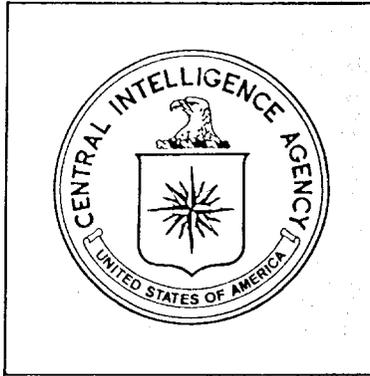


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Greek Cypriot Unity Broken

The tenuous truce between pro and anti-Makarios factions within the Greek Cypriot community appears to have been broken as a result of the attempted assassination of a high government official on March 9 and an explosion last week at the Limassol offices of the Church of Cyprus. President Makarios will now be under growing pressure from his supporters to purge the remaining rightist extremists in the government and to move against the remnants of the EOKA-B terrorist organization which may have been responsible for the latest acts of violence.

Relations between pro and anti-Makarios supporters began to deteriorate late last month following the Greek government's discovery of a plot against it by supporters of the former junta. Pro-Makarios groups in Cyprus charged that the conspiracy was also aimed at the overthrow of the Makarios government and called for a purge of junta collaborators from the bureaucracy and the national guard, as well as the apprehension of terrorists still at large.

Makarios had previously adopted a conciliatory line toward the far right in an effort to secure a common front in the face of the Turkish threat. This appears to have been a tactical move and he doubtless was only biding his time before moving against those who have sought his overthrow. The latest acts of violence, coupled with pressure from his supporters, will probably persuade him to take some punitive measures against the far right, despite the persistence of the Turkish threat.

This could spark renewed clashes between government forces and the well armed, hard-core remnants of EOKA-B which are particularly strong in the Limassol area. The terrorists, however, do not appear to have the means or the popular support to mount a successful challenge to the government at this time. (Secret No Foreign Dissem/No Dissem Abroad/Background Use Only/Controlled Dissem)

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