

55/99.CYPRUS VILLAGE FINED.

The Cypriot village of Lefkoniko pays the price of a burned-out building - £2,000, the collective fine imposed on its 4,000 population after schoolboys had wrecked the village post office in an anti-British demonstration. The Governor of Cyprus, Field-Marshal Harding, decreed a 24-hour curfew until the fine was paid. Greek majority and Turkish minority alike must share the penalty. The shell of the gutted Post Office stands unrepaired to remind them of the reason for the fine.

Some are assessed at a few shillings, some at £50 or more - but all have food for thought.