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OBJECT NAME	Photograph
DATE CREATED	1980s
EVENT	Protest by Women Walk Home against the division of Cyprus
MEDIUM	Photo Paper

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A color photograph. The photo was taken from the top of a hill. The hill is covered in flowers and bushes. In the background, some distance from the base of the hill is a town. In front of that is a large area of grassland or farmland. There are a few barren rectangles of land within the green area. There is a large crowd of people, as well as several vehicles, at the base of the hill. At the top of the hill, in the foreground, are a group of women and several soldiers in khaki uniforms. There is also a photographer.

#### ORIGIN

This photo was taken near the border between Cyprus and Northern Cyprus. The women are part of a group called Women Walk Home. They are protesting against the Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus by trying to cross the border into Northern Cyprus, while the soldiers are preventing them from crossing. Three of these demonstrations were staged in the late 1980s. Northern Cyprus is a self-declared state in the northeast of the island of Cyprus. In 1974, coup took place in Cyprus, part of an attempt to make Cyprus part of Greece. In response, Turkey invaded Cyprus. Turkey evicted much of the Greek population of the North and most of the Turkish Cypriots living in the south moved north. In 1983, Northern Cyprus unilaterally declared independence, however the state has never been recognized by any country other than Turkey. Northern Cyprus greatly relies on Turkey for economic, political, and military support. A buffer zone controlled by the United Nations separates Northern Cyprus from the rest of the island and divides Nicosia, the largest city and capital. The soldiers in this picture are likely members of either the Turkish army or the UN peacekeeping force.

#### CITATION

Photograph, 1980s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/02/24.