1. Patriarch Maximos is reported to continue to suffer from recurrent attacks of nervous depressions and insomnia, although there are intervals following these attacks during which he is quite normal. Source, who visited Maximos at his summer residence at Mevlevihane where he is being attended by his personal physician, stated that Maximos was hopeful of being sufficiently recovered to officiate at the Christmas service at the Phanar, and also to remain at the Phanar until after the first of the year.

2. In the absence of the Patriarch, the Metropolitan of Kadiköy, Mgr. Thomas, has been appointed to act as temporary head of the Holy Synod. Serious thought is being given to the deposition of the Patriarch, but his followers are reluctant to take such a step until they are satisfied by the doctors that Maximos' condition is incurable.

Comment: Mgr. Thomas is one of the staunchest of Maximos' supporters. He is credited with having convinced the Turks that Maximos would make a good Patriarch and would be one hundred per cent pro-Turk.