

Cease-Fire In Cyprus Restored By Canadians

Gerard Alarie, member of the French-language staff of the Montreal bureau of the Canadian Press, now in Cyprus to report on activities of the Canadian peace-keeping force.

By GERARD ALARIE
KYRENIA, Cyprus (CP) — A five-man detachment from Canada's Royal 22nd Regiment flew into the Kyrenia mountain range by helicopter Saturday and restored a cease-fire between Greek and Turkish-Cypriots, who exchanged at least 1,000 shots in 2½ hours.

No casualties were reported, but Lt.-Col. Andrew Woodcock, commander of the Canadian contingent on Cyprus, described the encounter as "the most violent clash between Greek and Turkish-Cypriots since the arrival of United Nations forces."

Each side accused the other of being the first to open fire. Woodcock said after his men returned that the Turkish-Cypriots fired first because the Greeks were advancing from their positions.

"The great majority of the shots this morning were fired by the Greek-Cypriots who have large reserves of ammunition," he said. "The Turkish-Cypriots have little ammunition and a few arms."

Lt. Pierre Gauthois of Montreal, who led the UN detachment into the rugged mountains some 18 miles north of Nicosia, said a helicopter couldn't land in that area.

"We were lowered from the helicopter by cable onto the crest of the mountain."

He said the firing stopped as soon as his men appeared. They were welcomed "with open arms" by a Greek-Cypriot captain who told them the Turks had fired first.

A lieutenant of the Turkish forces told them later that the Greeks had started the shooting and also had fired three mortar bombs.

The Greek captain told Lt. Gauthois he had been ordered to post his men on all mountain peaks of the Kyrenia range that were not occupied by Turkish-Cypriots.

Col. Woodcock, a native of Sarnia, Ont., estimated that Greek and Turkish positions are about 300 yards apart in the mountains.

"The situation seems to be calm for the moment, but we never know what may happen tomorrow," he said.

The all-Greek village of Kato Dikomo, near the scene of the firing, is surrounded by ridges mainly held by the Turks. The Turks also control the main road leading to Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, which runs along the island's north shore opposite the Turkish coast.

With Lt. Gauthois on the peace-keeping expedition by helicopter were Cpl. Gaston Proulx of Asbestos, Que., Cpl. Gilles Servant of Montreal; Pte. Leo Paul McGrath of Fredericton and Pte. Gilles Savoie of Dorval, Que.

Sixty of the Van Doos under Lt. Gauthois have been practising cable descents from helicopters for the last two weeks in expectation of just such an assignment.

CUSTOMS UNION POSSIBLE
SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)—Agreements on a customs union between Australia and New Zealand might be reached late this year, Prime Minister Keith Holyoake of New Zealand said Wednesday. He arrived in Sydney by air on his way to a meeting of South East Asian Treaty Organization (SEATO) foreign ministers in Manila.

WINNER NAMED
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) Mrs. South Carolina, a 34-year-old mother of two, has been chosen as Mrs. America, "in a state of shock," said the winner, brown-eyed Doree Jenkins of Columbia, Saturday. She was selected from among 10 finalists after a week-long test of home-making skills.



BURLY BURL HAS BOILED DOWN

Burl Ives, the actor and folk singer, has dieted off 75 pounds in the last four months from his 300-pounds physique. Ives, shown recently in New York, says he expects to drop another 75 pounds by the end of the year. "It's a simple diet — boiled rice, fruit and vegetables," he said. "But it's salt free and fat free."

Quebec, Ottawa Liberals Seen Heading For Crisis

By GUY RONDEAU
QUEBEC (CP)—Relations between the Liberal governments in Quebec and Ottawa seem headed for a crisis.

The dissatisfaction shown by Quebec at the end of the recent federal-provincial conference may hold perils for Ottawa.

In Quebec legislature circles it is being said that Quebec's threat of double taxation in lieu of a more pleasing tax-sharing settlement could hurt the federal government more than the province. If it came to double taxation, Ottawa would get the blame.

Wednesday's meeting between Transport Minister Pickersgl and Premier Lesage is seen as a strong indication that Ottawa is worried. It went unpublished until Thursday.

Mr. Pickersgl, one of Prime Minister Pearson's top lieutenants, did not come to Quebec solely to confer with the provincial premier, but, while in town to address a broadcasters' group, he did not miss the chance to let Mr. Lesage know Ottawa's thoughts.

Mr. Lesage's remarks on a statement by State Secretary Lamontagne were not such as to warm relations, either.

The federal minister had said that he put little faith in reports that the Quebec premier was deeply disappointed by the results of the federal-provincial sessions.

"It would be better to read my declaration," said Mr. Lesage, adding he was satisfied with newspaper reports of his feelings after the conference.

The question of the Quebec Liberal party's autonomy from the federal one is another factor in the apparently developing crisis.

Liberal legislature members met in caucus with Premier Lesage, presiding Thursday. The premier is believed to have outlined to them Quebec's plans for facing the post-conference situation.

It would seem likely the party split was discussed, since François X. Lesage, president of the Quebec Liberal Federation, attended.

Another worry for Ottawa is the shape Quebec's own pension plan will take. An important Pearson adviser, Mr. Kent, spent Thursday in Quebec and spoke with Claude Morin, deputy minister for federal-provincial relations.

Mr. Lesage disclosed some details of his pension plans confidentially to conference delegates last week, but Mr. Kent apparently wants more.

Observers suspect the Ottawa-Quebec crisis within Liberal ranks will really break when Mr. Lesage, also Quebec finance minister, delivers his budget speech, probably in the last week of April.

Penal Colony French Guiana Is Bustling Community

GUAYANA (AP)—In less than two decades French Guiana has been transformed from a dead penal colony into a bustling business community.

Dirt roads once trod by convict work-gangs have become paved highways humming with the traffic of hundreds of stream-lined Simcas, Peugeot and Fiat.

New homes and apartment buildings are mushrooming on land that was matted jungle 18 years ago. Along the muddy waterfront a trim parking firms have set up modern plants.

Grim legends still discourage investors and settlers from making a stake in this lush territory covering 84,740 square miles, of which 90 per cent is still covered by thick Amazon rain forest.

"People must stop thinking of Guiana as a place of fever, snakes, spiders and terrible heat," says Raymond Vaude, 53, who came to the islands in 1933 as a convicted burglar, escaped and returned after the Second World War to become a respected restaurant owner.

French Guiana's 36,000 inhabitants are proud of their community and sensitive about one fact: it has developed more slowly than any other South American region in its 260 years under French control.

Until France closed the infamous prison camps in 1946,

Guiana was looked on as a living hell, of which Devil's Island was the symbol.

Over the last 12 years, however, the French government has been pouring millions of francs into an effort to end Guiana's status as an economic parasite.

In 1952, France launched a program of road-building, land clearance and reclamation. Recently it began work deepening the waterfront approaches at Cayenne to make room for the increase in shipping.

Only 10,000 acres of French Guiana are under cultivation but the government plans to add 5,000 shortly by draining swampy land east of Cayenne. Sugar cane has been the only cash crop but technicians are trying to add cacao, coconut margarine, and pineapple for export to France.

Guiana today is a far cry from the penal colony where thousands of French convicts were confined between the years of 1852 and 1946. Many died from fever, privation or harsh treatment.

Devil's Island now is a lush palm-covered meadow 27 miles from Cayenne in muddy Atlantic waters.

LIVE IN CANYON
Animals living at the bottom of the Grand Canyon include wild snakes, beavers, bobcats, deer, ring-tailed cats, water ouzels and ducks.

BREAK CLEAR
Even before the federal-provincial conference opened it was clear it would lead to a break between the parties. Sources close to the Quebec Liberal Federation regard the division as virtually accomplished.

Notable is the cancelling of a scheduled speech by Immigration Minister Rene Tremblay to the Quebec Reform Club last Saturday. Mr. Tremblay said that previous engagements pre-



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DISCUSS KENNEDY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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