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WHO IS VIOLATING TRUCE

Following the bloody incidents of December 20-25, which resulted from the Turkish revolt against the state, an agreement for cease-fire was reached on Dec. 26, and the Cyprus government accepted the British offer to use its forces to help the republic restore law and order in the island. The Cyprus Government and the Greek side have spared no efforts to preserve both the truce and permanent peace. Ever since President Makarios has repeatedly stated most emphatically that the security forces and the Greek population are no threat to peace in the island. On the contrary, the Greeks have allowed free access to all parts where the Turkish insurgents failed to enforce their reign of terror. Moreover, the numerous examples of protection, help and supply of provisions given to Turks speak eloquently of the good will that is being shown by the Greeks. The U.N. Observer in Cyprus, General Gyani, has recently praised publicly the behaviour of the Greeks during his visit to a rural hospital.

Unfortunately, the Turks have shown an altogether different attitude. The Turkish leaders through the Turkish insurgents continually violate the cease fire and prohibit communication through their areas to Greeks and members of other communities in the island. At the same time they do not allow their fellow Turks to move out of their sectors.

The following is a survey of the Turkish violations of the ceasefire as recorded by official sources and the Cyprus English language newspaper "Cyprus Mail".

December 27.

1. Kidnappings

— Armed Turkish Cypriots kidnapped a Greek Cypriot, Costakis Jacovides, from a Royal Airforce vehicle as he was proceeding with his wife and two RAF men to the Nicosia General Hospital from Trakhonas.

— At the same point another kidnapping was reported. The man was Ploutarchos Georgiades of Neapolis, who was provided safe conduct by two British servicemen, but was taken away by armed Turks.

— A third victim was the driver of a petrol tanker coming from Larnaca to Nicosia. The incident occurred near Kophinou village. The tanker was seized by the Turks and the driver was detained.

2. Americans shot at

— Two American couples were involved in shooting near the Turkish village of Lefka in the evening. One incident occurred at 6 p.m. when Mr. and Mrs. Barnett were travelling on the Xeros - Mavrovouni road. The windshield of the car was shattered and Mr. Barnett was injured. They reported to the police that they were fired at by Turks. The other happened at 8 p.m. when another American family, Mr. and Mrs Malhoun, were fired at Lefka. There were no injuries in this case.

— What fire there was today in Larnaca came almost entirely from the Turkish side and met with little response.

— A British serviceman in uniform was in-