

This is Nicosia --- capital of the island of Cyprus off the ~~southern~~ ^{southern} coast of Turkey, which has come into the world headlines with a campaign of resistance to British rule, ~~by~~ ^{and} the demands of some of its inhabitants for union with Greece. British troops patrol the streets of Nicosia, ~~and~~ ^{and} other towns where rioting has occurred --- to enforce the British Government's ~~daxixkax~~ determination to maintain law and order.

The Turkish flag is evidence that there is also here a considerable Turkish minority --- and ~~the~~ ^{elsewhere} Greek flag flies in support of the campaign for Union with Greece, whose leader is the religious head of the island, Archbishop Makarios.

In order to step up security measures, the British Government appointed Field Marshal Sir John ^HHarding as the new Governor of ~~Cyprus~~ ^{Cyprus}. Sir John who had a distinguished career during the war, and was appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff in 1952, is here being sworn in as the Queen's representative in the island. In an interview, he emphasised the importance of Cyprus as a strategic base.