

Turkish Warships Undercut Cyprus Unification Talks

The European Union's expression of "serious concern" that Turkish warships and a research vessel invaded Cypriot waters is good enough for Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades and Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, although the ships remain in violation of international law.

Turkey sent the ships into Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in waters where Nicosia had already licensed drilling rights to international companies, including a Texas firm.

Despite that, the United States – which is seeking Turkey's help in going after the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria – has said almost nothing to defend the sovereign rights of Cyprus, a member of the EU, other than to say it hopes reunification talks on the island divided since an unlawful Turkish

invasion in 1974 will resume at some point in history.

The statement issued by leaders of the EU in a meeting in Brussels stopped short of "grave concern," its higher level of anxiety over developments and was ignored by Turkey.

United Nations leader Ban Ki-moon also failed to condemn the Turkish invasion of Cypriot waters, instead calling on both countries to resume unification talks broken off by Anastasiades after the incursion. He was hospitalized in Brussels with nosebleeds from high pressure and represented at the European Council meeting by Samaras.

Both Turkey – which wants to join the EU – and Cyprus are members of NATO, which has remained silent. The EU also did not threaten any action about Turkey's EU hopes, preferring to issue a press release showing its concern, leaving Cyprus essentially helpless and defenseless against Turkey.

The reference from the EU calling on Turkey to respect Cyprus' sovereign rights left Athens and Nicosia content with the outcome, but left the situation unchanged and Turkey in control of the waters it had invaded.

In their joint statement, the EU leaders expressed "serious concern" at rising tension in the Eastern Mediterranean after Turkey sent a seismic research vessel into Cyprus's exclusive economic zone (EEZ). They called on Turkey to "show restraint, and to respect Cyprus' sovereignty over its territorial sea and Cyprus's sovereign rights in its exclusive economic zone." The leaders added that it is "more important than ever to ensure a positive climate" for reunification talks on the island. Turkish President Re-

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Members of Greek Navy special forces operate during a Greek joint military exercise "Pyrrhopolitis" at the Saronic Gulf on Thursday, Oct. 30. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg attended the drill as he is in Athens.

Catsimatidis donates \$50K To Assist Democrats

NEW YORK – Billionaire Greek-American businessman John Catsimatidis, who unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination to run for Mayor, said he donated \$50,000 to help Democrats try to take control of the State Senate – at the request of Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The New York Daily News reported that was part of a scheme developed by Democratic organizations to funnel money to key Senatorial candidates through their groups to circumvent laws putting a \$10,300 cap on how much could be sent individually to those running for the office.

While Catsimatidis last year sought to win the New York Mayor's office – and would have faced de Blasio had he won the GOP nomination – he told the News he felt compelled to donate to his ideological rival because of his key business interests in the city.

"I just wanted to show an indication I was willing to work with" de Blasio, said Catsimatidis, who has been known to cross party lines before and is friends with former President Bill Clinton and his wife, emerging Democratic Presidential candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Catsimatidis, who made his fortune in the grocery and real estate businesses as a self-made man, has a penchant for doing the unorthodox in politics. It wasn't reported further why he donated money, even at de Blasio's request, to help defeat members of his own party for control of the State Senate.

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Archbishop Demetrios Visits Occupied Cyprus

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NICOSIA – With politicians sitting out reunification talks in a dispute over who should have access to oil and gas reserves off the island's coast, Archbishop Demetrios paid a critical visit to the northern territory occupied by Turkey, his first there.

The trek came during a week-long visit to Cyprus at the invitation of President Nicos Anastasiades and gave the Archbishop a chance to talk about the importance of the Greek language and the touchy issue of missing persons from the unlawful Turkish invasion in 1974.

The highlight was the historic visit to the lands which used to house Greek-Cypriots driven from their homes by the Turkish army 40 years before. The properties were taken over by Turks who still occupy them, backed by a standing Turkish army and the backing of Ankara, which refuses to recognize Cyprus.

Turkey also refuses to allow

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N.G. Montos: Most Wanted Mysteries

By Steve Frangos
TNH Staff Writer

CHICAGO- Sometime around 1930, Nicholas George Montos was the victim of an incredibly violent and traumatic crime. It took place in Tampa, FL. All documents and reference sources I've managed to locate report only these two facts. Given Montos' life of continuous antisocial behavior, one would have thought someone at some point would have sought out this motivating event. Yet for reasons, lost to history, the singular event that sent Nicholas George Montos on a 72-year long crime spree remains unknown.

From 1934, until his death,

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James Foley Honored by OXI Day Foundation



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Very Tight Security Again Undermines OXI Day Joy in Greece

A spectator holds a Greek flag as a Greek Navy vessel is moored at Thermaikos Gulf during the annual military parade in the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014. The parade is held to celebrate Greece's refusal to align itself with a belligerent fascist Italy in 1940 and instead fight a much stronger opponent, a decision which dragged it into World War II and eventually led to a brutal occupation by Nazi Germany.

Rossides' Book Tour was Rewarding

By Constantine S. Sirigos
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NEW YORK – Budding authors take note: The work of producing a book does not end with the writing. "You need to be part of the promotion of the book, too," Eugene T. Rossides, the founder of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI) told The National Herald.

Rossides said of his recent tour in Greece and Cyprus for his book *Kissing and Cyprus: A Study in Lawlessness*, "It was tiring but rewarding."

Among the highlights was receiving an award from. Yianakis Omirou, the president of Cyprus' House of Representatives.

"It was a very moving ceremony for me because it was presented by all the political parties," in appreciation of his work on behalf of Cyprus through the decades.

He also met with President Nicos Anastasiades. "We spoke specifically and in detail about the Turkish incursion into Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)," he said.

Most of the questions that followed Rossides' presentations were focused on the book and Kissinger's responsibility for what happened in Cyprus, but some asked what the U.S. can do now to right its wrongs.

Rossides responded that the Greek-American community "just has to keep pushing and pressing the U.S. government – in its own interests – to do this. It is clearly in the interests of the U.S. to get rid of the illegal troops and settlers in Cyprus

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DIMITRIS PANAGOS

Archbishop Demetrios visited the historic villages of Rizokarpaso, where he received flowers from children, above, Hagia Triada and Yialousa and the monastery of Hagios Andreas.

Kazan Panel at B&N in Manhattan

By Penelope Karageorge

The Selected Letters of Elia Kazan provided the focus for a fascinating panel at an October 23 discussion hosted by Barnes & Noble on Manhattan's West Side. Characterizing Kazan as "America's greatest film and theater director," film professor Foster Hirsch introduced three people who knew and loved him: legendary Alfred A Knopf book editor Katherine Hourigan, Avram Ludwig of the Actors Studio; and actor Stathis Galellis, star of *America, America*, Kazan's favorite and most personal film.

"I was immediately captured by his voice, his energy, his ability to seize the moment. He had a magnetism, everyone was drawn to him," Hourigan recalled. "The letters are amazing. There was that difficult relationship with his first wife, Molly Thacher, a wealthy society person who was also leftwing and



Director Elia Kazan, brilliant but controversial, left permanent marks on American theater and film making.

a Yale Drama School graduate. They loved each other very much, but Kazan was incapable of being faithful. He felt it was part of his education. He

wanted to know everything about people. The truth comes out in the letters."

In one letter, he confesses to his wife about his affair with Marilyn Monroe, characterizing her as a "touching, pathetic waif." Kazan wrote "If you divorce me, I'll tell you plainly I will in time get married again and have more children. I feel I'm a family man and I want a family, and am a damned good one. I don't care what your judgment is on that. I think I see the world around me (us) a hell of a lot more clearly than you do or anyone else does for that matter."

Regardless of his personal involvements, Hourigan said his Kazan's thrust was his art. "Work was his drug, in theater, in movies and in writing. Writing was so important to him. He was always looking for the exact right word, the surprising word.

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Philotimo in Spotlight in 4th DC Gala

By Constantine S. Sirigos
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WASHINGTON, DC – The 4th annual gala of the Washington OXI Day foundation filled the magnificent Great Hall of the U.S. Institute for Peace with Greek-Americans and philhellenes celebrating past and contemporary heroes of the fight for freedom and democracy around the world.

OXI Day recognizes October 28, 1940, when John Metaxas, the Prime Minister of Greece, told a representative the Mussolini government, Nazi Germany's ally, that Greece would not surrender. Subsequently, Greece inspired the world as the first country to stop the Axis horror, inflicting a wound that was instrumental to Hitler's ultimate defeat.

Among the recipients of awards were Shimon Perez, the former president of Israel, John and Diane Foley in honor of their son, the late journalist

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Book: Onassis Cheated on Jackie O

TNH Staff

New York Times bestselling author Christopher Andersen in his upcoming book, *The Good Son: JFK Jr. and the Mother He Loved*, writes how Greek tycoon Aristotle Onassis, who married President John F. Kennedy's widow, Jackie, in 1968, routinely cheated on her with the woman he really loved, Maria Callas.

Andersen writes that after Kennedy's assassination, Jackie was much sought-after by numerous suitors, most prominently the president's brother Robert (Bobby) and Onassis, the News reported. When Bobby Kennedy was assassinated in 1968, Andersen writes, Onassis gloated to his closest friend, Costa Gratsos, that finally "she's free of the Kennedys." Rumors circulated over the years, and were captured in the 2005 book *Nemesis: Aristotle Onassis, Jackie O, and the Love Triangle that Brought Down the Kennedys*, by Peter Evans. Much was made about Onassis "financing Robert Kennedy's death," but it was less an insinuation that Onassis orchestrated

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H.M. Petrakis: Restaurants Greek to Me

By Harry Mark Petrakis

As a youth I recall hearing the reassuring aphorism that "all a Greek had to do to make money in a restaurant was stand by the cash register and smile."

There was also the frequent question, "How did so many Greeks end up in that business?"

One of the most tenable explanations is that the early part of the 20th century brought an influx of young Greek immigrants into the coal fields and railroad camps of Utah and Colorado. They were conscripted by a padrone or labor boss, who signed them into bondage in return for providing them passage to and a job in the United States.

These young men lived in railroad cars and shanties. The cooking chores were rotated. Men who proved more skilled at their rudimentary cuisine probably decided that cooking was less hazardous than mining or laying track. The first Greek luncheon was born.

My experience in restaurants came in the late 1940s. I had been married in 1945 and for the first few years had an erratic work record. A year in U.S. Steel

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Hero Journalist Foley Honored by Washington OXI Day Foundation



1) Mobile Medical Units of Greece: (L-R) Dr. Michalis Bobotis, Angeliki Vlassi, Nikoletta Beltsiou, Andreas Dracopoulos, SNF Co-President, and Dr. Panagiotis Koulouvaris.
2) Judge B. Theodore Bozonelis receives the award on behalf of the Nicholas Bouras Foundation from Andy Manatos.
3) At Arlington National Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony: Front row (L-R) Maria Kafarakis, Arguiro Eleftheriu, Andy Manatos, Amb. George Chacalli, Col. Evangelos Papadopoulos and Michael Psaros.
4) The Great Hall of the U.S. Institute for Peace in Washington, DC.



Remarks by SNF Co-President A. Dracopoulos

Following is an excerpt from the speech Andreas C. Dracopoulos delivered presenting the Philotimo Award:

Everyone knows that Greece is basically an island nation. Its thousands of islands are an essential part of Greece's identity. Every Greek recognizes their importance—strategic, economic, geographic—while every Greek also knows that most of the islands remain isolated, neglected, abandoned by the Greek State, and left to their own devices however insufficient these may be. To be an inhabitant on most of these places means living a lonely, and dangerous life. In talking about the situation one could easily say that Greeks have no sense of philotimo when it comes to addressing the needs of these islands and taking care of their inhabitants.

That is why the Mobile Medical Units are the recipients of the First Annual Stavros Niarchos Foundation Philotimo Award. Under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Takis Koulouvaris, and with the support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, an extraordinary team of volunteers (doctors and assistants) have been providing free comprehensive and state-of-the-art health care services to thousands of residents of some of Greece's most isolated, remote and neglected islands. Their act constitutes a true manifestation of philotimo for the common good, which becomes even more important during the current critical times for Greek society. I am delighted and honored to present Dr. Koulouvaris and all his colleagues at the Mobile Medical Units team with the First Annual Stavros Niarchos Foundation Philotimo Award, and to congratulate them for their efforts and hard work, which sends an important message about social cohesiveness and responsibility to one's fellow citizens. We look forward to continuing choosing our Award winners on an annual basis for other extraordinary acts of philotimo.

One of the favorite sayings of Emmanuel Kriaras, a modern Greek philosopher, who was born in 1906 and passed away this summer at the young age of 108, was that true love can only be achieved by being able to constantly seek your ideals. In closing, I urge all of you to seek your ideals, to do your best to help the ones less fortunate, and in doing so, stay in love.

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James Foley, whose life was taken by the forces of ISIS in Syria, Ruslana Lyzhychko of Ukraine, and Dr. Takis Koulouvaris on behalf of the Mobile Medical Units of Greece, winners of the first annual Stavros Niarchos Foundation Philotimo Award.

A trailer of the Foundation's film Philotimo, The Greek Secret, which has gone viral, was shown with excerpts showing leading Greek-Americans expressing what that untranslatable word—the usual English phrase “love of honor” does not do it justice—means to them.

The guests were welcomed by Andy Manatos, the founder and president of the Foundation and of the National Coordinated Effort of Hellenes, who shared Emcee duties with his son, Mike.

The invocation was offered by Fr. Alexander Karloutsos, Protosphyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, who asked God to endow those present with the power of philotimo, and to “en-

able us to always stand with those who courageously say no—OXI—against evil forces...that threaten our freedoms.”

Ambassador Christos Panagopoulos of Greece offered greetings and declared that after October 28, Greek philotimo “made the difference and gave the world confidence that the darkness could be defeated.”

The video message of President Peres, who was presented the Chysostomos Award, named for the Archbishop of Greece who risked his life by standing up to the Nazi terror and saved the lives of Greek Jews, was the first of many highlights.

He said “I am very touched,” and proceeded to reveal strong personal and ideological connections with the spirit of OXI Day.

Perez' father joined the British Army and fought the fascists in Greece, and when his life was in danger he was given shelter for two years by monks. Perez said his father was very taken by the support of the Greek people and would often sing Greek songs to the children

in his family.

The ideological connection was through his mentor, David Ben Gurion, Israel's first president. Ben Gurion decided to learn to read Greek “because he thought something was missing our history” of great kings and prophets—the story of statesmen. He studied Greek philotimo to learn what it was like to be the head of a state,” Perez said.

President Bill Clinton also addressed the gathering—by video. It was he who nominated this year's recipient of the OXI Day Award. “As a journalist, he took on the important job of shining a light on some of the darkest parts of the world...he fought always to bring us the truth... Just as the Greek Prime Minister in 1941 answered the Axis forces' request for surrender with one word—OXI—James Foley said NO to the forces of destruction, division and domination.”

The crowd's loud applause carried over into their welcome for Foley's parents, John and Diane Foley. They thanked everyone and spoke of their son's

sense of mission, and the humanitarian light that shined throughout his captivity, sustained by the prayers of others, and his own faith and praying, which fueled the comfort he offered his fellow captives.

Andreas Dracopoulos, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Director and co-President, introduced Dr. Koulouvaris, who presented a video and spoke about the vital work of bringing medical care to the remote parts of Greece.

George Logothetis, Chairman and CEO of the Libra Group, who gave the Keynote Speech, declared that philotimo is what binds together 20 million Greeks in a world of 7 billion people. He offered as prime example of philotimo two of this year's recipients of the Libra Group's Hellenic Entrepreneurship Award, who said they were honored to be named, but returned the monetary prize so that others might be helped.

Ambassador Melanne Vermeer, the Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, in-

duced Lyzhychko, who communicated live via skype. The Ukrainian pop star, who received death threats when she refused to stop participating in demonstrations in her homeland, has been called “The Soul of Ukraine's Revolution.”

B. Theodore Bozonelis, a trustee of the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation announced the winners of the new Philotimo Scholarship Award.

Among the dignitaries were retired U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, Congressman John Sarbanes, David D. Pearce, U.S. Ambassador to Greece, and Greece's former Ambassador to the U.S. Vassilis Kaskarelis.

Sophia Pelekakis opened the program with a thrilling rendition of the national anthems and the evening concluded with a moving benediction by R. Steven Zorzos, Dean of St. Sophia Cathedral.

Michael Psaros, co-founder of a major private equity firm, who traveled from New York, told TNH “it is a privilege and an honor to be here, first because it's for OXI Day and everything that it symbolizes to the world and Hellenes worldwide, but also to honor the parents of a man killed by true evil—Greeks have a word for that: barbari. May his memory be eternal God bless him and his family.”

Nick Larigakis, the president of AHI, emphasized the importance of bringing the story and meaning of OXI Day to the American mainstream and the public policy community. “I congratulate the OXI Day foundation for the work that it does, and I commend them for making the event contemporary by identifying individuals around the world, not just of Greek decent, who are fighting against tyranny and barbarism,” he said.

Basil Mossaides, Executive Director of AHEPA, said he is pleased they are sponsors of the event, which is “a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the heroes of October 28. The Foundation does a wonderful job of bringing Greek-Americans together,” for that purpose.

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Catsimatidis donates \$50K To Assist State Democrats

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De Blasio is leading a coalition of unions and activists in the political campaign to give the Democrats more power over Catsimatidis' party.

The News reported that as part of de Blasio's drive to help Democrats retake the Senate, a key aide to the Mayor hit up a city developer for a suggested contribution of \$50,000.

The solicitation made the developer “feel uncomfortable” in part because he deals with the city on permitting and other land-use issues, a person who spoke with him said.

“He wasn't sure how to play it because he has business with the city,” the source told the pa-

per. “While he likes the mayor, he doesn't feel the Senate Democrats are friendly to the real estate industry.”

It was not immediately clear if the developer, who did not wish to be identified, made the donation. His name is not listed among the donors whose contributions already have been reported to the state Board of Elections.

Sam Nagourney, Finance Director of de Blasio's 2013 mayoral campaign, asked the unnamed developer for a donation in an email, which was obtained by The News.

“We are focusing on the four most winnable races at this point,” the email said, listing four Democrats battling for Senate seats upstate.