Cypurs: Meeting of the Leaders

7th Oct. 1955

Nicosia: Following swiftly upon his arrival as the new Governor and C-in-C of Cyprus, Field Marshal Sir John Harding arranged a meeting, at the Ledra Palace Hotel, with Archbishop Makarios - the leader of the Union-with-Greece movement.

The meeting lasted ninety minutes - during which, the Field Marshal soon got to grips with the real problem of Cyprus...

The following day brought a meeting with the Turkish Community - led by their Religious Chief - the Mufti...

Yet - even during these peace talks - terror stalked the village of

Lefkonico - bringing British troops kurring hurrying to the scene - only

to find deserted streets...

An organised gang had raided the Police Station - imprisoning twelve officers and escaping with guns, ammunition and telephone equipment Road blocks were quickly set up over a wide radius and all vehicles searched...

Meanwhile, young suspects are brought in for interrogation as the task of bringing peace to Cyprus continues.