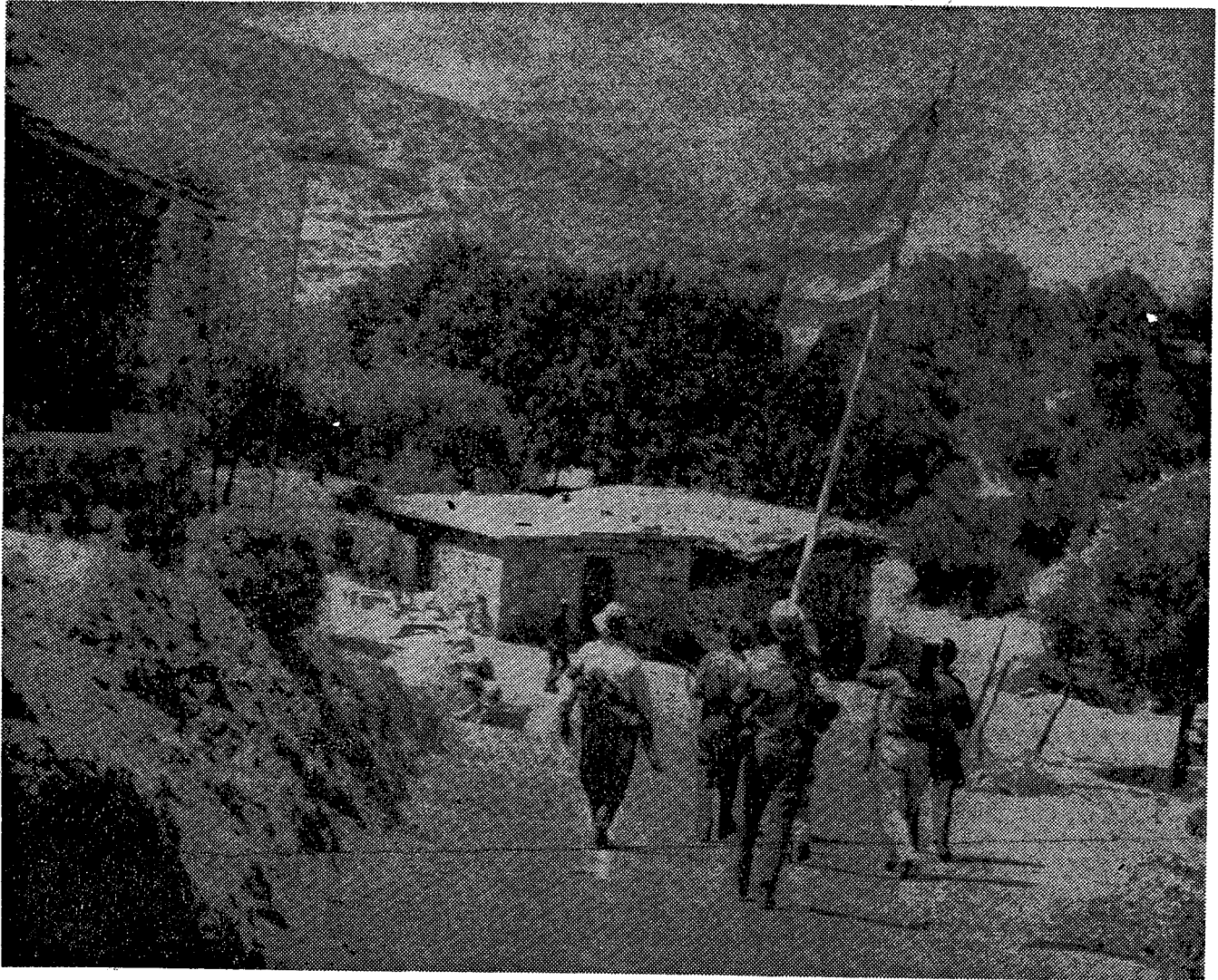
But a Turkish government announcement in Ankara said Turkey was agreeing only on the condition that Greek Cypriot military forces withdraw from positions in and around Turkish villages. The announcement added that Turkish jets would continue to fly reconnaissance missions over Cyprus.

The de facto cease-fire that began yesterday seemed to be holding tonight although ear-

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lier the Cyprus news agency had charged that Turkish planes raided the Polis area of northwest Cyprus this morn-



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Greek Cypriot irregulars, one bearing a flag, march into Tilleria as they take over the village in northwest Cyprus.

The picture, taken Saturday, was received here yesterday.

ing, wounding several persons.

Turkey vehemently denied the charge, saying that while her planes flew over the island they did not "fire any shots or drop any bombs." The official Turkish denial also charged that Cyprus President Makarios "is trying to push Turkey and Greece into a war."

British reports reaching London from Nicosia said that

as of 12:30 p.m. Cyprus time (6:30 a.m. EDT) the alleged Turkish raid had not been confirmed by United Nations officials on the island.

[In Washington, U.S. officials also said they had received "no confirming evidence" of a raid. State Department Spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said that all official information indicated

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that a cease-fire was in effect throughout the day."

[Washington officials added it was too early to tell whether the apparent lull in the Cyprus fighting was merely a temporary breather or a sign that the "de facto cease-fire" would hold long enough to permit further negotiations on a long-range solution.]

Major Fighting Stops

Beyond the reported air attack, large-scale fighting appeared to be at a standstill today. However, exchanges of small-arms fire continued in northwest Cyprus and in Nicosia.

In downtown Nicosia, shooting broke out early tonight near the neutral strip dividing Greek and Turkish Cypriot

forces. Although no casualties were reported, the bullets sent pedestrians scurrying for cover and cars speeding into side streets out of the line of fire.

In northwest Cyprus, where the fighting reached its crisis stage on Saturday when Turkish jets retaliated against a Greek Cypriot drive on Turkish Cypriot positions, reports said today's shooting largely was limited to sporadic exchanges of automatic gun fire.

U.N. Pleas Ignored

Swedish troops of the U.N. peace force were trying to talk these groups into observing the cease-fire, but by late tonight their efforts reportedly were unsuccessful.

Regarding the alleged aerial attack on Polis, Greek

Cypriot villagers told reporters that two jets had swept in over the treetops and made two machine-gun attacks on the village.

United Press International quoted one Polis resident, Dr. Haralambos Liassides, a surgeon in the Greek Cypriot National Guard, as saying that the bullets spattered across the town's main square and damaged a row of houses.

In London, a spokesman for the Greek Cypriot High Commissioner reported that the two planes — both U.S. made F104 Supersabre jets — had taken off before commanders in advanced bases were informed of late developments leading to recognition of the cease-fire.

Turkey, in denying that its

planes had done any shooting today, made a counter charge that Greek air force jets had bombed a Turkish Cypriot village last night.

A Turkish Foreign Office spokesman said the attack — the first to be alleged against the Greek air force since aerial fighting started Saturday — was on the village of Cortina. The spokesman added that Turkey will make "the strongest protest ever" to Greece.

Military sources in Athens had said earlier that five Greek jets landed on Cyprus yesterday after making a "show the flag" flight over the island. No mention was made of bombings or strafings against Turkish Cypriots.

In announcing its conditional acceptance of the U.N. cease-fire call, Turkey made it known that its reconnaissance flights will continue until the restoration of positions held by Greek and Turkish Cypriots prior to Aug. 5.

Cypriot Acceptance

The Makarios government, in its acceptance of the cease-fire, said it would "fully respect the U.N. resolution as from Aug. 8." A spokesman explained that this was the date when Greek Cypriots stopped shooting.

Other developments today included these:

Thirty-five Americans, mostly dependents of U.S. officials on Cyprus, arrived in Beirut aboard a U.S. Air Force C140 cargo plane.

The USS Springfield, flagship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, put out from Naples to join the carrier task force that sailed last night, apparently headed for the Cyprus area.