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CYPRUS - CRISIS ISLAND.

Cyprus - ruled by Britain for nearly 80 years, but overwhelmingly Greek in population - hits the headlines again as Britain's No.1 soldier, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, arrives to take up his new appointment as Governor General of crisis island. Cause of the trouble is the demand of some "four-fifths" of the population, led by the island's Archbishop, Makarios, for "Enosis", or union with Greece.

The Turkish minority, led by their Mufti, Dama Effendi, oppose this demand. Slogans of the pre-Greek terrorist organisation E.O.K.A. decorate a church where the Archbishop is preaching. His failure to condemn the violence of some of his followers has made it difficult for Britain to discuss his demands. Cyprus is a vital NATO base, and while Britain will discuss self-government, she will not yet consider Enosis. And Sir John's appointment, shows that she will not tolerate terrorism. Some Cypriots feared that his arrival mean a tough policy. These fears are allayed by his first act on being sworn in as Governor - to arrange immediate talks with the Archbishop. May they open a new era in Cyprus!