

CYPRIOI STUDENTS RIOTS.

Though latest reports give hope of a settlement in Cyprus, tension in that troubled island is as high as ever. Troops patrol the streets, which seem dangerously quiet.

Meanwhile, behind closed doors, top-level negotiations continue in search of a formula acceptable to both sides. Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, Governor of Cyprus, newly returned from London, has his seventh and most crucial meeting with Archbishop Makarios, leader of the islanders' demand for union with Greece. But as they discuss the British Government's latest proposals, fresh rioting breaks out in Nicosia. From their school roof, Cypriot students rain stones on patrols of the South Staffordshire Regiment in the street below.

The rioters are boys from 12 to 16. Girl students keep them supplied with ammunition. Other boys take up the battle in the streets, and the troops and police have to use tear gas to break up the demonstration.

A dozen schoolboys are arrested, and made to clear up the debris. Though no lives are lost, this teenage riot is the most violent Nicosia has had.