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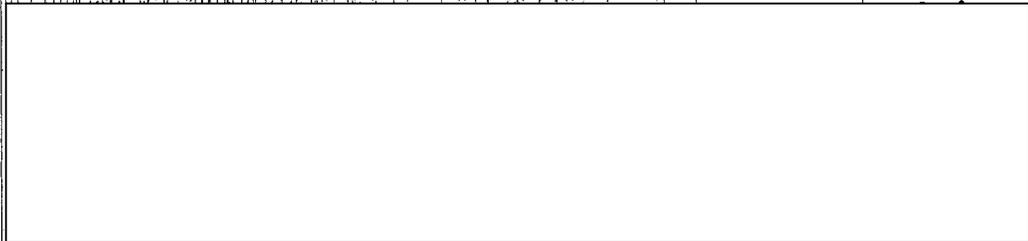
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Makarios Halfway Home

Archbishop Makarios arrived in Athens yesterday for talks with Greek and Cypriot leaders before traveling on to Cyprus next week. Makarios was given a hero's welcome by large crowds which Greek security officials kept at a distance as a precaution against the rumored possibility of attempts on his life by Cypriot extremists.

The Archbishop's talks with Greek Prime Minister Karamanlis and Glafkos Clerides, who has been the Acting President of Cyprus since Makarios fled the island last July, will be aimed at hammering out a common Greek position for negotiations with the Turks. Clerides will try to obtain a firm commitment from Makarios and Karamanlis to give him a free hand in trying to negotiate a Cyprus settlement with his Turkish Cypriot counterpart, Rauf Denktash.

Clerides, who recently has taken the pragmatic line that the Greek side has little choice but to accept the Turkish demand for a bi-regional federated state, has stated that he will stay on as negotiator only if Makarios agrees not to interfere. Makarios, however, has stated firmly and publicly his rejection of the Turkish position and is unlikely to change his mind unless Karamanlis applies considerable pressure.

Even if he should agree to stay in the background, Makarios' mere presence on the island will be disruptive. Turkey has expressed serious misgivings about his return, now tentatively scheduled for December 6, and there are increasing indications that the Turkish military

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is prepared to conduct a rescue operation in the event that fighting between pro and anti-Makarios factions threatens the lives of Turkish Cypriots still stranded in the Greek sector.

Greek Cypriot officials are already bracing for violence within the Greek community in anticipation of the Archbishop's expected return.

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The level of violence, however, will depend in the long run on Makarios' willingness to seek a reconciliation with his opponents and the extent to which he can control his own followers.

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