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News flashes

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Spanish Fire Escape

Spain: When the Barcelona Fire Brigade received their new fire-fighting equipment - a newsreel cameraman decided to sample the ups and downs of a fireman's life on the ^{GIANT} automatic fire escape.

The ascent is made in a metal turret, which enables the fireman to devote his full attention to the blaze. The escape is 175 ft high and dwarfs the statue of Christopher Columbus.

Cyprus

Cyprus: Following the renewed wave of terrorism - Commandos are probing deep wells in their search for hidden weapons.

And in keeping with British anxiety that the frequent riots may lead to bloodshed - our troops have exchanged their arms for riot-sticks and shields.

~~It is said that this exchange~~

~~is the first time troops have exchanged their arms for riot-sticks and shields~~

This is said to be the first such exchange in the history of the army - an earnest of our peaceful intentions - in Cyprus.

Australian troops in Malaya

Penang: Arriving from "Down Under," the liner "^{Georgic} ~~Georgia~~" brings over 1200 men of the ^{2nd} Batt. Royal Australian Regiment, for service in Malaya.

The "Diggers" seemed in good heart - and though the recent amnesty offer brought a good response - the new arrivals will help to consolidate a hard-won mastery over jungle terrorism.

Knight of the Holy Sepulchre

London: In Westminster Cathedral, for the first time in Britain, Cardinal Griffin held a public investiture of Knights of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, ^{The Cardinal} ~~who~~ bestowed the accolade on eighteen Knights and Ladies.

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