

# GREEK CYPRIOTES BACK PROTESTERS

With Turkish Gains, Many  
Voice Support for Attack  
on American Embassy

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NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan. 19—A middle-aged businessman approached a young demonstrator during the protests at the American Embassy yesterday and told him to stop burning a car.

"When you are in my place," retorted the youth, "sleeping under the trees, you tell me how you would feel."

Nicosia was calm today, as families strolled the sun-warmed streets or visited after church. But after six months of uncertainty and suffering many Cypriotes sympathize with the youth who burned the car.

"Put yourself in the place of a refugee," said a civil servant, whose house is crammed with relatives who fled the fighting in the north. "When you lose everything, you try to get it back any way you can."

## Turks Allowed to Move

The latest trouble began last week, when Britain decided to allow the Turks to move 10,000 Turkish Cypriotes who have been living on a British base since the summer. The refugees are being flown to Turkey and are expected to go from there to northern Cyprus, which is controlled by Turkish troops. The Greeks complain that the British decision aids the Turkish attempt to split Cyprus into two separate zones.

On Friday demonstrations outside the British base at Akrotiri resulted in the death of an 18-year old Greek Cypriote. Yesterday, protesters ransacked two British offices and set fire to a wing of the American Embassy here. Only minor demonstrations occurred today, but a work stoppage has been called for tomorrow, and there are fears of new violence.

It was obvious yesterday that the demonstrations were well planned. A number of leftist organizers were in the crowd, and many of their slogans were the same ones used by protesters in Athens. One favorite is "NATO, C.I.A. traitors."

Chanted in Greek, it has a catchy, rhythmic cadence.

The police and soldiers did little to control the crowd, and Secretary of State Kissinger sent a strongly worded protest to the Cypriote Government. The Secretary is reportedly concerned that continuing trouble could jeopardize Washington's ability to aid the peace talks between the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus, which began last week.

## Expected to Return

The Turkish Army's invasion last July, which followed a coup against President Makarios, produced about 180,000 Greek Cypriote refugees. Many of them remained convinced that they would return to their homes and that the situation created by the Turkish occupation would change.

Now, the expected movement of Turkish Cypriotes to the north has undermined Greek confidence. "This means partition of Cyprus," said a shopkeeper. "If the Turkish people go to the other side, where will they live? In the houses of the Greeks. That's why everyone is so anxious. For the refugees, it means that they can never go back to their homes."

"They expected to go back home, they were told so," a businessman watching an outdoor backgammon game said of the Greek refugees. "Now they feel they were told lies. It will be very difficult for them to go back, and they feel betrayed."

Some of the hostility has been directed against the British, because they decided to allow the Turks to leave the base. But the deepest feelings are directed against the Americans.

## C.I.A. Is Blamed

As in Greece, Washington is a victim of its own power and reputation. "Everyone believes that everything in Cyprus is caused by the C.I.A. and Kissinger," said the shopkeeper. "If the American Government wants something, they can get it, just like that."

Accordingly, many ethnic Greeks believe that the only reason Washington does not resolve the Cyprus problem is that it does not want to. George Andreou, a businessman, sat with a few friends and said:

"For many years our leaders have been saying that we belong to the West. We expected to have some sort of help from them and we were considering them as friends of ours. But we now find that with such friends it is not necessary to have enemies."

"A big percentage of us are anti-Communists," said the businessman. "But now we believe that if we turn to Russia we shall get better results. Let's take it this way—if someone is falling into a well, he'll try to catch something to save himself."