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Mr Kyprianou to succeed President Makarios

FOUR PARTIES AGREE

The four main political parties have agreed on the nomination of Mr Spyros Kyprianou, the Acting President of the Republic, as the successor of President Makarios.

Their accord ensures that Mr Kyprianou will be proclaimed President automatically on August 31 as an unopposed candidate if, as is expected, no independent candidate comes forward by that date for the presidential election scheduled for September 10.

Under the Cyprus Constitution, whoever is elected will serve until the expiry of President Makarios's term of office in February 1978, whereupon new elections will be held to choose a President for a full five-year term.

When Mr Kyprianou was informed of the four parties' decision he made the following statement:

"I would like to thank warmly all the parties and organisations and generally all those who proposed or

accepted my candidature for the Presidency in the September 10 elections. I most deeply appreciate this expression of confidence in me.

I repeat once more that I shall follow faithfully the policy of our Great Leader in all fields without exception. I shall work with all my strength for the good of the country and I shall do all I can for the strengthening of the unity of the people so that we may be able together to face any adversities at these critical moments our country is going through and to continue our struggle until vindication.

I wish to underline that my candidature for the Presidency is motivated only by my love for the country and the people to whom I shall devote all my strength.

I call on all the people to march united along the path charted by our Great Leader Ethnarch Makarios through His struggles and sacrifice".

NO CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES

The Council of Ministers met on August 11 under the Chairmanship of the Acting President, Mr Spyros Kyprianou, and approved in its final form the Second Emergency Economic Action Plan covering 1977-78, which envisages a total investment by the private and public sectors of some C£150 million.

It also approved the securing of a loan by the Paphos Municipality for the improvement of the town's water supply, a new restructuring of technical education and the granting of state land and the requisition of private land for refugee housing purposes.

In a statement on August 12, the Government Spokesman said there will be absolutely no change in the policy of the Government. The Spokesman said that during the meeting of the Council of Ministers, Mr Kyprianou underlined that "the Government will follow faithfully and without any deviation the policy of Ethnarch Makarios in all fields, the foreign, the domestic, the political, the economic, the cultural, etc".

FLOWERS FOR HIS GRAVE



Two members of the Presidential Guard stand at the door of President Makarios's burial place above Kykko Monastery.

Thousands of wreaths cover the mound over the grave which has already become a national shrine for Cypriots.

The banner above the entrance reads: "A thousand Makarios's continue the struggle".