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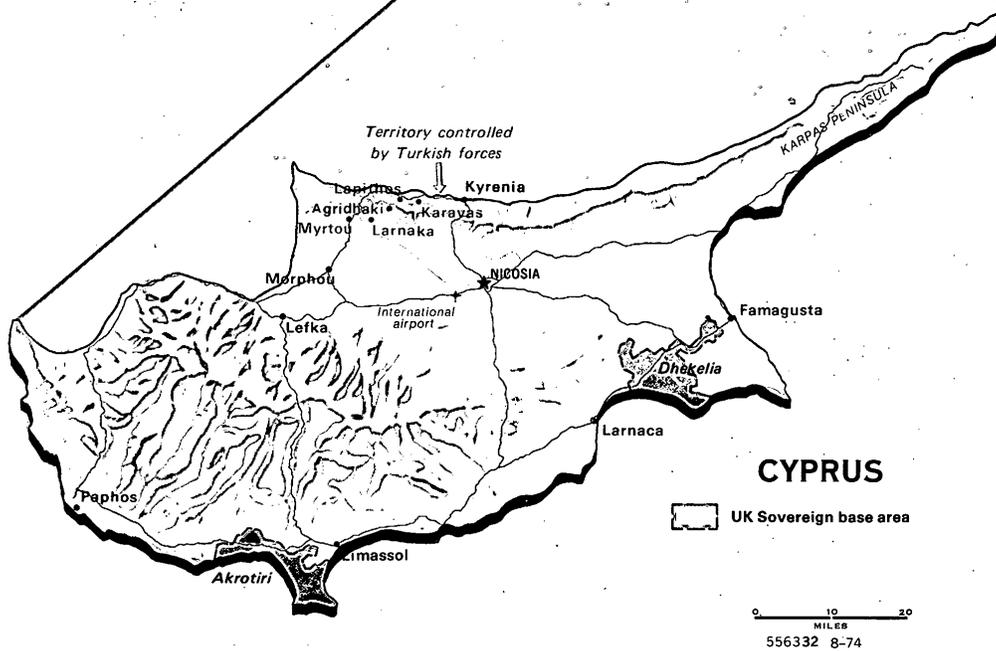
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EGYPT



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GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS

Little progress has been made toward defining demarcation lines and buffer zones between Turkish and Greek forces in Cyprus, although unconfirmed press stories state that a tentative agreement covering the eastern portion of Kyrenia was reached yesterday. Earlier, difficulties over defining the cease-fire line had threatened to prevent resumption of the Geneva talks on Thursday.

Greek Cypriot leaders went to Athens and Turkish Cypriot leaders to Ankara last weekend to coordinate positions for the Geneva talks. In Ankara, Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash said that a permanent Turkish military presence in Cyprus is necessary and that an autonomous Turkish Cypriot area must include 30 percent of the island. Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit repeated his call for a federal solution providing for a "self-sufficient and autonomous" Turkish Cypriot community. He also said Turkey wants a 40-percent Turkish Cypriot representation in the Cypriot army and a 30-percent representation in the civil service. Turkish Cypriots make up about 20 percent of the island's population.

In Athens, Greek Cypriot leader Clerides was noncommittal about his consultations with Greek government officials. He did, however, approve the appointment of a Greek as the new Cypriot National Guard commander. In a press interview, Clerides rejected the federation plan put forward by Denktash and proposed instead extensive Turkish Cypriot autonomy on the local level. Greek Foreign Minister Mavros said his government also opposed a federal solution, but felt that the future status of Cyprus should be decided by the Cypriot people.

The quiet on the military front was broken when Turkish Cypriot forces in the city of Famagusta moved into new positions last night. Heavy fighting broke out and the National Guard has threatened to attack today unless the Turkish Cypriots pull back. UN forces are moving into the area.

Athens yesterday moved fighter aircraft to Crete, continuing its build-up there since the Cyprus fighting began. From Crete, Greek aircraft would be able to operate over Cyprus for longer periods of time than from the mainland and their approach would be less likely to be detected by Turkish radar.

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ARAB STATES - ISRAEL



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ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia's new cabinet, approved by Emperor Haile Selassie on August 3, consists primarily of civil servants. The powerful Armed Forces Coordinating Committee did insist on military and police officers to head the defense and interior ministries, but seems willing to give Prime Minister Mikael Imru and the other civilian ministers some latitude to govern.

Lieutenant General Aman was named minister of defense, and will retain his post as chief of staff of the armed forces. The 50-year-old Aman is a competent professional; he was sidelined nine years ago because of his liberal views. Aman will be a key link between the Armed Forces Coordinating Committee and the cabinet. The new interior minister is an undistinguished police colonel.

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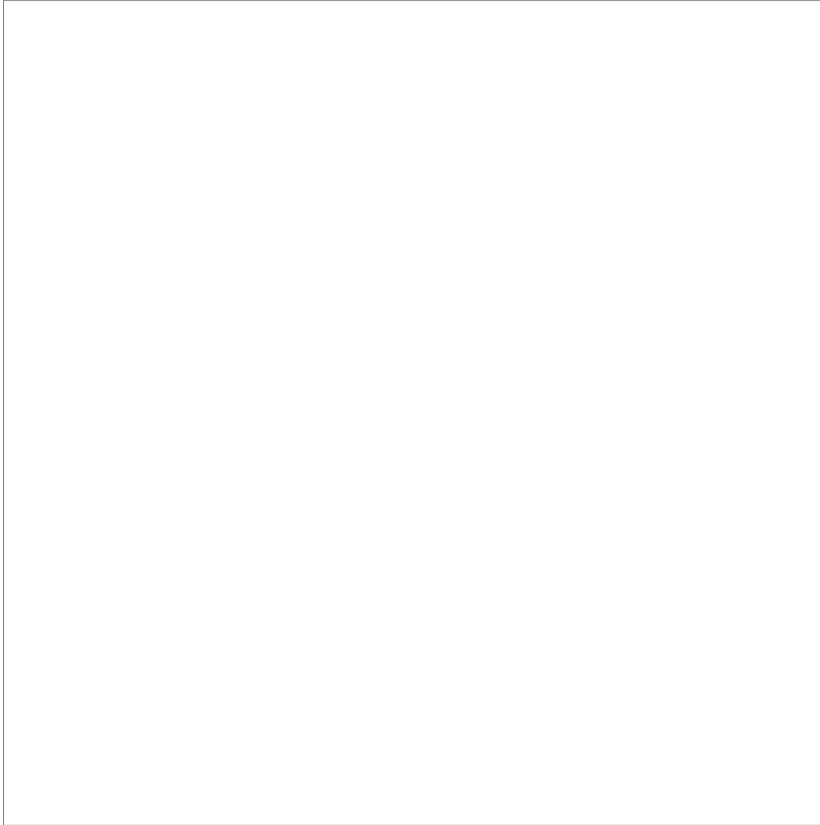
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Foreign Minister Zewde was given the additional post of deputy prime minister. Three other vacancies were filled by civilians whose moderate views on political and social issues parallel those of the Prime Minister and the Armed Forces Coordinating Committee.

The draft constitution, on which a 30-member committee has been working for four months, will be sent to the Prime Minister today. After study by the cabinet and the Emperor, it will be sent to parliament. The new constitution is expected to reduce the Emperor to a purely ceremonial figure, make the parliament more representative, permit political parties, and provide for a free press.

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