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CYPRUS: MAKARIOS YOU ARE OUR LEADER

Suggestions put forward to Archbishop Makarios for resignation from temporal powers, sparked off island wide manifestations by the people, calling on their spiritual and national leader to remain President and responsibly handle the problems of the country and formulate their fortunes.

The suggestions were made by the three Bishops of the Island during a meeting last Thursday of the Holy Synod of the Church of Cyprus, of which Archbishop Makarios is the head. The view put forward by the Bishops was that the Archbishop should resign from the office

of the President and remain the spiritual leader, away from politics, carrying on the role of Ethnarch.

The reaction of the great masses of the people was immediate. When the news was spread about the recommendations of the Bishops people started gathering in squares, in clubs, everywhere, to voice their objection to this. In Nicosia the bells of the churches started ringing late in the afternoon calling the people to a peaceful mobilisation to safeguard their leader's position. From all over the capital, the suburbs and outlying villages, people hearing the news rushed

to the square outside the Archbishopric and in a massive demonstration declared their wish that

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**"I shall try to prove
worthy of your love"**

-Archbishop MAKARIOS

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