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Cypurs: Mayors meet Makarios

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Banned from Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios summoned six Greek-Cypriot Mayors to Athens to discuss the British seven year plan. And although the new proposals offer ~~a framework~~ ^{hope} for peaceful co-existence to the Greek and Turkish ~~communities~~ ^{Cypriots} - they were rejected. Meanwhile, Britain ^{with military airlift went on} ~~continues her military airlift~~. Arriving by Comet ~~men~~ ^{men} of the First Guards Brigade - commanded by Brigadier Victor Fitzgibbon Balfour.

The Brigade (two thousand strong) ^{was to} ~~will~~ take over town security duties. There are now 37,000 British troops ~~and thousands~~ in Cyprus. Yet still death stalks the island. In St. George's Church, Nicosia, a memorial ~~service~~ service was held for three Greek Cypriots - killed when a house was destroyed by a bomb ~~and~~ explosion.

It happened in the village of Kourdali - ~~which is set amidst~~ a thickly-wooded mountain area. Quickly on the spot, a patrol of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, with tracker dogs, made a thorough search of the district. ~~It is now thought that the~~ ~~men~~ ~~may~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~tampering~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~explosives~~. Three more deaths ^{while} ~~at~~ the Greek and Turkish leaders refuse the British plan for peace...